

Rockin' the classroom

Bowlus, ICT present summer 'Schoolhouse Rock' musical

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As your body grows bigger, your mind must flower, it's great to learn, 'cause knowledge is power.

Packed with energy, colorful characters and some iconic songs, "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." is certain to make learning fun this weekend.

The joint production of the Bowlus Fine Arts Center and Iola Community Theatre brings to the forefront a cast of talented young singers and dancers to recreate the musical shorts made famous on Saturday mornings a generation ago.

The premise: Michael Manness is Tom Mizer, a teacher anxiously awaiting his first day of school.

A million thoughts are running through his head. Will he be a great teacher? Will the students think him goofy? Is he even a morning person?

Suddenly, his own thoughts manifest themselves into a menagerie of characters, ready to help gear him up for the classroom.

They do so by reliving an educational relic from his past — "Schoolhouse Rock."

At first, Tom is a bit be-

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Rehearsing a scene from "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." are, above from left, Taegan Noyes, Donovan Nee, Stephanie Fees and Piper Jordan. At lower left, Jim Olson sings "Do the Circulation." At right, Bella Rahming sings about "Interjections." REGISTER/RICHARD LUKEN



Seahorses hit the pool



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Anderson Co. holds payment to SEKMHC

GARNETT — Anderson County commissioners opted Monday to withhold a \$32,000 payment to the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center.

Anderson County is one of six counties within the SEKMHC service area, with each contributing funds to help pay fees for those who lack health insurance or don't qualify for Medicaid. Each county is assessed a different amount based on the amount of "charity care" the mental health center provides for its residents.

The \$32,000 is a portion of the \$94,000 contribution Anderson County Commission approved in January for SEKMHC, the Anderson County Review reported.

Commissioners decided to withhold their latest payment after County Counselor James Campbell told commissioners they were under no obligation to actu-

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Speaker: It takes more than meds to win a battle of the bulge



Samuel L. Wilcox, MD, opens a Lunch & Learn session Wednesday at the Iola Public Library. REGISTER/SARAH HANEY

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A packed room at the Iola Public Library was all ears Wednesday as Dr. Samuel L. Wilcox led a one-hour "Lunch & Learn" session focused on the medical interventions available for weight loss.

Wilcox led participants on an in-depth look at treatment options that go beyond traditional diet and exercise. It is the second of Wilcox's series on weight loss.

Wilcox practices at the Allen County Regional Hospital-Iola Clinic.

Board certified in both family and obesity medicine, Wilcox discussed the four pillars of obesity treatment: nutrition therapy, physical activity, behavioral modification, and medical interventions. Wednesday's session focused on medical intervention.

Wilcox discussed several FDA-approved weight loss medications, including



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Phentermine, Orlistat, and the increasingly popular GLP-1 class of injectable medications such as Wegovy and Zepbound.

These medications work by suppressing appetite and improving how the body handles insulin and glucose, leading to significant weight loss in eligible patients.

To qualify for medication treatment, an individual

must have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of more than 30, or a BMI over 27 accompanied by a related health condition such as high blood pressure or pre-diabetes.

Wilcox cautioned against thinking of medication as a quick fix.

"Obesity is not a weight loss medication deficiency,"

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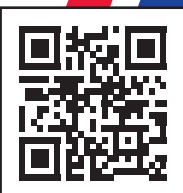


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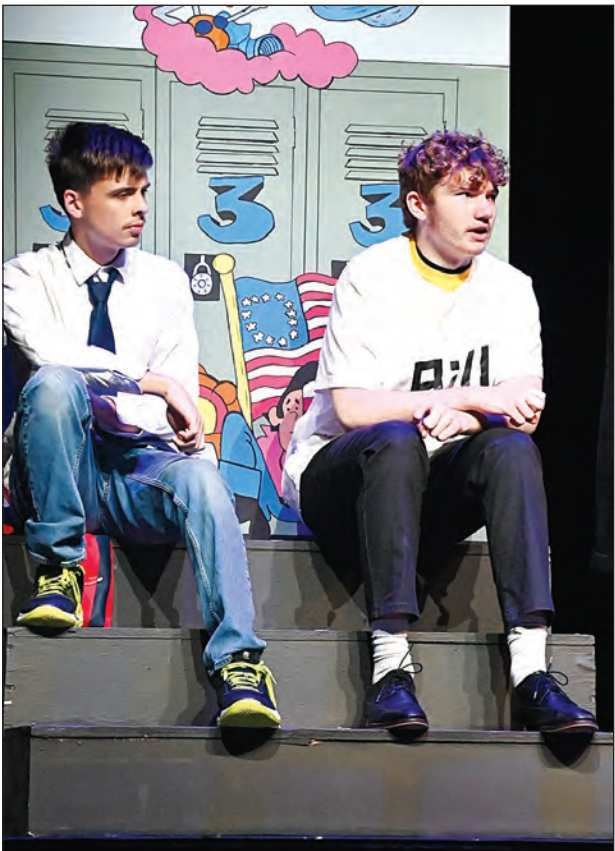
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Rehearsing scenes from the upcoming Iola Community Theatre and Bowlus Fine Arts Center summer theatre production of “Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.” are, upper left, Michael Maness and Donovan Nee; at upper right, Wilder Schooler and Aaliyah Rhodes; at lower right, Brox Elbrader, left, and Laney Mileham. REGISTER/RICHARD LUKEN

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fuddled by his hallucinations as they try to explain they are him, and all of his ideas, and all of his memories, and every place he’s gone or person he’s met.

We’re everything you’ve ever known.

It marks a perfect segue into the first memorable tune, “A Noun Is A Person, Place Or Thing.”

Maness is pitch-perfect as Tom, slowly picking up confidence as the show proceeds.

But he’s a single piece in a motley crue of talented.

Donovan Nee, Stephanie Fees, Taegan Noyes, Piper Jordan and Bella Rahming take turns as featured performers as the production picks up steam, quickly transitioning from one number to another, covering a full school day’s lesson plan, from grammar to math, civics, history and science.

They’re backed by an equally colorful ensemble of Brox Elbrader, Laney Mileham, Seattle Nagy, Finley Nelson, Jim Olson, Aaliyah Rhodes, Ryker Roach, Evie Schooler, Wilder Schooler and Chloe Sinclair, who appear in a moment’s notice, donning simple, yet effective, costumes



and props. (Olson and Rhodes each get their time to shine as well.)

THE TUNES are ones most folks from Generation X and older will recall with a smile, while the younger millennials are certain to catch themselves humming or singing along.

The production, directed by Mandy Moyer, is brought to life with students manning most of the behind-the-scenes roles.

Alston Nelson is stage manager, Cameron Palmer is in charge of the sound, while Winston Jordan handles the lights. Cole Moyer and Kaeden Vega set up the vibrant choreography. Sydney Ebberts, Hazel

Ebberts, Olivia Appling, Tarra Sailor each had a hand in set design and props.

A few adults had a hand in the production as well. Jacob Cooper is assistant director, Shelia Lampe served as assistant music director, Adreanne Reynolds came up with the set design and Jeff Jordan the lightning design.

The production is sponsored by the Whitehead Trust.

“SCHOOLHOUSE Rock Live! Jr.” shows at 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center. Admission is a free-will donation.

The Saturday morning show — an effort to

avoid any conflict with other weekend activities for the actors and their families — is more than a little fitting. After all, that’s when countless cartoon viewers got their first taste of the memorable animated shorts and their catchy tunes.

Now’s a chance to relive some of that magic. You might just learn a thing or two.

Kennedy panel endorses vaccine (with a twist)

ATLANTA (AP) — The Trump administration’s new vaccine advisers on Thursday endorsed this fall’s flu vaccinations for just about every American but threw in a twist: Only use certain shots free of an ingredient antivaccine groups have falsely tied to autism.

What is normally a routine step in preparing for the upcoming flu season drew intense scrutiny after U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. abruptly fired the influential 17-member Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and handpicked replacements that include several vaccine skeptics.

That seven-member panel bucked another norm Thursday: It deliberated the safety of a preservative used in less than 5% of U.S. flu vaccinations based on

a presentation from an antivaccine group’s former leader — without allowing the usual public presentation of scientific data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The preservative, thimerosal, has long been used in certain vaccines that come in multi-dose vials, to prevent contamination as each dose is withdrawn. But it has been controversial because it contains a small amount of a particular form of mercury.

Study after study has found no evidence that it causes autism or other harm. Yet since 2001, vaccines used for U.S. children age 6 years or younger have come in thimerosal-free formulas — including single-dose flu shots that account for the vast majority of influenza vaccinations.

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