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## King Arthur's Quest Audition

compiled by Peggy Mandin

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of KING ARTHUR'S QUEST April 18, from 3:00 to 4:00pm at the Kettle River Grange, 25262 Highway 395 N., Kettle Falls, WA 99141.

Among the roles to be cast are King Arthur, Guinevere, Merlin, Raven, Taleisin, Lancelot, the Knights, the Squires, the Camelotians, the Lady of the Lake, Mordred, Morgan Le Fey, Uther Pendragon, the Damsels and the Minis. All students ages Kindergarten through 8th grade, whether homeschooled or attending public or private school, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Older students may be interested in acting as assistant directors to assist with the technical aspect of the production. 50-60 parts will be cast.

Those auditioning should arrive at the Grange at 2:45pm on the 18th and plan to stay for rehearsals which will begin immediately after the auditions and last until 7pm. Everyone should bring a sack dinner. It is highly likely that each child who wants to participate will be given a part in the play. **Children eight years old or younger will need to be accompanied by a chaperone 21 years or older at the audition and at every subsequent rehearsal.**

Rehearsals will be conducted by MCT Tour Actor/Directors and will continue on April 19, 20, 21 and 22 from 3-7pm; please bring a sack dinner to each rehearsal. Some bus transportation will be provided. Performances will be on April 23 at 3pm and 5pm at the Kettle River Grange. The MCT's touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup.

The MCT's residency in Kettle Falls is brought to you by the Orient School with

support from the 21st Century Community Learn Center grant and the ECHO (Expanding Children's Horizons and Opportunities) program. **For more information call the Orient School at 509-684-6873.**

KING ARTHUR'S QUEST was conceived and written by Michael McGill, music as well as lyrics. Here is the show synopsis. King Arthur, of legend and song, strode across Medieval England with courage and confidence...or did he? What if the troubles of his kingdom threatened to overwhelm him? Watch the Damsels in Distress sound the warning of trouble. Witness the Lady of the Lake as she produces the sword in the stone. Hide with the Camelotians when the Ghost of Arthur's Father visits the castle. See the Giant tower over the questing knights. Cheer for the King when he makes friends with the terrible dragon. Listen in as Morgan Le Fey and Mordred propose a better plan. Join the Knights and Squires of the Round Table as they try to do the right thing. Hope for the best outcome as your favorite characters of Camelot – Arthur, Guinevere, Merlin, Taleisin, The Raven and Lancelot wrestle with the challenges faced by their people. Follow the original twist on this familiar story as it weaves its way through a landscape full of surprises!

MCT was begun by Jim Caron and Don Collins during the early 1970's in Missoula, Montana. They were astonished at the interest in children's theater; when they originally set out to find seven children to play the Seven Dwarfs 450 children arrived to audition. Today MCT has an International Tour, Performing Arts Camps, a strong local children's season, MCT Community Theatre, and a "magnificent" home base facility. It is the rewards of working with children as cast members that has kept MCT going strong.

## Colville Valley Animal Sanctuary

submitted by Pam Smith

The fresh snowfalls have made for some beautiful mornings recently. The trees are frosted and the world is white and clean. Still, most of us are ready to see those first daffodils poking through the ground and pansies turning their bright faces toward the sun. For those of us involved in animal rescue, however, spring means more work with the arrival of "kitten season". Last year Colville Valley Animal Sanctuary was the only place in the county to turn to for help with kittens. Well over a hundred went through our shelter and on to warm and welcoming homes.

We took kittens in under many different, but most often difficult, circumstances. One hoarder asked for help, and when we lifted the sofa we discovered three litters of newborns. We were called repeatedly to the house as additional kittens were discovered. Eventually we removed nearly thirty cats, both kittens and adults, from the home. After a meth house fire, elderly neighbors took in two sweet females, one of whom gave birth to five kittens under the seat of their car. A trailer court roundup of feral cats (who were "disposed of" by dumping somewhere else in the county) brought us five then motherless, still nursing kittens. This winter two kittens were found dumped in a snow bank, suffering from both frostbite and hernias. Eleven kittens were found beside a highway by two teenage girls, but only after one kitten had earlier been struck and killed. There are many more such stories involving many more kittens.

Our volunteers do their best to screen all incoming cats and kittens and isolate any with contagious conditions. If one cat comes in sick though, it is difficult, if not impossible, to keep the illness from spreading to every healthy kitten throughout the entire shelter, no matter how hard we try. Since a sick kitten is a very sad thing and makes the volunteer workload heavier, this year we are embarking on a new program. We are inviting caring and capable

members of our community to help us solve this problem by fostering healthy kittens. We would provide all the food and kitty litter, a litter box, medical support and vaccinations. Without having to battle an illness, kittens could move much more quickly to their adoptive homes.

Many of us grew up with family cats having a litter or two, but today – and especially in Stevens County – reproduction is out of control. Millions of cats and kittens are euthanized and abandoned each year in the United States. That doesn't mean that you need to deny yourself and your family the joy of raising a litter of kittens though. You can foster! Fostering kittens is a joyous way to bring the family closer. Even teenagers, often eager to avoid family time, are drawn in by the sweetness and playful antics of kittens. In addition, cats raised in good foster homes are better socialized and far easier to adopt than those brought up in a shelter setting. Plus, the love and affection of a fostered kitten is a huge reward in itself.

We currently have a nice selection of adult cats available for adoption, including some 12 year olds that came from a terrible hoarding situation in the county. These healthy, sweet and really beautiful 12 year olds are perfect for an older owner who wants a cat but doesn't want to worry about their cat outliving them. Of course, we have dogs and puppies available as well. Check out our website at colvillevalleyanimalsanctuary.org.

Please, if you would like to be part of the solution to animal overpopulation in Stevens County, begin by spaying or neutering your pets, and by adopting, volunteering or joining the kitten fostering program at the Colville Valley Animal Sanctuary. For more information, please call Sandy at 684-6040. To mail in a donation, our address is 1250 N Hwy 395, Colville, WA 99114. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

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# King Arthur's Quest

Conceived and Written by Michael McGill  
Music and Lyrics by Michael McGill  
Additional Music and Lyrics by Rebecca McGill

## Kettle River Grange APRIL 18 - 23

25262 Highway 395 N, Kettle Falls, WA 99141  
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