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“Cinderella” Comes to Life

Area children perform on stage in Missoula Children’s Theatre production.



Patches (Missoula director Isabella Londono), Cinderella (Berklee Preston), Raggedy Annie (Anna Coleman), Fido (Charlea Fletcher), Cleo (Annie Smith), and Mice (Paisley Brown and Uriah Schweitzer), sing during a scene from the Missoula Children’s production of “Cinderella.” (Jessica Tickle photos)

Cinderella and the whole cast of characters were all there, as 30 kids from Arnold, Stapleton, Callaway, and Lincoln took to Arnold School’s auditorium stage to present the Missoula Children’s Theatre production of “Cinderella” on July 21 and 22. The two performances, based on an original adaption of the classic fairy tale, drew a larger than expected crowd of parents, grandparents,

and friends. The Missoula musical, with a unique twist, included all of the costuming and sets needed. Auditions were held the previous Monday morning, and rehearsals continued on throughout the week. Fortunately, all children who auditioned received a role. This was the first year that Missoula has come to Arnold, and that can be attributed to A.H.S. one-

act coaches Lana Cool and Holly Remund. Lana said the production revealed a lot of upcoming talent. “Holly and I believe in the importance of the arts and theater for our youth,” she said. “We have a desire to build and grow our programs in Arnold, and thought that introducing children to the magic of theater at a young age would be a great start. Missoula is a well known

program, celebrated for its high quality productions. We contacted them a year ago, and were thrilled when they agreed to come to Arnold.” A.H.S.’s one-act team was involved behind the scenes, and two of the one-act team members - Riata Remund and Eli Rogers - were given the honor of having assistant director roles for the week of Missoula. “We were so pleased with



Stepmother (Madeline Smith) scolds her daughters Lovely (Lainey Carlson) and Beauty (Anni Wonch).

the great turnout!” said Lana. The cast of characters were: Cinderella - Berklee Preston Stepmother - Madeline Smith Lovely - Lainy Carlson Beauty - Anni Wonch King - Kai Wonch Rags/Prince - Kipton Mills Raggedy Annie - Anna Coleman Cleo - Annie Smith Fido - Charlea Fletcher Town Criers - Jett Morgan, Jeremiah Morgan Beggars - Kenzie Connelly, Scout Evans, Ian Wonch, Avery Corbin Ladies - Ellie Phelps, Jael Longsdon, Emry Remund, Scout Schroer Mice - Uriah Schweitzer, Andi Remund, Paisley Brown Pumpkins - Bo Bennett, Grey Schroer, Zakeeus Schweitzer, Layne Logsdon Accompanist was Melanie Wonch. Patches Tour Actor/Director was Isabella Londono, and Director-Tour Actor/Director was Bri Reilly.



As the crowd watches, Arnold EMTs and pool personnel work together to lift a drowning “victim” from the water for transport by the ambulance.

Swim Safety Night

First ever mock drill performed for public.

By Janet Larreau

Did you know that in the event the Arnold ambulance is called to the swimming pool, all swimmers should file into the bath houses to make way for the EMTs who will enter through the baby pool area? And when saving someone who is drowning, if your using a stick or noodle for them to grab onto, you should bend at the knees to stay low and pull?

A good crowd of children and adults learned these lessons and a lot more during last Wednesday evening’s first ever Swim Safety Night, hosted by the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department and pool personnel. With the group of spectators almost completely lining the inside of the pool’s fence, EMT Cassy DeLosh and pool manager Shavonne Schacher took turns educating everyone on swim safety and protocol as the in-service was held. Normally, pool personnel do a yearly in-service alone and then one with the EMTs. Opening it up to the public was something that came up while Cassy was at the pool one day.

“We do so much on fire prevention, but we don’t do anything on water training. We felt people needed educated about that. The EMTs were nervous, along with the lifeguards, because it’s something they don’t do in front of a crowd. They showed everyone their abilities that night.”

Seven pool personnel took part in the mock drill, including the manager and assistant mangers. Two saves were demonstrated with the EMTs and three to four different saves were demonstrated with just the lifeguards. Live “victims” were used, as well as an EMS manikin for resuscitation.

“Legally, you have to have an in-service once a year, so we’re on board with the EMTs. If anything did arise, everyone is on the same page. There have been a lot of Nebraska drownings at pools. So many people are going to the lake or down the river, so it’s important to know. During swimming lessons, we try to go through some of this,” said Shavonne.

Both Cassy and Shavonne said they were surprised by the turnout for the event that started with a free meal hosted by the AVFD at the fire hall. Some 130 people were served grilled hotdogs and chips, courtesy of the fire department, and french fries and tater tots fried up by Joel Morgan with Blowers Feed. Everyone was also lined up at Tropical Snow for a cool treat.

Cassy said they thought they would just get a couple of families.

“This community is so amazing. It just shows what they want to do for their kids and



Assistant pool manager Reagan Cool and lifeguard Amaiya Carlson perform CPR on a manikin, for quite sometime, while waiting for the ambulance and EMTs to arrive during the mock drill. Reagan said, “That was intense.” (Debbie Connelly photos)

their community by learning,” said Cassy.

Afterwards, Cassy received a few texts thanking the fire department for the event, and one really hit home for Cassy. Kelsy Beshaler texted, “As a parent I am so happy to live in a community that takes time to educate the old and young on safety issues, while showing the kids respect for the first responders.”

“Truly, we’re just thanking the first responders and lifeguards and the Red Cross. We got a lot of information from them,” said Cassy.

All of the children who were there received nice quality goggles, ear plugs, and nose plugs from the fire department. What was left over was donated to the pool for kids who couldn’t make it.

The AVFD and pool personnel would like to team up in a couple of years to put on another Swim Safety Night to keep it fresh.