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**RUMPELSTILTSKIN AUDITIONS & PERFORMANCES
AT NORTH LAKELAND SCHOOL**

A strange little gnome appears from here, there and everywhere. He will spin your straw into gold ... for a price. If his price is too steep, you must guess his name ...

RUMPELSTILTSKIN!

Auditions will be held for a Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of RUMPELSTILTSKIN at North Lakeland School in Manitowish Waters Monday, January 14 from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Approximately 60 roles are available for local students, such as Rumpelstiltskin, Queen Beatrice, Clara, a Jester, King Whatsat, Villagers, Gnomes, Wizards, Knights and Bees. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. Kindergarten through 12th grade students are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary.

Those auditioning should pre-register by calling Kim Bowler at 715-686-2800. Plan to arrive at 3:35 p.m. to check-in, and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition. Then the MCT Tour actors and directors will conduct rehearsals from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day the week of January 14 at North Lakeland School. Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup.

Two performances will be presented to the public at North Lakeland School Saturday, January 19, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. – a spirited tale sure to please audiences of all ages! Tickets are \$5 for the 3:00 show and \$6 for the 7:00 show, available at the door, at local businesses, or by calling 715-686-2800. This original musical adaptation of RUMPELSTILTSKIN is part of Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project, made possible by a grant from the North Lakeland Education Foundation and contributions from Alpine Resort of Presque Isle.

For general information, audition pre-registration, or tickets, call Kim Bowler at 715-686-2800.

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