

Grant Union actors entertain in 'Pumpkin Stuffers' play

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Junior-Senior High School drama club presented a Halloween comedy "Pumpkin Stuffers" by Geff Moyer for their first play of the season.

A mad scientist, witches, ghosts, werewolves and vampires let loose on the stage as the actors, led by director JJ Collier, entertained a large crowd.

Fifteen actors, with two stage crew members, joined in for six scenes. Additional assistance was given by Sierra Cates who helped with makeup.

In the scene, "Interview with a Werewolf," talk show host Anne Ricepaddy (Samantha Buckhaults) asks Wolf Man questions about his life and becomes nervous when he begins looking for snacks.

Collier is the new director this year and teaches drama as a class at school. For the past few years, drama practice was held once a week after school.

"I'm proud of the performance they gave," she said. "They put on a really good show."

Collier said their next play will be a comedy scheduled for Dec. 10.



Erika Dickens plays a vampire in the Wednesday, Oct. 30, play 'Pumpkin Stuffers.'



Dr. Frankenstein (Coryn Thompson) is exasperated as the mad scientist has trouble telling the servants Egor, Agor and Igor apart.



A warlock (Will Carpenter), right, shows a witch (Mariah Kerr) a flaw in their potion in the Grant Union play 'Pumpkin Stuffers.' Another witch (Laramie Kiser) stands at left and another (Corinne Cook) lies on the couch.

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The Grant Union drama club cast of 'Pumpkin Stuffers' gathers after the Wednesday, Oct. 30, show with their director JJ Collier, standing at right. Front row, from left: Justice Storm, Natalya Smith, Emma Doudna, Ashlie Tipton, Madeline McManus, Coryn Thompson, Amelia Hall and Abby Justice. Back row: Laramie Kiser, Corinne Cook, Mariah Kerr, Jasmine Byers, Erika Dickens, Samantha Buckhaults, Emilie Updegrave, Ellie Justice, Will Carpenter and Collier.

Grant Union performs in 'Battle of the Bands and Choir' concert

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Grant Union Junior-Senior High School held a "Battle of the Bands and Choir" concert Tuesday, Oct. 29, in John Day at the school.

Conductor Levana James led her junior and senior high school bands and combined choir as a "judging panel" scrutinized the musical numbers.

Hamming it up at the judging table were

"Jock Busstean" (Wayne Suchorski), Rich Lallatin, and "Dimitri Bobrov" (Andy Lusco), with an ad lib act that had the audience in an uproar of laughter.

One judge said the music sounded like cats fighting; another said he enjoyed the stylish choir robes, although he thought the excessive yardage made them look "bulky"; another complained because he thought a buffet would be provided

at the event.

The band played an impressive arrangement of "Pirates of the Caribbean," by Ted Ricketts and traditional fall favorite "Dr. ROCKenstein" by Steven Hodges. Percussionist Ezra Beam, a junior, gave impressive performances on the drum set.

The choir started with a song from the play "Wicked" titled "For Good" arranged by Roger Emerson, and their per-

formance of "Siyahamba" arranged by Russell Robinson included lively movement.

Samantha Floyd, a senior, was the piano accompanist for the choir and played both the trombone and flute in the band. Beam also backed up the choir on percussion for one of their selections.

There are 28 members of the combined choir, 16 in the senior high band and 11 in the junior high band.



Playing saxophone are Grant Union band members, from left, Matthew Shorts, Max Bailey and Brighton McLane at the school's fall concert in John Day. Behind them are Alex Hoffman, euphonium; Kohlton Jones, tuba; and Tucker Carpenter, French horn.

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