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THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE announced

The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to present the first adult musical production of 2010, ***THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE***.

Auditions were held on Jan. 6 & 7 and among the talented area adults that were cast are Rick Bixler, Derek Campbell, Kellie Degenhardt, Gregory Garcia, Doug Goheen, Maggie Gremminger, Alex Krums, Megan Lindquist and Secily Rees. The show will be directed by Jo Huseman, with musical direction by Nancy Epoch, choreography by Sally Glassman and stage management by Mary Laura Barnett and Ashley Bunyar.

“A quirky yet heartwarming show”, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, an adult show, hilariously chronicles the angst and joy of six adolescent outcasts, their mentors who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, and special audience guest spellers, during the spelling championship of a lifetime. Letter by letter, the roster of participants in the zany Tony-award winning musical soon finds that winning isn’t everything... and losing doesn’t necessarily make you a loser!

The performances are set for Feb. 19, 20, 26, 27 & Mar. 5 & 6 at 8pm, and Feb. 21, 28 & Mar. 7 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for youth 12 & under, and will go on sale beginning February 1. (Due to adult themes, parental discretion is advised.)

For further information, call Helen Hocker Theater at 368-0191, 9-5, M-F, or go to our web page at www.topeka.org/parksrec/hocker.shtml.

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The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is an organization dedicated to enriching the cultural growth of our community. Quality family entertainment, positive learning experiences in a friendly atmosphere, an outlet for artistic expression for youth and adults, all are found in the Theater’s year-round programming. Family and youth musical dramas and comedies are offered, along with music and dance events, performing arts classes and workshops. The primary goals of the Theater are to provide exciting and enjoyable challenges for our participants and quality in all our endeavors for our patrons. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please call the Theater box office for more information.