

Chinese acrobats perform at Gearhart Elementary



Chinese acrobats display their skills at Gearhart Elementary School.
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Gearhart Elementary School welcomed “The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats” show during their assembly on April 22. It was the first time in about six years that Chinese acrobats performed at the school.

Students clapped and cheered as the performers juggled, flipped, balanced spinning objects, danced, unicycled while jumping rope and other impressive feats.

Several student volunteers practiced juggling with a performer. Students also learned the Chinese greeting “ni hao.”

“This show is very dangerous, so please do not try it at home,” the performers’ announcer, Zhu Jiamin, reminded the young audience.

The performers are from central China, Jiamin said, and started practicing traditional Chinese performing arts at age 5 or 6. Each year, the group — made up of performers Yang Lei, Jing Xiao-Dong, Lin Xiao Yu and Li Zhong Ying — travels to perform at various locations throughout the United States.



Seaside golf: League champs, again

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WARRENTON — The Seaside boys golf program added another Cowapa League title to its long list of accomplishments, as the Gulls won the Monday, May 2, league tournament by a narrow 16 strokes.

Seaside carded a 350 team score to finish ahead of Scappoose (366) to win the league championship, hosted by Astoria at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Seaside’s first-place finish — coupled with their annual undefeated record in dual matches — gives the Gulls their third straight Cowapa League title.

Seaside senior Aaron Richardson won medalist honors, scoring a seven-stroke victory over last year’s medalist, Carter Lee of Tillamook.

State qualifiers will be decided in next week’s Regional tournament, and after that, the Gulls will set their sights on a third straight state title at the Class 4A level.

Richardson shot a 4-over par 76 in Monday’s round, the only player to break 80. Lee was second with an 83 followed by Nathan Mapes of Scappoose with an 86.

Seaside senior Berkley Posalski and Astoria’s Kirk Fausett tied for fourth with a pair of 88’s. Those five players were joined on the all-league team by Seaside sophomore Jackson Kunde, Tai Martinez and Trevor Geraci of Banks, Cole Schmidlin and Nik Thoma of Valley Catholic and Scappoose’s A.J. Miltich.

“It is nice to see Aaron earn a league title,” said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. “He has worked hard for four years and really deserved this one. I missed seeing his over-the-tree Eagle on No. 11, but witnessed his birdie on 16 and his 45-foot birdie putt to end his round.”

Richardson had back-to-back doubles at the turn, “but played the rest of the course at even par,” Poetsch said.

“Berkley and Jackson making all-league was also a good



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The Seaside boys golf team shows off their latest Cowapa League championship trophy, following Monday’s tournament. From left to right: Berkley Posalski, Josef Barbic, Aaron Richardson, Jackson Kunde and Samson Sibony.

reward for their hard work,” he added. “Our team score wasn’t great but good scores were hard to come by today with the wind and super-fast

greens. We’ve got a week to polish our games a little and hopefully we will score a bit better at next week’s regional tournament.”

Student’s vision guides centennial project

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Peter Lindsey, class of ’61, recalled the “old school” — before renovations in the ’60s — and its “medieval aura.” His first day there, a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling and hit his head. Lindsey recalls lunches made from scratch daily in the school cafeteria.

One day they had “American chop suey,” Lindsey said.

He found out later that the local sheriff had brought an elk killed by a car to the cafeteria staff — and they went to work putting it to good use for quite a few lunches.

A student’s vision

Senior Class President Alie Zagata guided the anniversary project by researching and presenting the school’s enduring legacy for her Pacifica Project. The Pacifica Project is designed for community service and a way of giving back to the community.

Zagata, from Manzanita, attends Seaside High School as an out-of-district student.

“I have had a great education and opportunities here at Seaside High School,” she said. “I have been involved in band and jazz band, as well as soccer and basketball. Being class president for the past two years has helped me focus on the school’s history while giving back with the Pacifica Project.”

Zagata mined the Seaside Historical Society and yearbook collection at the Seaside Library for her research.

“Something I found surprising was the participation by students in women’s



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Senior Class President Alie Zagata researched Seaside High School’s history and presented her work during a community “centennial celebration” event Saturday.

sports in the 1920s,” Zagata said. “They had competitive teams. This seemed to disappear for many years — and then was reinstated in the 1970s.”

Isabella Curcin, also doing her Pacifica Project, has compiled some history and items of interest to put in a time capsule. She said the capsule will be unveiled later this month and then buried.

Curcin worked with the National Park Service on the project.

At Saturday’s celebration, visitors browsed through the detailed displays of student activities over the decades.

Music was provided by the Seaside High School Jazz Ensemble, whose repertoire, in fitting with the occasion, spanned the decades. Their musical tribute featured the theme from “The Pink Panther, with a mellow turn next as they played Duke Ellington’s “Night Train” and a finish with “Devil in a Blue Dress.”

There were many featured soloists — one of them Alie Zagata on alto saxophone.

‘Breakfast Club’ brings students together

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“It’s one of the greater stories told about the high school experience, and it fits because we’re high school students,” he said.

‘Friendships in unlikely groups’

In addition to being a co-director, Jake Malone was convinced to play the role of John Bender, “the criminal,” by his sister and Kincaid, who felt he could bring the character to life on stage.

While Jake Malone has plenty of acting experience, Bridgette Malone and Kincaid are newer to theater, participating in productions for the first time this school year. They enjoyed their involvement and decided to put on another play for their Pacifica Project, a graduation prerequisite at Seaside High School that requires students to invest at least 50 hours into a community service project.

“Me and Jake have never done an extracurricular activity together, so I thought it would be kind of fun to do that,” Bridgette Malone said.

Kincaid joined with a desire to learn more about producing, directing and behind-the-scenes aspects of theater.

They all value performing arts. Jake Malone said he appreciates the theater environment, which allows for diverse people to join and create something together.

“It builds friendship in unlikely groups, and it’s a

good way to build personal strength,” he said. “I feel like a lot of kids may not have the strength to laugh at themselves sometimes. When we’re all up on stage, there is no other choice but to just laugh at yourself, because you’re going to mess up.”

The cast is following an adapted script previously used to produce the play at Broadway Middle School several years ago.

The script eliminates a majority of the explicit elements that gave the movie its R rating. However, feeling like some of those elements are crucial to character development, the seniors reinserted selected scenes containing adult content.

“To get what we wanted out of the play, we thought it was important to add those elements to it,” Bridgette Malone said, adding they are advertising the play with a PG-13 rating.

The spring play trend

The directors held auditions in March, after the conclusion of the school’s spring musical, “Urinetown.” Selecting a cast and turning away some of their peers challenged the students, but Bridgette Malone said she reminded them a student-run spring production is becoming the trend at Seaside High School.

Last year, two students put on “Macbeth: The Western” for their Pacifica Project. The original play, written by Wil-

liam Shakespeare, was adapted into by former Seaside students Michelle Peterson and Allison Barker as their Pacifica Project in 2006. It now has been staged three times. A junior is planning to do another play next year. The recurring productions are becoming known as “the spring plays,” said Lenore Morrisson, the students’ project adviser.

Putting on a third production each school year, she said, forms an extra theater opportunity for students who cannot participate in the fall play or spring musical because of athletic or other conflicts.

Four students appearing in “The Breakfast Club” are new to high school theater.

In addition to Jake Malone, the cast includes Lucy Swenson as Allison, “the basket case”; Isabella Curcin as Claire, “the princess”; Zachary Marston as Andrew, “the jock”; Bay Cartier as Brian, “the nerd”; and Danny Kuszmaul, Joseph Harkins, Morgan Matthews, Jacob Brien and Nolan Milliren in supporting roles.

Through the experience of directing and producing the play, the Malones and Kincaid said they have developed new leadership skills, especially as they balance their Pacifica Project with other responsibilities.

“It’s definitely helped us to see how more efficient teamwork is,” Jake Malone said.

As they prepare to depart Seaside High School after graduation in a few weeks, the

play offers a final opportunity for them to leave an impression on the school with several fellow seniors.

“I’ve really enjoyed spending more time with a few of these people that I was friends with in middle school but had lost contact with,” Bridgette Malone said. “It’s really fun to hang out with a whole bunch of our senior friends right before we leave and to be able to do this experience together.”

The admission is a suggested donation of \$5 or a canned or pre-packaged food item to be given to the South Clatsop County Food Bank.

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