

FBI warns consumers to watch for fraud while shopping online

PORTLAND — The Portland division of the FBI warns consumers to beware frauds when shopping online by building a digital defense.

Fake websites are prevalent this time of year, according to a press release from the bureau.

Some things to look for that the website is fake:

The site isn't secure. Look for the lock symbol and an "s" at the end of the "http" portion of the site's URL. The site doesn't have contact information for customer issues. The seller requires you to use a wire transfer or gift card to pay.

If you buy tickets to an event, make sure to go through the team or act's website, or a reputable re-seller.

With gift cards, don't respond to emails or texts offering discounts. You may be clicking on a phishing attack where the fraudster wants to steal your information.

When buying gift cards in a store, make sure there is a secure personal information number (PIN) on the back and that it hasn't already been scratched off and covered up. Fraudsters often record card numbers, wait for you to activate the cards, and then cash them out.

Shop smartly and keep a list of everything you purchase online this season, who or where you bought it from, and when it should arrive. In the chaos of the season, you may not even realize that your must-have item is a no-show until it is too late.

If you have been a victim of cyber scam, file a report with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

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Alex Fawcett and Emma Bucher rehearse a scene from "Disney's Cinderella Kids."

Dallas thespians charm in play

High school theater students put on 'Cinderella Kids,' opening Friday

By Jolene Guzman
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The advanced theater class at Dallas High School is condensing all the

magic of a Disney classic into 30 minutes in its production of "Cinderella Kids."

A class project, the play will be seen mostly by elementary students in Dallas schools, but three shows are open to the public on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and available at the door.

Cinderella story

What: Disney's Cinderella Kids.
When: Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m.
Where: Bollman Auditorium at Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Ave.
Admission: \$3 at the door.

The show packs the music, humor and — of course — ballroom dancing

of the movie-length version into the shortened run time. The format will keep even the youngest audience members enthralled.

"It's suitable for little, little kids," said Blair Cromwell, the class' teacher.

She said students in the play pull double duty on the show, with acting responsibilities plus choreography or technical roles.

Students Alex Fawcett (Prince Charming), Emma Bucher (Cinderella) and Jacqueline Buller (Anastasia) say the part they enjoy the most is performing for children.

"It's so much fun," Fawcett said. "I'm not Alex. I'm Prince Charming. You're not Emma, you're Cinderella. You are these magical characters who they grew up with."

Cromwell said this is the 31st year DHS has done a production for children in the district.

"I think it's really fun to inspire the kids because a lot of us were inspired when we saw children's shows," Bucher said.

"I remember when I was little, seeing these were just magical and fun," Buller added.

The costumes, music and dancing in Cinderella no doubt will create that fairytale atmosphere.

"We try to incorporate as many aspects that will keep the kids in awe, like the disco ball and fog machine and my gown," Bucher said. Fawcett choreographed the ballroom scene to provide a scene fit for royalty.

"I wanted to keep it simple, but elegant," he said. "I wanted to keep the focus on me and Emma and further the storyline."

Expect plenty of interaction, with characters beloved and those theatergoers love to hate having fun with the audience.

"We're always keeping the humor so it's never boring, always fun," Buller said.

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