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MAY 12: CHILDREN’S WATER FESTIVAL BRINGS STUDENTS TO PLAY AT UD

Thousands of local children will be at the University of Dayton on Wednesday, May 12, to learn about the importance of ground water and to have a little fun playing in it.

The Children’s Water Festival, sponsored by the city of Dayton and Miami Valley Earth Central, is expected to bring more than 3,300 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders to campus.

From 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Founder’s Field, children will be making giant bubbles using baby pools and Hula-Hoops as well as making crafts such as piggy banks out of recycled bottles and making seed necklaces.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Founder’s Field, the Bucket Boys musical group will make music by drumming on buckets made of recycled materials.

From 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jesse Philips Humanities Building Room 118, children will play a water trivia game similar to the game show Jeopardy. And from 9:15 to 10 a.m. in the Jesse Philips Humanities Building Room 125, children will play water bingo.

There will also be theatrical skits in Kennedy Union’s Boll Theatre and nature songs performed in Wohlenben Hall’s Chudd Auditorium.

For more information, call Bonnie Bazill-Davis at (937) 264-8358 or (937) 478-0867.

MAY 13-14, 17-20: UD STUDENTS PERFORM PLAY FOR 4,000 LOCAL CHILDREN

During the next week, more than 4,000 first-, second- and third-graders will attend a play at the University of Dayton’s Boll Theatre.

Performances of the children’s play The Invention will be performed at 10 a.m. and noon on weekdays starting on Thursday, May 13, through Thursday, May 20. Although cameras are not permitted during the productions, there will be photo opportunities before and after the 50-minute shows. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12.

The play, written by Brad Gromelski, is about a toy factory and the evil “Calibad” who tries to thwart the introduction of a new toy-making invention.

Professor Emeritus Patrick Gilvary, who graduated from UD in 1950, will direct the children’s play for the final time this year. The first children’s play was performed in 1968.

For more information, call Darrell Anderson in the theater department at (937) 229-3903.

MAY 15: JUSTICE STRATTON TO SPEAK AT UD LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION

Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court, will give the keynote address during the University of Dayton School of Law’s spring commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at UD Arena.

After Stratton’s address, 164 law students will receive their diplomas.

“The roads these young people take today — the choices they make — will have an impact on their lives and the lives of others forever,” says Stratton, whose address is titled “The Circle of Life.” These soon-to-be lawyers, she adds, must choose those roads carefully and with “concern as to what is best for them and their society.”

In 1996 Stratton was appointed by then Gov. George Voinovich to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice J. Craig Wright. She was elected to the bench in the same year.

For more information, call Jim Pickering at (937) 229-3257.