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Buzzworthy: Check out the checkout girl

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Perhaps you've heard how YouTube is making unlikely celebrities out of people like Cleveland TV investigative reporter Carl Monday and the video blogger known as "lonelygirl15."

Appleton's **Christina LaVicka** is, at least as far as we know, the first YouTube celebrity from the Fox Cities.

LaVicka appears in a series of short films called "Chad Vader: Day Shift Manager." The films are about the sibling of everyone's favorite intergalactic bad dude, who works at a grocery store. In the films, Chad becomes smitten with the cute checkout girl Clarissa, played by LaVicka. She agrees to have a date, err, "meeting" with him, and ... well, you'll just have to go to www.youtube.com (search for "Chad Vader") to find out the rest. You also can see the videos at www.splu.net.

There are three episodes online that have garnered millions of views, as well as a bit of fame for LaVicka, a substitute teacher in the Appleton Area School District who also does freelance voice-over and commercial work, and is a local theater veteran. A fan from California has made a music video about her titled "Grocery Girl," and the fourth video in the "Chad Vader" saga will premiere Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." That's in addition to the publicity the films have already gotten everywhere from Fox News to the Wall Street Journal.

Music all around

Lawrence University Conservatory of Music gets the chance to show off its stuff at 8 p.m. Oct. 21 with the first **Kaleidoscope Cor** Performing Arts Center in downtown Appleton.

Using an "in the round" format, more than 350 music students will perform an eclectic program that runs the gamut from classical theater and opera to world music.

"Almost every musical discipline, every performing discipline represented in the Conservatory of Music, is going to be on one of show," said Fred Sturm, director of LU's jazz and improvisational music programs and one of the primary organizers of the conce

Young musicians from the Lawrence Academy of Music will also take part with a pre-concert performance.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the LU box office, 920-832-6749, or at

Worth the trip

Concerts happening down south in the next week that you might want to check out:

Aerosmith and Motley Crue, Saturday at Alpine Valley, East Troy. A night-time outdoor concert in October? The idea seems dicie be that cold, with low temperatures in the relatively balmy 50s. And besides, if these bands rock like they're capable of, it should Let's hope their sets draw more from the earlier parts of their careers. \$41-\$124.

Yo La Tengo, Friday at The Rave, Milwaukee. No band has better album titles than Yo La Tengo, whose works include "Yo La Te and the recently released "I Am Not Afraid Of You And I Will Beat Your Ass." Critics love this band, which means it is destined to indie status. Yo La Tengo is probably fine with that. \$18.

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