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'Mirrored story'

Amarillo Opera's 'Pagliacci' blurs lines between theater and reality

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The tragic story of a traveling clown, Canio, whose heartbreak and jealousy erupt during a performance when he discovers his wife's betrayal, will soon be portrayed on a local stage by the Amarillo Opera. • "Pagliacci" blurs the line between theater and reality, as art and life collide. The Amarillo production of Ruggero Leoncavallo's gripping Italian opera will be on stage for one night only at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts at 5 p.m., Saturday, April 11. • Tickets are available by phone at 806-372-7464 or at AmarilloOpera.org by clicking the link on their website.

Raw, human emotion on display

Locally renowned tenor Eric Barry plays Canio, a clown who is also the leader of a commedia dell'arte theatrical company.

Barry said that playing this kind of role was new for him. "This is an opera that is not as many would imagine," he said. "You don't have to un-

derstand Italian to feel the raw, deeply human emotion and the breaking point that happens."

He said that every time he sings that part, he gets goosebumps because it's so exciting and real. One of the challenges of portraying his character, Canio, is that he is actually playing two parts. Canio

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Amarillo ISD accepting applications for online learning

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Jennifer Wilkerson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for Amarillo ISD, said that the school district was starting new virtual learning classes for grades 6-12 for those who wanted more choices in their education.

"We realize times have changed and we need to change with them," Wilkerson said. The district noted that they had lost a significant number of students, around 700, to other districts offering online courses.

Wilkerson explained that students had an option of being full-time virtual learners or hybrid learners — which means that some of the courses would be online and some in person. For example, a student might want to take math, science, social studies or language arts online, but they would want to be in person for basketball for personal training. Other extracurricular activities they could access are the AmTech Career Academy and music programs, including band, choir and orchestra.

"You know, there are elite athletes, tennis players and golfers that need that flexibility. And then we have some families who have taken advantage of AmTech," she said.

"We've been in the virtual world with Texas Virtual School Network for more than a decade; we're just expanding by offering more opportunities than we've ever had before," said Director of Counseling/College, Career

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Amarillo to have free pet vaccines, park cleanup, more community events in April

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The City of Amarillo has a bunch of events and programs offering various services for residents throughout the month of April, including a pet vaccine clinic, park clean-up day, repair cafe and more.

Free pet vaccinations for Amarillo owners, April 11

Amarillo Animal Welfare & Management is partnering with the Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine and several

local/national partners to facilitate a community-wide free pet vaccine clinic.

They will be offering free vaccina-

tions and microchipping at the Pavilion at the Santa Fe Depot, located at 401 S. Grant St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

The clinic is open to Amarillo residents only. No registration is required.

The vaccinations available will be for rabies for both dogs and cats, as well as DAPP for dogs and HCP for cats. The

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