GU grad

classes at

Everett CC

on the stage.

teaches theater

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EVERETT, Wash.

One former Grant County student is now making a

career out of storytelling -

both in the classroom and

graduated from Grant

Union High School in

1983, teaches acting and

theatre at Everett Com-

28 and March 5-7 at the

college.

Beth Peterson, who



The winners of this year's Americanism Essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary gathered for a dinner on Monday. From left, front: Bailey McCracken, Raney Anderson, Serena Pace, Halle Parsons, Audrey Walker. Back, Trejan Speth, Tanner Elliott, Alyssa Hoffman, Natalie Stearns, Abby Lusco, Sophie Brockway and Samantha Floyd. Not pictured: Jennifer McCloskey and Adilene Olivera-Sanchez.

GU students pen winning essays Top winners to be judged at state level

By Angel Carpenter Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The winners of this year's Americanism Essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary gathered for a dinner March 16.

This year's theme was "What Does Freedom Mean to My Family?'

First-place winners will advance to the state contest.

"I compliment the admin-

istration and the teachers for encouraging participation in this project for promoting Americanism and pride in our country," said contest chairman Joan Bowling of Canyon City.

Class 1 (grades 3-4): Halle Parsons (1st), Bailey McCracken (3rd), Raney Anderson

Class 2 (5-6): Abby Lusco (1st), Sophie Brockway (2nd), Audrey Walker (3rd) Class 3 (7-8): Samantha Floyd (1st), Tanner Elliott (2nd), Alyssa Hoffman (3rd) Class 4 (9-10): Natalie Stearn (1st),



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Trejan Speth (2nd), Serena Pace (3rd) Class 5 (11-12): Marta Faulkner (1st),

Adilene Olivera-Sanchez (2nd), Jenni-

fer McCloskey (3rd)

munity College in Everett, Wash., in addition to writing and producseveral original ing works. Peterson's thriller "Evil Twin," a futuristic version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," ran in six performances Feb. 26-

Beth Peterson

She has the write stuff

Her other recent original works include a reading of her play, "Bully," by the Northwest Playwrights Alliance at the Seattle Repertory Theatre, and a humorous sketch, "Gui-

do in Therapy," which is being performed by Western Washington University theater students on tour.

Peterson, the daughter of Bev and Ken Peterson of John Day, earned a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and has been on the Everett Community College faculty since 2000.

She is on the staff of SketchFest Seattle, and has been a member of Northwest Playwrights for Alliance several years.

Peterson has associations with several theater groups, and her work has been featured at the Seattle Fringe Festival and other events.

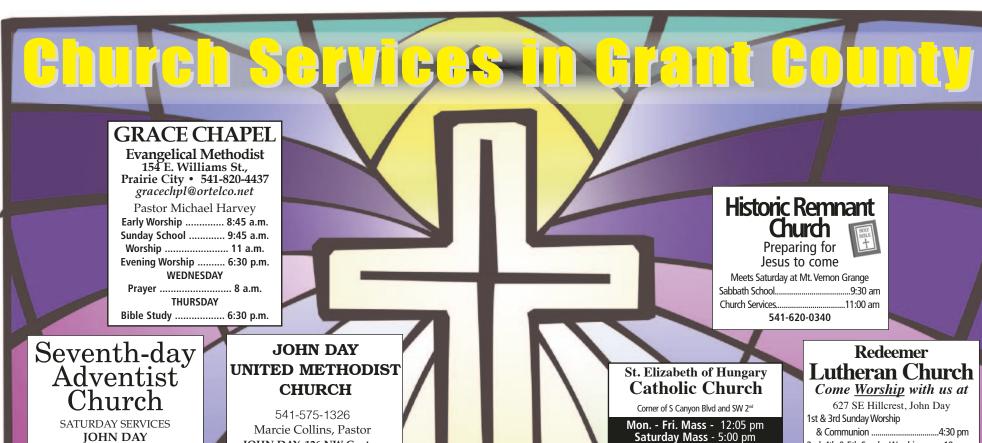


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