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ACTION TAKEN TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE

City to construct detention pond on Washington campus

Randolph H. Wind
Editor & Publisher

In an attempt to correct flooding and insufficient stormwater drainage at the intersection of 11th St S.W. and 4th Ave. S.W., the city of Cairo is proposing to build a storm water detention pond on the southeast corner of the Washington Middle School campus.

Tuesday night, the Grady County Board of Education voted unanimously to decide the pond site to the city.

Cairo City Manager Chris Addleton says the city has already invested in curbs and gutters below WMS on 4th Ave. S.W. and the city is working up toward the school as part of its focus on storm water issues.

"We want the ability to slow down the storm water than runs off of the Washington campus and down toward 4th Ave. With this pond, we can slowly release the water and prevent flooding in the area during heavy rain events," Addleton said.

Consulting engineer Stacy Watkins of Watkins &

Associates had developed a plan for the pond which will be built on about .79 acres. The detention pond will be surrounded by an eight-foot high fence.

Addleton says the city will construct the pond with city crews by bringing in dirt and building up a berm to detain the storm water that will be time released through piping installed by the city.

"This pond will never hold water for any length of time. We are talking about hours, not days," the city manager said.

In other business Monday night, the city council:

►Authorized the mayor to execute a resolution of support for the rehabilitation of Windwood Villas apartments. Ward Wight, a descendant of Byron Wight of Grady County, of Prestwick Development of Atlanta, appeared before the council to brief councilmen.

Wight says his firm is looking to invest \$50,000 to \$60,000 per unit to completely gut and rehabilitate the apartment complex located on the northeast side of the city.

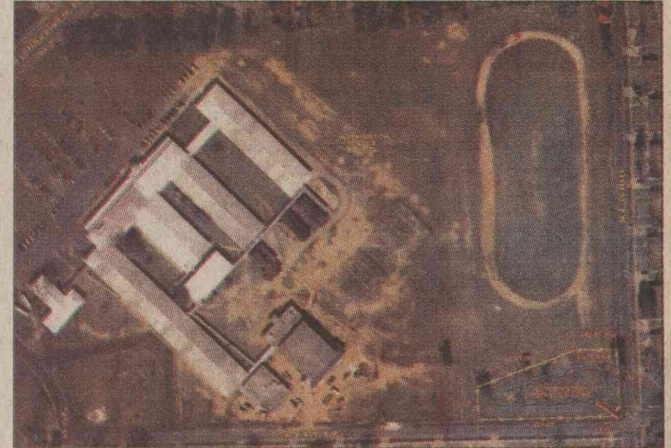
Prestwick Development will apply for a federal grant administered through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to finance the renovations. Wight and the general contractor will be meeting here Thursday, and he will be available to share more specifics with city officials, who are interested in securing as much work as possible for local subcontractors and businesses. City Manager Addleton noted that a resolution of the city's support would add points to the project grading system used by DCA in selecting which projects to fund. Wight hopes to know if the grant is approved by late fall. Included in the rehab job are 52 low-income housing units and one unit for the property manager.

►Authorized the mayor to execute the annual contract between the city and Autry State Prison for inmate labor for the next fiscal year at a cost of \$39,500. The amount of the contract is unchanged from the current fiscal year and requires a minimum of four inmates on

a detail crew.

►Authorized the mayor to execute a contract with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for the development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) of the city's 5,500 tax parcels at a cost of \$5 per parcel or a grand total of \$27,500. City Manager Addleton told councilmen that information regarding utilities, fire hydrants, and more that are included in other data bases can be layered over the GIS system to provide city officials with invaluable information. "The key is using it and keeping it maintained," Addleton said. Councilman James H. (Jimmy) Douglas agreed and commented, "If it is not maintained, it's worthless."

►Voted to reschedule the June 28 council meeting to Tuesday, June 29, at 6 p.m. to avoid a conflict with councilmen attending the annual Georgia Municipal Association Convention in Savannah.



A NEW DETENTION POND will be constructed by the city of Cairo on the southeastern corner of the Washington Middle School campus, shown bottom right.

WASHINGTON PRINCIPAL EARNS ADVANCED DEGREE

Gilliard has lots of irons in the fire

Darrell Mudra
Staff Writer

Washington Middle School Principal Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. was awarded the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in educational leadership on Friday, May 7, at Valdosta State University's Spring Commencement Ceremony held at Whitehead Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building.

Gilliard, a Grady County native began his career in education as a special education teacher at Cairo High School in 1989, and has spent his entire tenure in education working in the Grady County School system with the exception of a three year stint teaching in Atlanta's North Gwinnett High School.

He was tapped early in his career to serve as a half-time special education director, and in 1994 became the county's full time director serving in that capacity until he was named principal at Eastside Elementary School in 2006. He served as princi-

the vacancy at Washington Middle School for the 2009-10 school year.

In addition to his duties as a school administrator, Gilliard also serves his community on the Cairo City Council representing District 5, a position he has held since his election in 2008.

He began coursework toward his doctoral degree in January 2002, with a special interest in teacher evaluations and their correlation to student achievement on the CRCT.

His doctoral dissertation, entitled, "Identifying important variables in teacher evaluations," looked at the proposed evaluation instrument from the State of Department of Education, "CLASS Keys," a five-minute observation instrument which involved counting the number of correct student responses during an observation, and administrator perception. "I found that the CLASS Keys observations were not significantly correlated to student achievement (CRCT)," notes Gilliard.



SHOWN FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES held at Valdosta State University Friday night are, l-r, Kermit Gilliard Sr., Peggy Gilliard, Anna Gilliard, Kermit Gilliard Jr., Owen Gilliard and Cristie Gilliard.

(CRCT)," notes Gilliard.

He says the research caused him to focus on how the evaluation instrument could be used to improve student academic achieve-

the new evaluation instrument and have some recommendations for teachers to hopefully improve student achievement." His primary goals for next year are to in-

enjoys working with middle-schoolers, and adds, "I think we're getting along great!"

As the school year comes to a close, he is pleased with the progress made by faculty

often be found helping out his parents and aunt who own and operate Gilliard's Store, "Home of Whole Hog Sausage," located on Hwy 93 North halfway between Cairo and Pelham. He also serves on several local boards for various agencies and civic organizations.

How does the man wear so many hats and get the job done at school and serve in a leadership role in his community?

"We are a very busy family and have something to do almost every night. I believe that it is important to give back," he says. "I owe all of my accomplishments to others that helped me along the way. I believe that it is my responsibility to help others as I have been helped. Also, I would not be able to do any of these things without the support of my wife Cristie. She is the reason I am able to participate in so many things."

Gilliard received his Bachelors degree in special education from Valdosta

"The man who wandreth out of the way of advertising shall remain in the congregation of the dead."

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

Corps issues decision on lake

► Provisional permit issued Monday, county leaders to meet with consultant on conditions

Randolph H. Wind
Editor & Publisher

Monday, May 10, 2010, will certainly go down as a red letter day in the long history of Grady County's Tired Creek lake project.

On Monday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a "provisional permit" for the creation of a 960-acre fishing lake on Tired Creek and the construction of a 3,000 foot long, 450 foot wide and 65 foot high dam to impound the water.

Until the Georgia Depart-

ment of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division issues a 401 Water Quality Certification, a final permit will not be issued and no work on the dam or wetlands mitigation can commence.

In addition to obtaining the state's approval of the 401 certification, the provisional permit also includes seven general conditions and 27 special conditions the county must agree to before a final permit will be issued.

After reviewing the condi-

tions, county officials say it appears that many of the conditions are standard and are likely included in all permits issued by the Corps, but others are specific to the Tired Creek project.

County officials are not certain exactly what the impact of the various conditions are on the project, and commissioners will meet Thursday to study the provisional permit and discuss scheduling a meeting for early next week with Wm. Thomas Craig, the county's Tired Creek consultant and

project manager.

"We will be discussing the exact meaning of both the general and special conditions of the permit and discussing all of our options. We have been told the conditions are negotiable," County Administrator Rusty Moye said Tuesday after receiving an overnighted copy of the provisional permit. Moye hand delivered copies of the provisional permit to members of the county commission Tuesday.

Commission Chairman Al Ball commented, "After so

long, I am happy to have this in hand. This is the first step in a process, and I don't know what it will mean in the long run. I am anxious to meet and discuss this with our consultant and see what our next step will be."

Vice Chairman Charles Renaud agreed with Chairman Ball that the commission needs to quickly huddle with their consultant to gain a better understanding of the conditions. However, Renaud is not concerned so many conditions were included in the document.

"From what I understand, this is a normal part of the process on a project of this size. We will just have to go through the conditions and see if the permit is something we can all live with. I'm just happy to have the provisional permit in our hands," Renaud said.

District 3 Commissioner Charles Norton and District 5 Commissioner Bobby Burns have been involved in the project the longest of any of the current members of

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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

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Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein, II
Book by
Tom Briggs
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Directed by
Patricia Orr
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

The action takes place over five days in late August of 1946 on the Frake farm in Brunswick, Iowa and at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

- ACT I -

- SCENE 1: The Frake Farm - a Tuesday afternoon in late August, 1946
OPENING ... Abel, Melissa and Wayne
IT MIGHT AS WELL BE SPRING ... Margy
SCENE 2: On the Road to Des Moines - Wednesday morning before dawn
DRIVING AT NIGHT ... The Frakes
SCENE 3: The Midway at the Hoop-La Booth - later that morning
OUR STATE FAIR ... The Ensemble
SCENE 4: The Midway at the Temple of Wonder - immediately following
THAT'S FOR ME ... Wayne
SCENE 5: The Beverage Tent - that afternoon
MORE THAN JUST A FRIEND ... Abel, Lem, Clay and Hank
SCENE 6: Outside the Dairy Pavilion - later that afternoon
ISN'T IT KIND OF FUN? ... Pat and Margy
SCENE 7: The Starlight Dance Meadow - that night
YOU NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD ... Emily Arden and the Fairtones
SCENE 8: Camper's Hill - Thursday morning
Reprise: IT MIGHT AS WELL BE SPRING ... Margy
WHEN I GO OUT WALKING WITH MY BABY ... Abel and Melissa
SCENE 9: Exhibition Hall - that afternoon
SCENE 10: A Nearby Hillside - early that night
SO FAR ... Wayne and Emily
SCENE 11: The Starlight Dance Meadow - later that night
IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

- ACT II -

- SCENE 1: Outside the Livestock Pavilion - Friday afternoon
THE MAN I USED TO BE ... Pat, Vivian and Jeanne
ALL I OWE IOWAY ... Abel and the Company
SCENE 2: Outside the Dairy Pavilion - early that night
Reprise: THE MAN I USED TO BE ... Pat
Reprise: ISN'T IT KIND OF FUN ... Margy
SCENE 3; The Starlight Dance Meadow - immediately following
THAT'S THE WAY IT HAPPENS ... Emily Arden and the Fairtones
SCENE 4: The Hillside - later that night
SCENE 5: Camper's Hill - later that night
SCENE 6: On the Midway - immediately following
THE NEXT TIME IT HAPPENS ... Margy
SCENE 7: The Frake Farm - Saturday night after supper

Break A Leg!!

To the Cast & Crew of

State Fair

You are all worthy of the title

"Thespian"

from

Brian Mason

Judy Pollock

Pat Orr

State Fair

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Cast A

Abel Frake - a farmer
Gus - the Frakes' hired man
Margy Frake
- the Frake's daughter
Melissa Frake - Abel's wife
Wayne Frake - the Frake's son
Dave Miller - the local storekeeper
Eleanor - Wayne's girlfriend
Harry - Margy's boyfriend
The Fair Announcer
The Hoop-La Barker
Emily Arden
The Astounding Stralenko
Vivian - a dancer, singer
Jeanne - a dancer, singer
Pat Gilbert - a newspaper reporter
Charlie
- a newspaper photographer
Lem - a farmer
Clay - a farmer
Hank Munson - a farmer
The Chief of Police
Violet - his daughter
The Fairtones

Judge Heppenstahl
Mrs. Edwin Metcalf of Pottsville

Jeremy Hankinson
*Jason Brown

*Ferhan Baggett
Shannon Jones
Kyle Fusco
Chris Harrell
*Leah Harper
*Matt Harrison
Krystal Smith
Ricky Lee
*Allison Stoddard
Ricky Lee
Mallory Stewart
Sarah Zipperer
*Ben Butler

Conrad Harrell
*Payne Singletary
*Philip Dyke
*Jason Brown
B. J. Johnson
Alysha Owens
Brittini Linton, *Amanda Redden
*Makaila Steele, *Lea Moore
*Chris Pollock
*Latoya Williams

Cast B

*Payne Singletary
*Matt Harrison

*Meghan Steele
*Vanessa Lackey
*Philip Dyke

*Lani Hollingsworth
*Jason Brown

Austin Humphries

*Chris Pharis

Jacob Odum
Jeremy Hankinson
Kyle Fusco
*Ben Butler

Judges

Roustabouts
Ricky Lee
Chris Harrell

*Yvette Williams
*Charlene Lee
Sarah Outz

*indicates a member of the International Thespian Society, an honor society for drama club members

State Fair

DANCERS

"STATE FAIR"
Hope Smith
Blair Bracewell
Lynlee Gainous
Leah Harper
Lindsay Lunday
Emily Bailey

"GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING"

Emily Oliver
Brittany Blough
Amber Bennett
Caitlin Rosencrantz
Brittini Linton
Makaila Steele
Alysha Owens
Matthew Harrison
Conrad Harrell
Kyle Fusco
Ricky Lee
Chris Harrell
Jason Brown
Chris Pollock

"I OWE IOWAY"

Ashley Maxwell
Hope Smith
Emily Oliver
Lindsay Lunday
Katelyn Renfroe
Lynlee Gainous
Charlene Lee
Caitlin Rosencrantz
Yvette Williams
Brittany Blough
Leah Harper
Alysha Owens
Blair Bracewell
Amber Bennett
Emily Bailey
Brittini Linton

FAIRGOERS

Brooke Kirkland
Patrice Miller
Jemiya Wright
Amber Addison
Alicia Bostick
Mikayla Brown
Brandi Dodd
Courtney Flowers
Brianna Glenn
Shmyra Hopkins

KIDS

Dominique Williams
Morgan Blough
Andrasha Jackson
Mary Rehberg
Nicholas Fusco
Annie Ross
Miazia Jones
Jennings Childree
El Lexius Thompson
Mallory Ouzt
Josh Rhudy
Rachel Zipperer
Chelsea Young
Kayla Clark
Tanner Clark
Taylor Clark
Shaquanvia Jones
Devin Wright

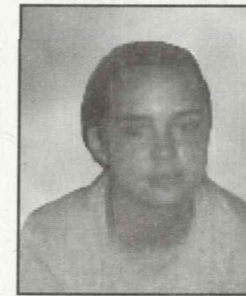
THE CREW

Drama Director	—	Patricia Orr
Music Director	—	Judy Pollock
Student Directors	—	Brian Mason Chris Pollock* Cassie Adkins* Caroline Crapps* Brittany Blough*
Cover Design	—	Tim Hyde
Costumes	—	Judy pollock's Mom Vicki Pharis
Choral Advisor	—	Dr. Don Mobley
Typing	—	Wanda Steele
Set Construction	—	Tom Smith Barbara Darus Katherine Cook Cathy Taylor Debbie Lackey
Publicity	—	Hubert de Sercy
Photography	—	Pat Orr Judy Pollock
Advertisement Chairman	—	Patti Harper
Telephone Committee	—	Vicki Pharis Miriam Funderburk
Props Secureman	—	Linda Harrison, Debbie Lackey

BACK-STAGE CREW

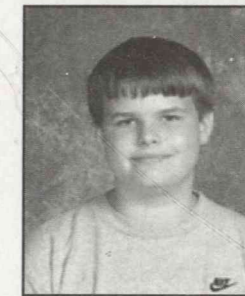
Stage Managers	—	Crystal Cook* Victoria Darus* Steven Harvell*
Props Mistress	—	Cristen Crapps* Brittney Green*
Lighting	—	Jack Walker*
Spotlight	—	Sara Kimmel*
Curtain	—	Joseph Sharp*
Crew	—	John Darus* Jenni Pollock*
Orchestra	—	Patrick Ballew Roland Ventura Judy Pollock Vicki Pharis
Kids Care Chairman	—	Kristi Thompson

THE CAST



CASSIE ADKINS
(Student Director)

is the daughter of Jimmie and Cynthia Adkins. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in Drama. Cassie has been in past performances of *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is a Thespian.



BEN BUTLER
(Pat / Cast A, Hank / Cast B)

is the son of Billy and Susie Butler. He is in the eighth grade and has been in the performances of *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Ben is also active in Tiger Talk, Beta Club, and the WMS Band. He is a Thespian.



FEHRAN BAGGETT
(Marge Frake - Cast A)

is the proud daughter of John and Cindy Baggett. At 14 years old in the eighth grade, she is going on to her third year in Drama. Fehran has been in past performances of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Oklahoma*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Bye-Bye Birdie* and *Grease*. She is a Thespian.



CAROLINE CRAPPS
(Student Director)

is the daughter of Robert and Mamie Crapps. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in Drama. She has been in past performances of *Music Man*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Caroline is a member of the Beta Club, FCA, the WMS Band, and is active in youth activities. She enjoys shopping and talking on the telephone. She is a Thespian.



BRITTANY BLOUGH
(Student Director)

is the daughter of Paul and Kim Blough. She is in the eighth grade and this is her third year in Drama. She has been in past performances of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Brittany enjoys dancing, acting, and twirling. She is a Thespian.



CHRISTEN CRAPPS
(Student Prop Mistress)

is the daughter of Robert and Mamie Crapps. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in Drama. She has been in past performances of *Music Man*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Christen is a member of the Beta Club, FCA, the WMS Band, and is active in youth activities. She enjoys soccer, football, and softball. She is a Thespian.



JASON BROWN
(Henry / Gus / Hank - Cast B)

is the son of Mickey and Janice Brown. He is in eighth grade and is active in Beta Club and Drama. Jason enjoys soccer, baseball, and acting. This is his second year in Drama. He has been in past performances of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Grease*. Jason is a Thespian.

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PHILIP DYKE
(Wayne Frake - Cast B)

is the son of Gene and Gwyn Dyke. He is on the eighth grade Tiger team. This is his third year in Drama. He has been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Philip is active in Beta Club and the WMS Band. He enjoys golf, playing drums, riding bikes, and fishing. He is a Thespian.



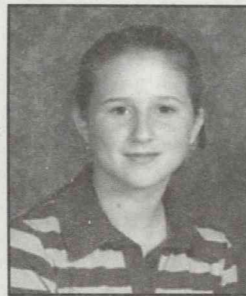
JEREMY HANKINSON
(Able - Cast A)

is the son of Lizzie Garrette and Jerry Hankinson. He is in the eighth grade and this is his first year in Drama. He has played in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and now, *State Fair*. He is in Explo and plays Alto/Tenor Saxophone in the WMS Band. Jeremy enjoys listening to music and goofing around.



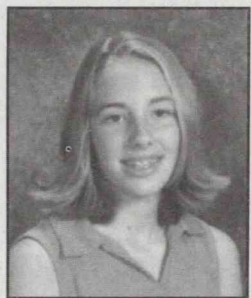
KYLE FUSCO
(Wayne Frake - Cast A)

is the son of Sam and Judy Fusco. He is in the seventh grade. This is his second year in Drama. He has been in *Grease* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Kyle is in Beta Club, WMS Band, and Explo. He loves to play sports, video games, and sings in a band.



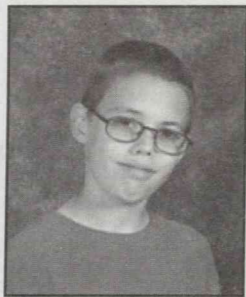
LEAH HARPER
(Eleanor - Cast A)

is the daughter of Mike and Patty Harper. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in Drama. Leah has been in the past performances of *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is active in Beta Club, and WMS Band. Leah enjoys talking on the phone. She is a Thespian.



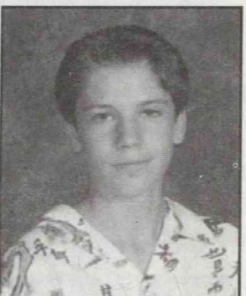
BRITTNEY GREEN
(Student Prop Mistress)

is the daughter of Susan and Randy Green. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in the Drama Club. Brittney has been in past performances of *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is a participant of Beta Club. Brittney also enjoys playing softball, talking on the Internet and the phone, and hanging out with friends. She is a Thespian.



CHRIS HARRELL
(Dave Miller)

is the son of Jeffrey and Deneen Harrell. He is in the seventh grade. This is his second year in Drama. Chris has been in past performances of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Grease*. He is active in the WMS Band, and 4-H. Chris enjoys playing the saxophone and shooting shotguns.



CONRAD HARRELL
(Charlie - Cast A)

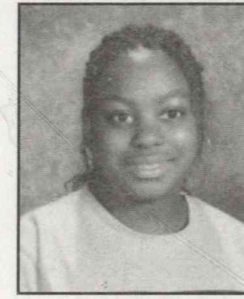
is the son of Tamra and Kelvin Harrell. He likes playing soccer, football, and the guitar. He has been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Grease*. Conrad is in the Beta Club and FCA. He also enjoys skateboarding, hunting, and pretty much anything outside. He and his friends are starting a band.

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MATTHEW HARRISON
(Harry / Gus - Cast A)

is the son of Rodney and Linda Harrison. He is in the eighth grade. This is his third year in Drama. He has been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Grease*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and many more. Matthew is a 4-star Thespian. He likes to play golf, hockey, soccer, and many other sports.



SHANNON JONES
(Melissa Frake - Cast A)

is the daughter of Kathy and Bruce Jones. She is in the eighth grade. This is her first year in Drama. She has been in the past performance of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is active in the WMS Band and college prep. Shannon enjoys singing and twirling. She wants to thank God for her talents, her parents for believing in her, and Ms. Orr and Mrs. Pollock for pushing her to keep going.



LANI HOLLINGSWORTH
(Eleanor - Cast B)

is the daughter of Daphine and Bobby Hollingsworth. She is in the seventh grade. This is her second year in Drama. Lani has been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Grease*. She is in the Beta Club and is involved in her church.



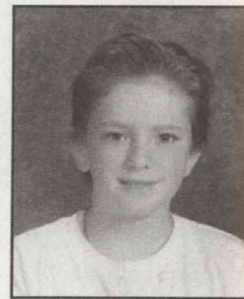
VANESSA LACKEY
(Melissa - Cast B)

is the daughter of Rick and Debra Lackey. She is in the eighth grade. This is her second year in Drama. Vanessa has been in past performances of *Grease* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is active in the WMS Band and FCA. She enjoys singing and playing tennis. She is a Thespian.



AUSTIN HUMPHRIES
(Emily Arden - Cast B)

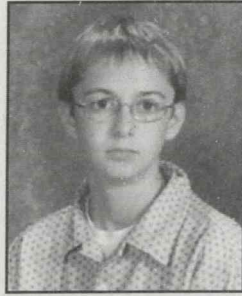
is the daughter of Glenn and Melanie Humphries. She is in the seventh grade and this is her second year in Drama. Austin's past performances include *Grease* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is active in the WMS Band, Explo, and Tiger Talk. Austin enjoys being in her church Drama troop, playing her trumpet, and walking her dog Honey.



JACOB ODUM
(Charlie - Cast B)

is the son of Laura and Larry Odum. He is in the sixth grade. This is his very first year of Drama. He has only been in one major play — *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Jacob was the first sixth grader in three years to be Charlie in the play. He is part of the Scrabble Club, Explo, and plays the French horn in the WMS Band. Since Jacob has started Drama, he has worked hard to get lead roles. He is hoping to become an Honor Thespian before leaving Washington Middle School.

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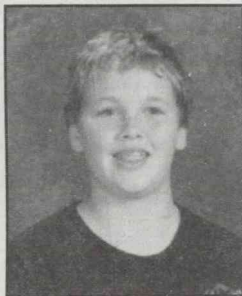
CHRISTOPHER PHARIS
(*Pat Gilbert - Cast A*)

is the son of Tommy and Vickie Pharis. He has been in past productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. He is active in JV soccer. Chris enjoys playing his drum set. He is a Thespian.



MEGHAN STEELE
(*MARGY FRAKE - CAST B*)

is the proud daughter of Dan and Wanda Steele. She is in the eighth grade. This is her third year in Drama. She has been in the past productions of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Meghan is a member of FCA, president of the Beta Club, and Drum Major for the WMS Band. She enjoys shopping, talking, playing the piano, riding horses, and hanging out with friends. She is a Thespian.



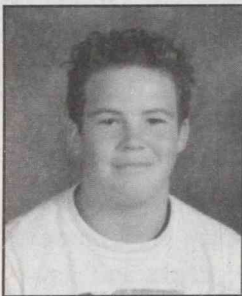
CHRIS POLLOCK
(*Student Director / Heppenstall*)

is the son of Alan and Judy Pollock. He is in the eighth grade. This is his eighth year in Drama. Chris has been in the past performances of *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Oklahoma*, *Music Man*, *The Sound of Music*, *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. He is active in Beta Club, Student Council, and the WMS Band. Chris enjoys surfing, snow boarding, playing video games, going on the Internet, watching TV, golfing, playing tennis, going hunting, karate, and playing soccer. He is an honor Thespian.



ALLISON STODDARD
(*Emily Arden - Cast A*)

is the daughter of Miriam Funderburk and Lee Stoddard. This is her third year in Drama. Allison has been in the past performances of *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and *Grease*. Allison is active in Beta Club, the WMS Band, and is a WMS cheerleader. She enjoys singing, acting, and talking on the phone. She is a Thespian.



PAYNE SINGLETARY
(*Abel - Cast B*)

is the son of Irven and Diane Singletary. This is his third year in Drama and he is in the eighth grade. He has performed in *Bye-Bye Birdie*, *Grease*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Payne plays football for WMS. He loves water-skiing, wakeboarding, and BMS. He also enjoys playing in his band. He is a Thespian.

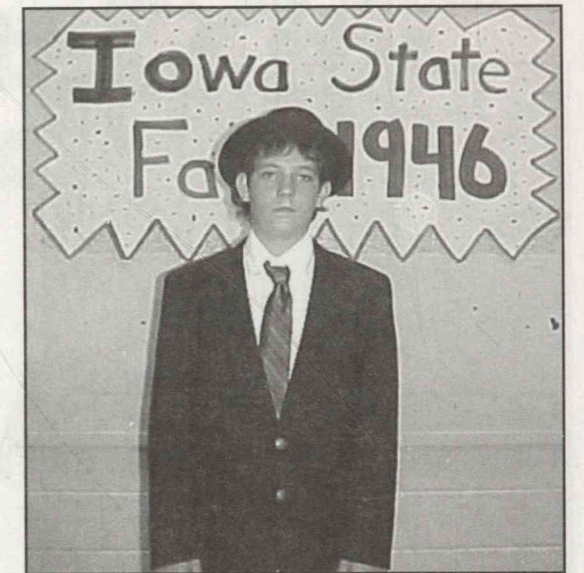
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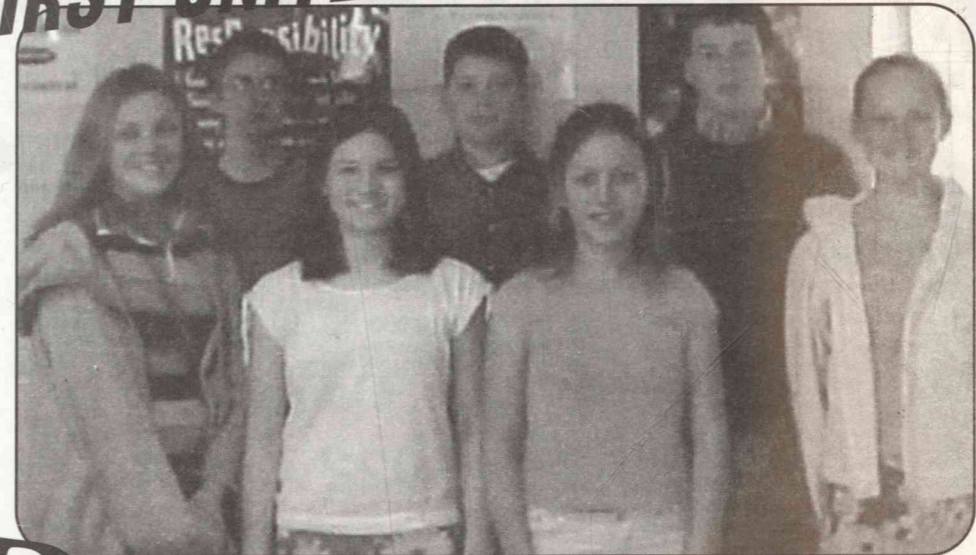
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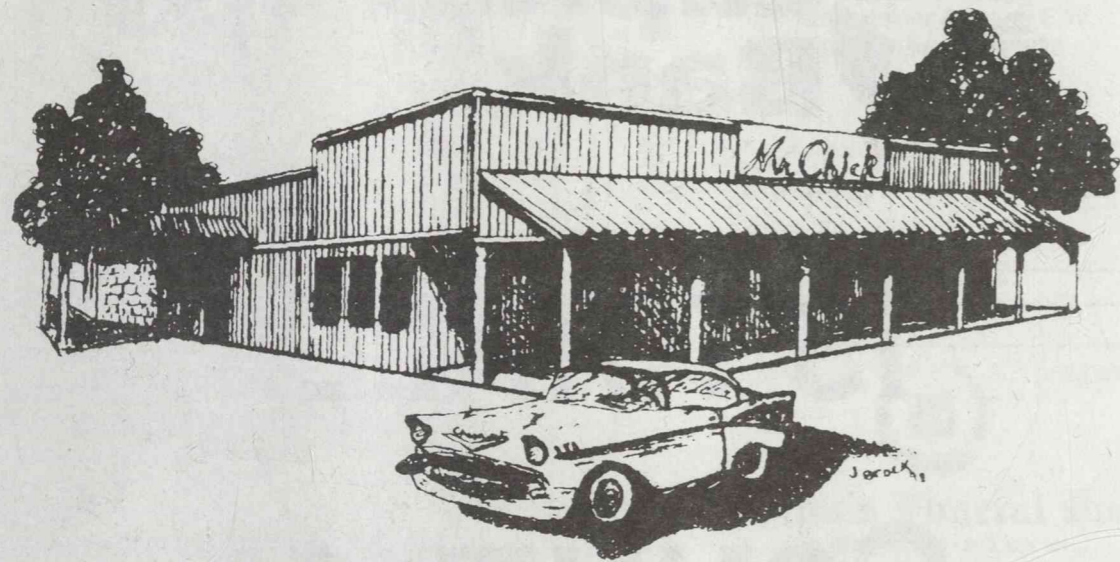
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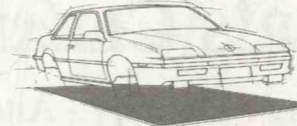
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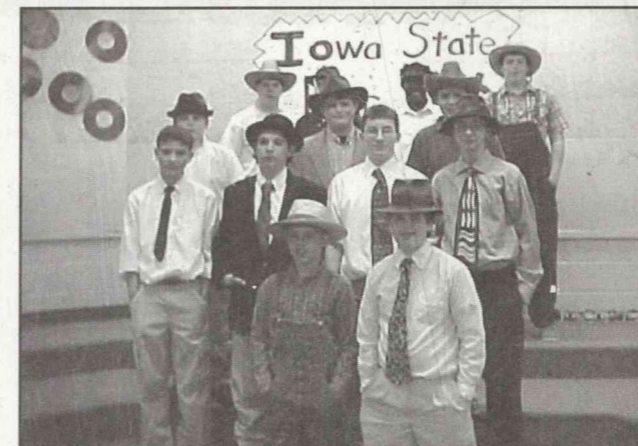
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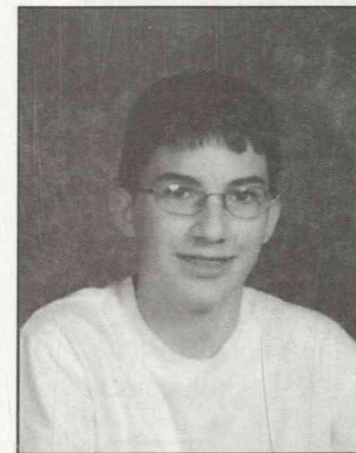
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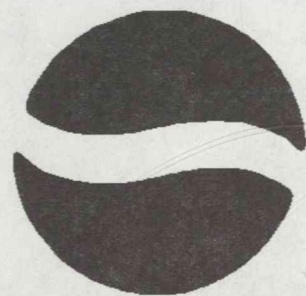
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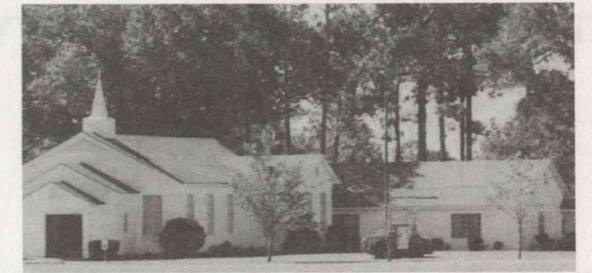
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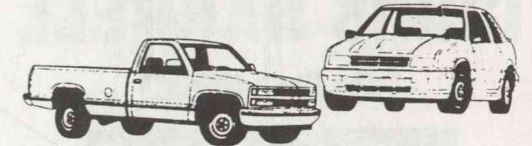
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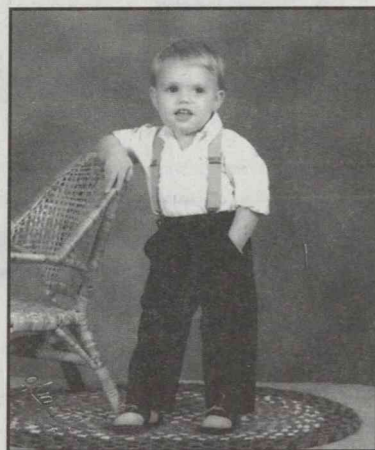
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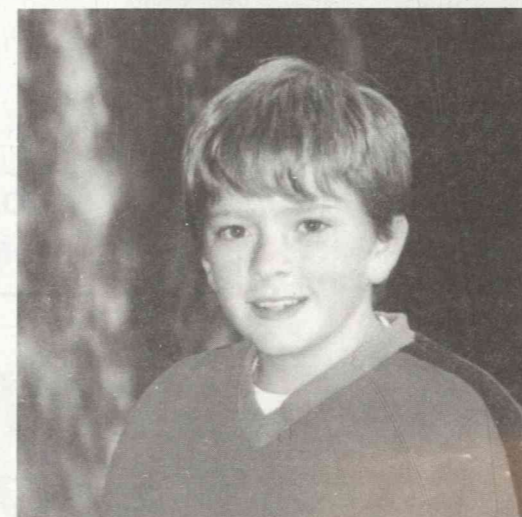
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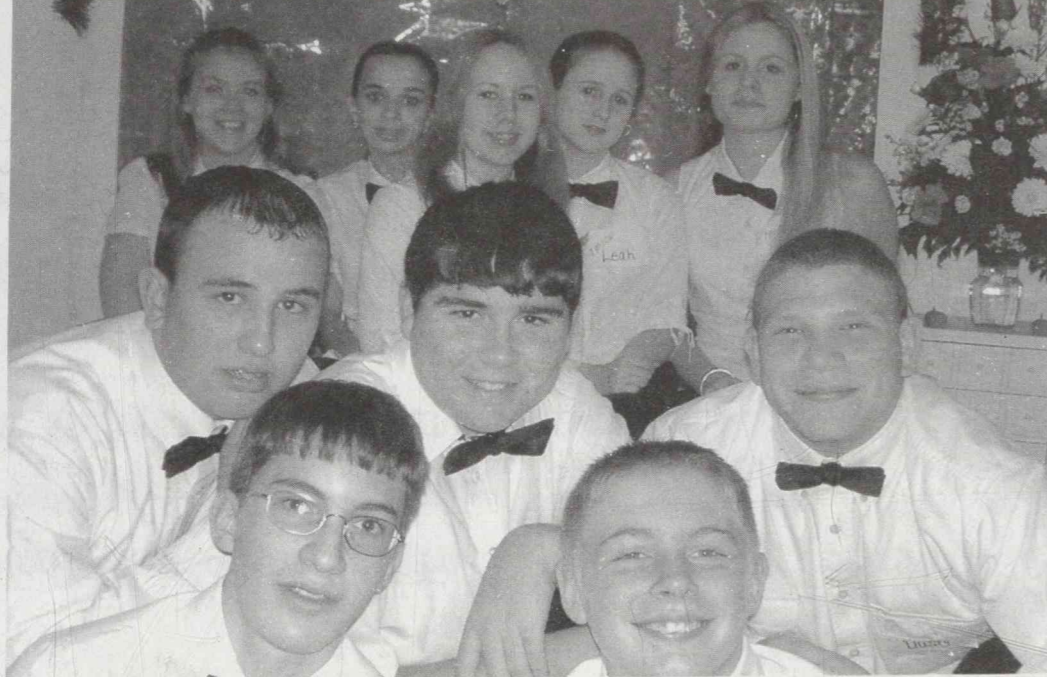
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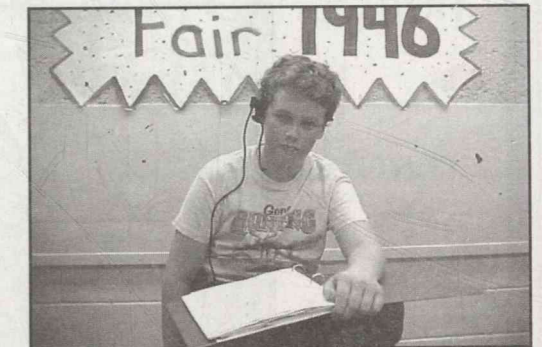
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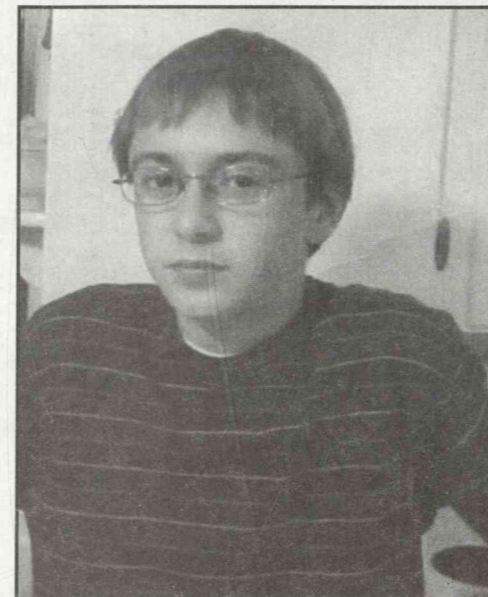
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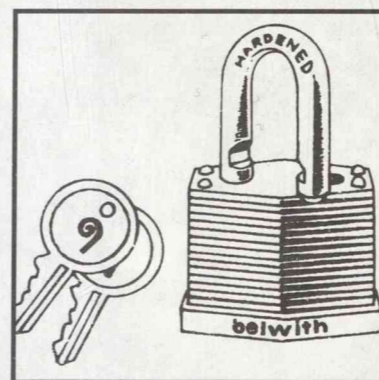
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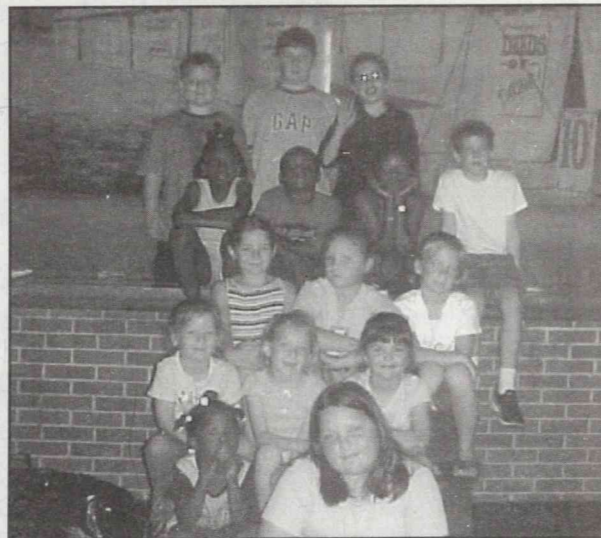


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