

THEATER TO STAGE 'THE JUNGLE BOOK'

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Director Jenny Walker is excited to bring "The Jungle Book" to Hermiston's Children's Community Theater.

"It's always been one of my favorite stories," the Hermiston woman said. "And, with the movie that just came out, I believe a lot of the younger kids will be more excited about performing."

Presented through Hermiston Parks & Recreation, the acting class provides an opportunity for youths from 8-18 to learn about stage presence, voice control and acting techniques. In addition, participants will gain confidence and new friends. The group will rehearse for two months and then stage a pair of performances.

The rehearsals begin Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 5:15-7:15 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The cost is \$50 for Hermiston residents and \$63 for non-residents. The rehearsals run Tuesday and Wednesdays through mid-November. The performances are Thursday, Nov. 17, and Friday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston.

"We are looking for inexperienced and experienced actors in our area," said Gina Wicks of Hermiston Parks & Recreation. "We have many roles to fill in this play, so the more actors the better."



FILE PHOTO

Director Jenny Walker adjusts the costume of Emma Rodgers during a past Children's Community Theater production. The Hermiston Parks & Recreation youth drama program is now taking registrations for "The Jungle Book."

Walker got involved with the community theater program when she was signing up her now 10-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, for "Beauty & the Beast" in January 2015. Expressing an interest in helping, Walker was snatched up by then-director Vickie Foster.

"I have a performing background ... so I offered to help with the singers," Walker recalled. "The director said, 'Here, you're now the musical director.'"

Since Foster's retirement from the community theater program, Walker has stepped into the role of director. She said it's important to provide an opportunity for kids to get involved in the performing arts, especially when those programs sometimes take a hit due to school funding concerns.

"Giving kids a creative outlet even as young as third grade is extremely helpful," Walker said.

In addition, Walker said the community rallies behind area kids and presents opportunities for them. Financial support is provided by Desert Arts Council, which assists in paying for scripts and licensing fees.

Walker said everyone helps with coming up with their own costumes. Also, those who express interest in other aspects of theater — including props, sound effects and other backstage production — are provided direction and a chance to participate in those activities.

The registration fee is due by Friday. For more information, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com. To register, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

Wildhorse Foundation announces new second quarter grants

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The Wildhorse Foundation recently announced its second quarter grants that included \$214,240, which was distributed to 31 recipients. Local entities receiving grants include:

BOARDMAN: Columbia Youth Soccer Club, \$2,360 for its community soccer program; **IONE:** Creative Care Preschool, \$762 for updates to dramatic play and reading library; and **UMATILLA:** Umatilla Masonic Lodge #40, \$2,000 for Bikes for Books.

The foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation from its gaming operation. The board considers quarterly grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. The next application deadline is Saturday, Oct. 1.

For more information, including requirements and a grant application, visit www.thewildhorsefoundation.com or contact Tiah DeGroff at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degroff@wildhorseresort.com.

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