

KIDS READY FOR OPENING NIGHT

After weeks of memorizing lines, coming to rehearsals, studying blocking, discussing costumes, set and light designs the big night is within sight. This Friday evening at 7:30 pm, the curtain rises on the talented youth of our community as they bring to life an unconventional version of the Big Bad Wolf. Van Wert Civic Theatre is proud to offer its second summer youth theatre production, *The People v B.B. Wolf*.

In this delightful tale, the wolf is on trial for the murder of the two little pigs, yes just two. What ensues is a series of events involving an overbearing judge, three prosecuting attorneys and three defense lawyers, along with a mother –daughter team intent on revenge, a vindictive Little Red Riding Hood and an interesting list of witnesses all sure to bring smiles and laughter to the audience.

Whether you know someone involved with the show, or are looking for a fun summer event to share with the whole family, don't let this opportunity slip by. For \$10 and an hour of your time, you can show these kids that their work matters. The theatre is one of the few places where theatrical talents are fostered and celebrated.



Thanks to the Van Wert County

Foundation who provides grant money each summer, the theater is able to produce two summer shows. The season kicked off with a musical, *School House Rock, JR.* *The People v B.B. Wolf* is what's known in the theatre as a "straight show", which means no singing. Not every child is blessed with a singing voice or a desire to sing, so Amber Evans came to the board several years ago and offered to direct and produce a second youth theatre show for those kids not interested in singing but very interested in being on stage.

Her vision has provided area youth with an opportunity that wasn't there before. Along with a dedicated crew of community members and moms and dads, a plan was set into motion and after many hours of hard work, the payoff is in sight.

While the theatre encourages reservations, which can be made by calling the Box Office at 419.238.9689 between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. daily, there will be tickets available at the door. So, if you make a last minute decision to see the show, don't hesitate to come. Doors open thirty minutes prior to opening. Show dates are July 22-24, with Friday and Saturday night performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Come see what the youth of your community have been up to! VWCT -- the coolest place in town this summer.

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