

Students present rip-roarin' western tale

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In a time when men were men and women were rarely around, Widow Cracker learns that the mortgage on her farm is coming due and Evil Richard Coldheart, the banker, has fixed the contract to state that if her loan isn't paid on time, he gets to marry her daughter.

“How the West Was Dun” is an all-school play to be presented by Brady students at 7 p.m. Friday night at the school.

Director Jennifer Most said she chose the play at the request of senior Molly Hannon, who plays Calamity Jane—spelled J-A-N with a silent E.

“She came to me and asked specifically for a western,” Most said. “It’s fun to be over-the-top with characters like evil gun slingers and a hero sheriff and an evil banker.”

Besides, she said, almost everyone has wanted to be a cowboy at some point in their life and western props and costumes were relatively easy to come by.

The play takes place in the town of Low Humidity Chasm—did you expect Dry Gulch?—with a beautiful heroine, a dashing hero, villainous villains and a know-it-all narrator.

While the evil banker has his eye on the widow’s daughter, Polly Wanda Cracker, the daughter is in love with the sheriff, Wayne John.

