

School Board begins superintendent search

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General Manager

The Sunnyside School District Board of Directors voted to hire Northwest Leadership Associates (NLA) consultants Sergio Hernandez and Bill Jordan to lead the efforts in searching for a new superintendent following the resignation of Kevin McKay in December. Hernandez is a retired

superintendent with 45 years' experience in education and is currently the Executive Director of the Washington Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

Jordan is also a former superintendent and former Deputy Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

They have created a timeline for the Board of

Directors to follow that will allow for input opportunities from students and the community, and they plan to use their resources to find a superintendent that will be a good fit for the district.

The first step in the process is inviting residents of Sunnyside to respond to a questionnaire.

The survey asks for input regarding the school district's strengths and

areas for improvement, and the qualifications and characteristics that the participant believes are important for the new superintendent to have.

This survey, which closes Friday, Feb. 11, can be found on the school district website.

Also, Hernandez and Jordan, working with Interim Superintendent Heidi Hellner-Gomez, met with employee, student,

and community groups throughout the evening yesterday, Feb. 8.

These forums gave opportunity for community members, parents, staff, and students to provide feedback on the strengths and challenges of the district and the qualifications and characteristics they would like to see in the next superintendent.

The NLA will provide

community forum and survey reports to the School Board on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The position of superintendent will be open for applicants on Friday, Feb. 18.

The school district is hopeful to have new superintendent announced sometime in May.

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OFF THE WALL



Andrew Hamil/Sunnyside Sun

SUNNY SKATE DAYS — Christopher McQuilken, 16, of Prosser spent the day practicing at the Sunnyside Skate Park on Sunday, Feb. 6. "I love the park because of how the flow goes, you can just go around the whole park without having to stop," said McQuilken about the new park. "I've only been there a few times, but I would love to visit more." McQuilken, along with many young skaters were out enjoying the sunny, warm weather which is expected to stay in the Yakima Valley this week with temperatures reaching a high of 59 degrees today, Wednesday, and 58 degrees on Thursday.

SHS Drama puts on a 'Princess and the Pea' comedy

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The Sunnyside High School Drama Club is putting on their second show of the school year, "Once Upon a Mattress".

Drama club member Elijah Wise says, "It's basically a comedy of the relationships between members of the royal house, specifically Prince Dauntless, Princess Winnifred, and Queen Aggravain, who acts as an over-protective mother."

Queen Aggravain has ruled that none may marry until her son, Prince Dauntless marries. However, she has managed to sabotage every princess that come along. When Sir Harry and Lady Larken go find and bring back Princess Winnifred, the queen immediately begins to scheme,



photo courtesy Patrick Wise

STICKING TO THE BEAT — Sunnyside High School Drama Club practices the dance to "Song of Love" during a rehearsal for "Once Upon a Mattress", Feb. 7. Drama club members left to right: Sami Jo Mendoza, Kennedy Wise, Lissaundra Caridad, Jasmin Vigil-Lopez, Elijah Wise, Sariah Wise, Gabriel Schenck, Roxanne Caridad, Deillah Alvarez and Jill Schlegel.

but Winnifred isn't going to be quite so easy to get rid of.

New comers and veterans to the club are getting to put this production on stage as cast and crew.

"Acting as Prince Dauntless is fun as a romantic

relationship develops between him and the Princess, with Dauntless growing in character before finally standing up to his mother," Wise said.

The performances will be in line with state guidance which will not require masks of the

performers during the show.

The shows are Feb. 25-26, and March 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. They will also be a matinee performance on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

Sunnyside High School 18th Annual Show N' Shine "All Vehicle" Car Show fundraiser

Artwork by Natalie Marrow

Show N' Shine car show set for April 30

Sunnyside High School's annual all vehicle car show fundraiser, the "Show N' Shine", is scheduled to take place April 30.

In 2020, the 16th annual event was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Last year the show was modified into a drive thru event to adhere to lower Yakima Health District protocols for a socially distanced and scaled back version of the popular community festival.

This year they're going back to the soccer fields. It will be an in-person event.

Vehicle registration opens at 8 a.m. Spectators are welcome in at 10 a.m. Judging begins at 12 p.m.

Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

All types of vehicles are welcome to register. There will be Classic cars, imports trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and more.

The event will be located at the Chief Kamiakin Elementary School, 1700 East Lincoln Avenue.

The show will also include music, activities for kids, food and other vendors.

The cost to attend is \$2 for students and \$3 for adult community members. Children under five are free.

For more information call 509-837-7760.

'Prom thru the ages' postponed until Spring

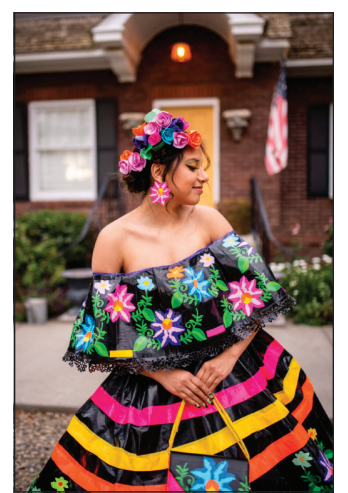
The "Prom Thru the Ages" United Way fundraiser event has been rescheduled for Friday, April 22.

All current ticket holders will be transferred to the new event date, all purchased tickets will be eligible for a refund if chosen to do so.

This inaugural event, originally set for this weekend, will help support United Ways mission to end intergenerational poverty.

Sunnyside High School student and National winner of the "STUCK at PROM" Duct Tape scholarship contest Larissa Leon will be the special guest at the spring event.

The event includes a



Larissa Leon

dinner, dance, and auction. The "Prom" starts at 6 p.m. at the Yakima Convention Center and concludes at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at www.uwcw.org for those 18 years old or older.



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