SAYRE

Bringing culture to the Valley

‘Monkey King’ debuts at theater

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SAYRE — A show set to take the stage in Philadelphia next February at the conclusion of the Chinese New Year will debut at the Sayre Theatre Thursday and Friday.

“Monkey King and the Adventure of the Golden Bells” is co-authored by Robert Anderson with a musical score written by Lian Lian. It is being directed by Hua Hua Zhang — a name known to the many Snyder Elementary students who have performed Chinese shadow mask puppetry under the international artisan’s direction over the past five years.

Zhang hopes to see many of these students in the theater enjoy.

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Science connection continues between high school, Cornell

For the Morning Times

Cornell University and Waverly High School have history.

Several of Waverly’s Science Department teachers have taken advantage of Cornell’s Summer Programs for Teachers for many years. Last year, Cornell offered a new program with a window into the field of bioengineering. Two high school teachers, Stacey Coston and Ann Pinney-Foreman, are participating in this program.

Cornell’s Learning Initiative in Medicine and Bioengineering (CLIMB) is a National Science Foundation-funded program that partners graduate fellows in the field of biomedical engineering with science teachers in middle and high schools.

Mrs. Coston (summer of 2009) and Mrs. Pinney-Foreman (summer of 2010) both spent six weeks at Cornell University doing research in the bioengineering department. They were also enrolled in a graduate level course, Frontiers in Biomedical Research.

Mrs. Stacey Coston worked with fellow John Hyghn and their research involved podosomovement in smooth muscle cells. John visited many different science classrooms, and was very good at taking complicated science and presenting it in an understandable way to the students.

The program also provides a very generous stipend for the teachers to purchase lab equipment and supplies for their labs. Mrs. Coston’s monies went to outfit the ACE biology elective that will be offered this school year.

Mrs. Pinney-Foreman worked with fellow Emily Chandler Brooks in Dr. Claudia Fischbach’s lab. Her research was on the effect of hypoxia (low oxygen) on breast tumor cells. This academic year, Emily will spend the year in Mrs. Ann Pinney-Foreman’s classroom.

She will be interacting with all students, but her emphasis will be on helping develop curriculum for a new science class offered this year at Waverly for the first time. It is called “Introduction to Organic Chemistry.” This class will use health care applications to learn organic chemistry, and connect chemistry, biology, engineering, and math.

Mrs. Pinney says, “I am thrilled to have someone with the credentials, knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm that Emily has, to be working with me, and my students this year. I learned a great deal in six weeks, she will be invaluable to our students over the course of the school year. I hope all of our students, parents and staff will give her a warm Waverly welcome.”