

Clowning around for a cause

Mr. & Ms. Dallas Pageant at DHS on Saturday raises money for Doernbecher

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DALLAS — This year's Mr. & Ms. Dallas Pageant will be "dinner and a show."

Ten pairs of contestants have been fundraising and preparing for their time in the spotlight in Dallas High School's Bollman Auditorium on Saturday. While only one couple will be crowned Mr. & Ms. Dallas, the group's goal is to raise \$10,000 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

"We all took a trip up to Doernbecher to get a tour, see where the money is going for a little extra motivation," said pageant co-chairwoman Molly Peffley.

By last week, contestants had raised about \$5,000. The grand total raised will go toward helping families pay medical bills or to cover travel expenses for families, said Jessica Lowry, the activities teacher.

In previous years, Dallas raised a collective \$80,000 for Doernbecher. Peffley said the group would like to see that total top \$100,000 in the next few years.

She said the 20 contestants vying for the 2017 crown are representative of the school.

"We have a lot of variety of students this year," she said. "We have some foreign exchange students. We have all grade levels. We have theater and sports, everything. Everyone one is represented."

The goal this year is to bring in more of the community, so the pageant committee added activities like Family Date Night in April and Saturday's Spaghetti Feed before the pageant.

"It's a fun dinner and a show," Peffley said.

"We also want to make it more of a community event and so the idea of feeding people and entertaining them came out of that,"



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Contestants for the Mr. & Ms. Dallas Pageant have been rehearsing and fundraising for weeks leading up to Saturday's show at Bollman Auditorium at Dallas High School.

The contestants

Elizabeth Johnson and Garret Vinson; Melanie Gray and James VanElverdinghe; Alva Hopland and Allesio Musumeci; Amber Beattie and Grant Hess; Alyssa Garner and Landan Anderson; Stefani Tallon and Timothy Hensley; Kailee Cutis and Caleb McIntosh; Brianna Schetzel and Meyer Reed; Lindsay Hand and Grant Burton; Mallory Minahan and Jadon Slyh.

Dinner and a show

What: Mr. & Ms. Dallas Pageant & Spaghetti Feed
Where: DHS Forum and Bollman Auditorium.
When: Saturday, dinner 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$18 adults (dinner and pageant); \$15 children 5 and younger (dinner and pageant); \$10 adult dinner and \$5 child dinner.
<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=dhst>.
Of note: A silent and live auction will take place during the events. Also, there will be a raffle for a Traeger Grill. Tickets are \$10 each.

themed trivia game, "Know Ya Boo."

"It's based off of 'Parks and Recreation,'" Peffley said, referring to the sitcom. "It's basically the 'Newlywed Game,' but super appropriate and family friendly."

Audience members can bid on auction items, a silent auction during the dinner and a live auction during the show's intermission.

Contest pairs had to contribute an auction item in addition to participating in events, fundraising, and preparing for the show.

"It's a huge commitment, but it's totally worth it," Peffley said.

Lowry said she believed the group takes inspiration from the visit to Doernbecher and has put a lot of effort into the 2017 contest.

"I think actually going to Doernbecher made them realize what a great opportunity it was for them," she said. "We really want the community to know that Dallas High School is trying to do good things for the community, and that high school kids are pretty great."

SCHOOL NOTES

DHS to create CTE advisory group

DALLAS — Dallas High School is forming an advisory group to develop its career and technical education program.

Tim Ray, who is in charge of expanding the program for the district, said he used a model adopted from North Dakota to create the Business and Industry Advisory Council.

"Interestingly enough, it is a requirement in Oregon to have an advisory committee for every program of study that you have, ODE (Oregon Department of Education) provides no guidance on how to do that," he said, explaining why he used North Dakota's model. "This gives us some focus and backbone behind what we want the committee to do and how we want them to operate."

Ray said he has committents from industry representatives, but is looking for more, especially from the health care field.

"I hope this spring to get that finalized and get that committee up and going and advising us on CTE in this district in the direction the community wants it to go over the summer and definitely by next fall," he said.

For more information, or to volunteer to serve: 503-623-8336.

ACADEMIC HONORS

OSU releases winter term honor roll

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University announced the names of Polk County students who have made the scholastic honor roll winter term.

A total of 1,241 students earned straight-As (4.0). Another 4,481 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Here are the students from Polk County who made the list: **Dallas — Straight-A average:** Janet H. Ferguson, senior, chemistry.

3.5 or better: Alexander L. Bird, senior, civil engineering; Marissa M. Brewen, sophomore, nutrition; Tyler J. Curtis, junior, forest engineering; Charles J. Drake, post-baccalaureate, pre-forestry; Gabriel J. Dudley, junior, electrical and computer engineering; Layla K. Field, senior, human development and family science; Stephen Kahl, senior, civil engineering; Emily A. Lund, senior, public health; Caleb T. Naughton, junior, biology; Joseph P. Orton, junior, biology; Catherine G. Rocak, sophomore, history; Austin J. Spaeth, junior, pre-business; Sho R. Talmadge, junior, psychology.

Grand Ronde — 3.5 or better: Cody K. Bennett, junior, physics; Marisa E. Mode, senior, rangeland sciences.

Independence — Straight-A average: Stephen Hinkle, senior, English.

3.5 or better: Sarah F. Anderson, junior, animal sciences; Courtney K. Chase, junior, accountancy; Alexxa D. Gonzalez, sophomore, psychology; Matthew G. Grandquist, senior, biology; Brady J. Lloyd, senior, finance; Megan R. Marchand, senior, agricultural sciences; Kyle J. Miller, sophomore, fisheries and wildlife science; Luis M. Rodriguez, post-baccalaureate, finance; Sydnee R. Stoller, senior, agricultural business management.

Monmouth — Straight-A average: Makayla R. Kachlein, senior, animal sciences; Julia L. Kenyon, sophomore, university exploratory studies; Adam G. Sunderman, senior, computer science.

3.5 or better: Hanna R. Brown, sophomore, biohealth sciences; Yvonne D. Dominguez, senior, human development and family science; Alejandro Echeverri, junior, kinesiology; Karlie J. Holmgren, senior, business administration; Elizabeth G. Nash, junior, human development and family science; Trevor Nash, sophomore, biology; Brianna H. Poppitz, senior, English; Abbie E. Potts, junior, biohealth sciences; Anne C. Snell, junior, human development and family science.

Rickreall — Straight-A average: Bridget H. Regan, senior, zoology.

3.5 or better: Jenna Drader, senior, nutrition.

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