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Rainbow Players to present dual-language 'Aladdin'

By VICTORIA CASEBOLT
• Leader & Times

For this summer's production, the Rainbow Players are doing something vastly different.

The musical they chose to perform is the Disney classic "Aladdin" and it will be performed partly in English and partly in Spanish.

The idea for the bilingual production of "Aladdin" was first started and put together by the original writers of

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ELECTION NEWS

Be aware of changes to voting laws

By VICTORIA CASEBOLT
• Leader & Times

With the national midterm primary elections one day coming up fast, voters in Seward County need to be aware of changes to the voting laws in Kansas.

Some of the Secure and Fair Elections Act, or the SAFE Act, have already been in effect since the presidential election in 2012. The law is best known as the voter ID law, requiring voters to show a form of photographic identification at the polls.

These photo IDs can be anything from a driver's license to

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Music & Madness hits Liberal

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Woman, 65, banned from cartwheeling at meetings

PECKHAM, OFF — A Phoenix woman will have to keep both feet on the ground at meetings of the Peckham Village Board.

Mayor Pro-tem Gail Thomas Barker told KSAL-TV this week that she has banned from doing cartwheels at meetings held by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department.

An attorney for the association that oversees regional transportation projects said in a letter to Barker last month that she must "immediately cease performing cartwheels."

Barker says she will abide by the association's request. She was a cheerleader in college and says the cartwheels are a way for her to show her passion.

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Limited space on the High Plains

Contractor plans to aid Liberal's need for new housing

By KAYLEIGH COLEMAN
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Community members gathered in the Fort Dodge Island Resort Wednesday to hear updates and change day of Liberal's increasing housing shortage and the plans to fix it.

Tristan Kuntzmann of the Dodge Island Development Corporation and Jonathan Kelley, the construction, Leader Square Apartments, presented to the crowd of about 50 people at the Fort Dodge Island Resort.

In fact the beginning of a million-dollar project to purchase land in the Liberal area and build between 250 and 300 new apartments, and the

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Band sees 'World' then goes 'Universal'

'That' Liberal Band performs at Universal Studios in Orlando

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following is a firsthand account of 'That' Liberal Band's recent trip to Florida and was written by band patron Rae Dunn and band student Sarah Dunn.

Each year, 'That' Liberal Band plays a spring trip, and this year it's Easter was to Disney World and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

The purpose of the spring band trip is to have great fun, to perform at a high level, and to gain educational insight along the way. Mission accomplished on all counts.

On the morning of May 20, 72 band students and 21 chaperones departed from the Liberal High School parking lot with their sights set on Orlando, Florida. We stopped for a meal in Oklahoma City, Mo., where they visited the Bartlesville Parking Co. Elk, who hosted our stop, the band had the opportunity to visit the Oklahoma Museum of Art. After a long and tiring 12 hours of bus excursion one day, the band hit the road again.

The next stop was Pensacola, Fla., where they visited the Naval Air Museum. The band then had the opportunity to see the 3D Imax movie on display and IMAX entertainment at the largest Naval Air Museum in the world.

After a long day of bus rides through the state of Florida, the band arrived in Orlando at the Caribe Inn Lake Buena Vista where they would stay the next five nights. It was a welcomed relief for the tired students and adults to have a good night's sleep. The band departed for Disney World's Magic Kingdom at the Walt Disney World Resort.

The band and their chaperones had a blast as rides like the infamous Splash Mountain and were able to see several Disney characters as well as enjoy the fireworks show and the spectacular Disney Cavalcade parade at the Magic Kingdom.

Day 2 in Orlando consisted of a trip to Cocoa Beach where the band marched in the history of the ocean and dumped in world famous Ron Jon's Surf Shop. After a trip back to the Caribe Inn, the band was off to Universal Studios and the Universal Theater. The two-and-a-half hour show and dinner was filled with comedy and laughter as everyone sustained the risk of abrasions to sides the stomachs of one of the characters in Fear Factor.

The band then went to the Universal Studios Theater at Hollywood Studios. The band finished a Broadwayesque show at Hollywood Studios of Tarzan and the Annaisance-inspired Holiday Celebration show at Epcot. The band then had the opportunity to enjoy an extravaganza featured three effects, music, video, projected on water and fireworks collectively known as Fantasmic. The Fantasmic show was the highlight of the entire trip.

At the crack of dawn Thursday morning, 'That' Liberal Band was off to perform at Universal Studios.

This was a great lesson and the band was awarded with a plaque

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ABOVE: 'That' Liberal Band pushes for a picture at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. The band visited Orlando for a week-long trip and enjoyed several days visiting some of the most popular attractions in the area, including Universal Studios, the Air Museum Museum and more. The group also spent a day at Cocoa Beach to enjoy the sun while making other stops along the bus ride to Florida and back to Kansas.

LEFT: 'That' Liberal Band members visit a gift shop at DisneyWorld during a recent trip to Florida. The band visited the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom as well as another at Hollywood Studios. The group also visited Universal Studios, with some purchasing souvenirs, rollercoasters and other attractions there. The band also visited the Air Museum, Pensacola and Tarzan as well during the annual band trip. Photos courtesy Rae Dunn

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