

American spirit featured in Theatrefest

Graduation ceremonies

The schedule of commencement exercises for area schools is as follows:

Vernonia High School
June 1, 1997 @ 2:00 p.m.
High School Gym

Vernonia 8th Grade
June 5, 1997 @ 7:00 p.m.
Washington Grade School Gym

Banks High School
June 7, 1997 @ 8:00 p.m.
High School Gym

Jewell High School
June 7, 1997 @ 8:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Banks 8th Grade
June 11, 1997 @ 7:30 p.m.
High School Gym



Throughout the Northwest, summer is a time for fun and festival.

The Longview Theatrefest will further enliven the Northwest this summer with a brand new season of American favorites for the whole family to enjoy at Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts (CTPA).

Patrons will be treated to a collection of plays set at the turn-of-the-century, celebrating the American spirit: Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein's rousing musical *Oklahoma*; Eugene O'Neill's *Ah Wilderness*, a comedy of New England and rambunctious youth; and Tom Jones and Harry Schmidt's *I*

Do, I Do!, a musical roller coaster ride through 35 years of a couple's marriage.

"These are great, but often neglected, treasures of the American theatre," said General Manager James Murphy, who envisions Theatrefest as a small and intimate festival attracting the region's theatre buffs. The focus will be on staging great American plays and musicals that celebrate the national character and experience.

Twenty-four performances are scheduled during June and July in the main theatre and the adjoining 100-seat Eloise Pepper Studio Theatre. Tickets will be reasonably priced at \$14 for *Ah*

Wilderness and *I Do, I Do!* in the studio theatre. Reserved seating tickets for Oklahoma in the main theatre are priced at \$10, \$12, \$14 and \$18.

Patrons can also save money by purchasing Fest Buy! - a package of all three shows - for only \$33. Combination dinner and theatre packages are also available for the Monticello Hotel and Rutherglen Mansion. Prices are \$35 for *Oklahoma* and \$30 each for *I Do, I Do!* and *Ah Wilderness!*

Ticket office hours are 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information, telephone 360-423-1011.

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