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Richland High School is hosting a dinner theater on Friday, October 26th at 6:00pm, serving a classic country dinner while performing “The Glue of Gopher Gulch”. The actors and actresses are excited and are rearing to go for Richland’s first dinner theater performance.

“The Glue of Gopher Gulch” was written by T.S. Hill’s English teacher, John Stephens. The story includes the classic damsel in distress, played by eleventh grader Kayla Uhles, and the big, bad villain, played by eleventh grader Kannon Qualls. They are accompanied by several other witty characters that will have the crowd laughing. There are thirteen actors that will contribute to the play and they have been working and practicing very hard to make it a wonderful performance.

The story takes place in old west, so the waiters and waitresses will be dressed in costumes so that the guests feel like they are part of the event. Some of the servers will perform small and comedic acts between scenes for the guests’ entertainment. The dinner will be catered by Judy Ackman, serving “country classics” like fried chicken, mashed potatoes, a tasty dessert, and much more.

Many of the students quickly got involved with the play and fell in love with acting and performing. There are twenty-two students that are performing in the play and a few staff members will too. A lot of the students are contributing to this event, whether they are acting, creating props, gathering costumes, waitressing, or helping back stage.

Amber Duley, the school's music and band director, is coordinating the performance and is proud of the students for working so hard in this short amount of time.

"We're having a great time," says Duley, "They're doing such a good job. We're having so much fun together and the play is just hilarious."

All proceeds from the dinner theater will go towards Richland's Backpack Program, a program put together by the school nurse that gives food to the less fortunate families of the community. The school's music department is proud to represent and support such a great and fulfilling program.

Hurry and get your tickets because the last day to make a reservation for this divine performance is Thursday, October 18th. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 and a reservation is required, there will be no tickets for sale at the gates. The doors will open at 5:30pm and the play will begin at 6:00pm. You can order your tickets at 573-283-5332, ask for Mrs. Sherman to place an order.

The cast is hoping for a great turnout for this important event, so be sure to stop in and get a big plate of fried chicken while laughing and enjoying a great show.

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