

Bits 'n' Pieces



Levi Larson is a local actor with Christian Youth Theater.

Christian Youth Theater his outlet

Bethany Larson first discovered Christian Youth Theater in 1998 while living in Spokane. She saw it as a way to give her son Levi, then 6, an outlet to sing and act. "We just knew it was the thing for him," she said.

Now 18, Levi is getting ready for his final performance in the group's upcoming production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." After the production, Levi will be too old for Christian Youth Theater productions.

Larson and her family moved back to Clark County in June 2001, when she set about starting a local outpost for the children's theater group in an effort to let Levi continue exploring his creative side.

The following fall, Levi made his debut in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Over the following decade, Larson, 43, became the local group's area and marketing director, and summer camp manager. Levi became involved in more than 30 productions, either as a cast or crew member.

Levi is currently attending Clark College, where he has about one year of studies left. Following that, he wants to move on to a four-year school and major in advertising or graphic design.

Larson has enjoyed seeing her son grow with the program over the past 10 years. "It's been really exciting," she said. "I think that's a neat thing, for him to recognize his strengths and go for it, and then to give 100 percent in whatever part he gets."



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