



The Music Man

What you need to know to enjoy this great show

Listen to one of Idaho's top high school vocalists and watch him and nearly 100 others performers in one of the most entertaining musicals of all time. Caldwell High's presentation of the "Music Man" promises to be a well-performed, well-rehearsed event. "These kids are doing a really fabulous job," said Caldwell High choir and production director David Burton. "I have been so impressed with their work effort and talents."

The lead role will be played by Cody Nasburg, a highly accomplished vocalist. He's been named to the All-State choir two years in a row and the senior is ranked as one of the top 25 baritones among Idaho high school singers. He had a successful audition for a musical scholarship to Idaho State University. (The results are not final yet). Nasburg, who is performing in his fourth musical, wants to be a performer or high school choir director some day.

"He is an amazing singer" said Virginia Mikesell, who plays the other lead role of "Marian the Librarian". "He's tremendous. You can't say enough about his ability."

Cody's role as "Harold Hill" is extremely challenging. He will recite nearly half of the musical's lines and many are said at a rapidly talking format.

"I've worked very hard to prepare for this role — it's like no other I've had before," he said.

Nasburg and Mikesell have known each other most of their lives — they are neighbors and great friends. They have spent countless hours rehearsing together and their close relationship shines when they perform together.

"He's like a brother," Mikesell said.

The cast of nearly 100 high school and middle school students has been practicing daily. Also performing will be members of the band and orchestra at Caldwell High.



Bet you didn't know that: Virginia owns 50 hats, has four siblings and likes the saying "don't be sad roses have thorns, be happy that thorns have roses."

Her greatest achievement: Getting this role.

Things about Cody: He worked at Roaring Springs last summer and has been to Opera camp. His favorite saying he got from his father: "You can't have too many tricks up your sleeve."

His greatest achievement: Succeeding at the state solo competition.

When: February 24-27 evening performances at 7 p.m. Matinee Feb. 27 at 1 p.m.

Where: Caldwell High auditorium

Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students

MEET GREAT NEW HIRES

TIM BRENNAN

CHS FOOTBALL COACH

One of the most successful football coaches in Idaho history has been hired to take over the football program at Caldwell High. Former Bishop Kelly high football coach Tim Brennan was named Caldwell's new coach last week.



Brennan has 18 years of head coaching experience, including 15 seasons at Bishop Kelly. In those 18 years, he has won three state championships with three runner-up finishes. His overall record is 136-50.

Brennan knows what it takes to win. He won back to back state titles at Bishop Kelly in 2004 and 2005 and was an assistant when Weiser won a state title in 1987.

"I am so excited to be working for Caldwell because it is a district that is a community — they care about each other," said Brennan, whose daughter Kaylyn Brennan is a teacher at Jefferson Middle.

Brennan left Idaho three years ago to follow his wife and her business opportunities in Western Pennsylvania. He coached the last three seasons at West Mifflin High, a school of 1,400 students. His teams improved from 3-7 in 2007 to 5-4 in 2009.

"It was a great experience but Pennsylvania is not home," said Brennan. "Idaho is home. That's where our family and friends are and Caldwell is the perfect place for me. I know a lot of people who work for the Caldwell School District and they are great, hard-working people."

Brennan's Bishop Kelly teams have been highly successful in the state championships and all have earned winning records:

- 2006 - state runner up (9-3 overall record)
- 2005 - state champion (12-0)
- 2004 - state champion (12-0)
- 2003 - third at state (8-2)
- 2002 - third at state (8-3)
- 2001 - third at state (10-1)
- 2000 - third at state (7-4)
- 1999 - state runner up (11-1)
- 1998 - 7-2 season
- 1997 - 7-2 season
- 1996 - state runner up (11-1)
- 1995 - state champion (12-0)

MELISSA LANGAN

VAN BUREN PRINCIPAL

Melissa Langan has dedicated her entire professional career to Caldwell children and she has been rewarded for this dedication. Langan was selected last week after a rigorous interview process to become the next principal at Van Buren Elementary. Her hire is pending school board approval.



Langan and her husband Joe are life-long residents of Canyon County and have called Caldwell home all of their adult lives. Joe is a graduate of Caldwell High ('86) and Melissa graduated from Nampa High ('88). Melissa's grandparents are Nampians Les and Mary Peck.

Joe's parents, Margaret and Jerry Langan, moved to Caldwell in 1971 and have lived here for 39 years and devoted much of their time to serving this community. Margaret is a retired CEA of CCOA and Jerry is a former Caldwell city council member.

Joe works for the Department of Juvenile Corrections as the Liaison for Judicial District 3.

Melissa has been at Van Buren for many years. She has taught third grade, fifth grade and is currently the school's instructional coach. She was instrumental in helping her staff and students move into a brand new school this year.

She will transition into the principal's position in the coming months after LaVaun Dennett retires this spring.

Melissa is a Boise State University graduate and will graduate with a master's degree in Educational Leadership at the end of this school year from Capella University.

Melissa and Joe have three children and all attend Caldwell schools — Ryan (Caldwell High), Riley and Maggie (Jefferson Middle)

"We are all active in our community, which we love," Melissa said. "I feel fortunate to be able to work with such a dynamic staff at Van Buren in this new capacity next year. I value the commitment and dedication our staff has for our students, parents, and community.

"We are committed to excellence."

When Melissa isn't going to school or teaching school she loves to garden, do Sudoku in the bathtub, and eat free samples at Costco.

"I suck at cooking and value good hair days," she said.