

SCHS Theatre Camp performs Finding Nemo with one week of preparation

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Shelby County High School goes into the great blue ocean as SCHS Theatre Kids Camp students practice and perfect their upcoming performance of Finding Nemo.

Geena Shepard, the Head Director of the production, is a recent SCHS graduate who now leads the production.

“Even though it's a small production and the show is only 30 minutes, it's a lot of work behind the scenes.”

During the week of camp, the directors, counselors, and campers work together to pull the show together and make it fantastic. During camp, they work in small groups, focusing on music, dancing, and acting. Then, the groups come together to practice the show as a large group.

Before camp, the directors and counselors worked together to come up with costume ideas, paint set pieces, block scenes, and create the camp schedule, which Shepard states was the hardest part.

“We have to make sure they always have something to do and that we keep them busy,” said Shepard.

Shepard encourages students to attend camp because it offers a great networking opportunity and a chance to get their name out there for future productions as they grow older.

“Sometimes we need little kids in our high school productions too, so this is a great opportunity for them to be seen,” Shepard said.

Shepard also emphasized her advocacy for the arts for children and highlighted the benefits of activities like theatre camp.

“Getting them in the arts at a young age teaches them how to work well in groups, problem solve and i've

noticed that it teaches a lot of aspects of the profile of a graduate that they will be surrounded by in high-school,” said Shepard, “I think it's a really well rounded thing for kids to be involved in,” Shepard said.

Head counselor Aiyden Weingartner’s job is to manage the campers and make sure everything runs smoothly for the directors and students.

This is her second year at camp, and Weingartner enjoys seeing the kids pumped up and excited to come to camp.

“Seeing how much they have grown through the show is great, and seeing their smiles is very rewarding,” said Weingartner.

Noffsinger explained that the camp is the primary fundraiser for the drama department and that he is uninvolved with the creation of the show. SCHS drama students and recent graduates apply for the leadership roles such as music director, head director, stage manager, and oculsolers.

“They actually run the auditions, cast the show, block the show, choreograph the show, they do everything. I am just merely the parent contact,” said Noffsinger.

Noffsinger explained that putting together a good production, such as their most recent production of The Little Mermaid, is not cheap and that programs like the camp bring in more revenue for the department than any other fundraiser.

“The kids pay to come to camp, but all of that money goes right back into the department so that we can have a really good drama department here,” said Noffsinger.

2025 marks the second summer of the camp, and Noffsinger and the rest of the SHCS theatre department look forward to the



Taylor Davis

Crush "crushing it" while performing "go with the flow" during the SCHS Theatre Camp.



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A little turtle dances with his fins high up during a dress rehearsal of Finding Nemo.



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Nemo and the other underwater characters help to find his dad in the production of "Finding Nemo."



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Mr. Ray welcomes the small fish to school at the top of the show.



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Dory forgetfully laughs as she tries to remember how to get to Nemo.



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Paxton dances along to the music at the end of the show.

CRIME

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Austyn Stamper of Shelbyville was arrested on June 10 for violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.

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Jessica Brown of Shelbyville was arrested

on June 10 for violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.

Gianna Snell of Shelbyville was arrested on June 12 for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substances (first offense), speeding 20 miles per hour over the limit, careless driving, and buying/possessing drug paraphernalia.

Michael Cunningham of Louisville was arrested on June 12 for third-degree burglary.

productions they will be able to put on through the revenue and planning of next year's camp.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to hear the following:

Docket #1092-6-25: Roman Alvarez & Odilia Cadena are requesting a 5.71 feet side yard setback variance to allow an existing structure to be 1.29 feet instead of the required 7 feet for property located at 717 Seventh Street, Shelbyville, KY. The request is from Section 667.4 of the Shelbyville Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Multi-family Residential District (R-4).

Docket #1093-6-25: Eric & Amy Swisher (Little Crooked Creek Safari LLC) is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for an Agricultural Community Farm (Exotic Pet View) for property located at 1430 Little Crooked Creek Road, Lawrenceburg, KY. The request is from Section 652.2.d of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural (A).

More information is on file in the Triple S Planning Commission office, 419 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY and may be inspected during regular office hours.

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