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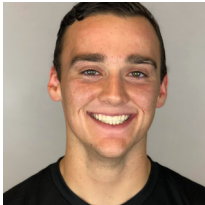
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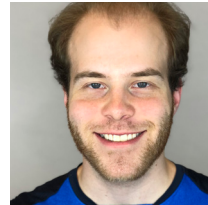
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Zeke/The Cowardly Lion BRAD ARNO
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Professor Chester Marvel/Wizard of Oz NATHAN JAQUA
Glinda SYDNEY BERRY
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Winkie General JORDAN BLUE
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ZACH ZWIEBEL

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KARLEE BOSTELMAN, ZORA DREES, ELYSE MCMASTER,
KAIT MEECE, MACY NUTTER, BAILEY RIEBESEHL,
HANNAH STAR, KATIE STEBBINS, HAYLIE WESTFALL,
KAITLYN WIEMKEN, SAMANTHA WULFF

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”	Dorothy
“Munchkinland/Ding, Dong! The Witch Is Dead”	Glinda, Dorothy, the Munchkins
“Yellow Brick Road”	Dorothy and the Munchkins
“If I Only Had A Brain”	Scarecrow
“We’re Off To See The Wizard”	Dorothy, Scarecrow
“If I Only Had A Heart”	Tin Man Dorothy, and Scarecrow
“We’re Off To See The Wizard”	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
“If I Only Had the Nerve”	The Cowardly Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
“We’re Off To See The Wizard”	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion
“Poppies”	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Glinda, Chorus

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

Act II

“The Merry Old Land of Oz”	Emerald City Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Chorus
“If I Were King of the Forest”	The Cowardly Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
“March of the Winkies”	Winkies
“Jitterbug”	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Chorus
“Reprise: Winkies March & Over the Rainbow”	Winkies
“Reprise: Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead”	Winkies

MUSICIANS

Conductor	JIM MURCKO
Keyboard/Vocal Director	RHONDA LEHMAN
Piano	JANET LYNE
Percussion	AUSTIN PATRICK
Bass Guitar	JOHN MEECE
Flute	CAROL PELLTIER
Clarinet	FRANK D’AMBROSIA CHRISTINE WONDERLY
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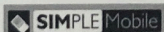
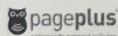
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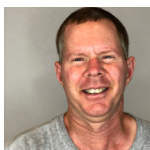


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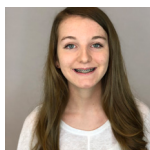




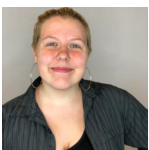
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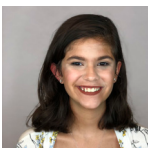
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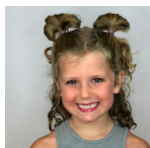
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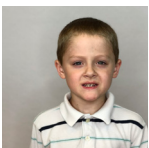
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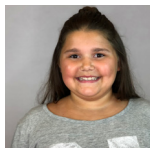
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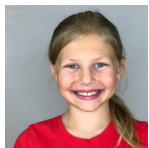
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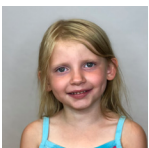
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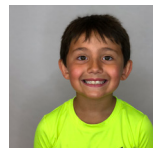
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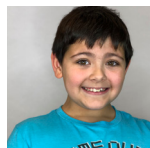
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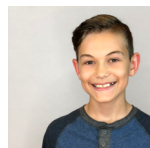
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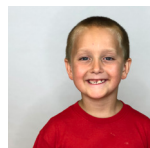
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

ABBIE FRICKE (*Dorothy*) Abbie Fricke is going into her senior year at Toledo School for the Arts and is majoring in Theatre, musical theatre, and music. She has been in about 40 different theatrical performances, but this is her third one with MVCT. Her favorite show with MVCT was the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee as the role of Olive Ostrovsky. Abbie is so excited to take on the role of Dorothy. She grew up watching the film and has always dreamed of bringing the role to life. She would like to thank her parents for never complaining about her never being home and Emily Linn for always bringing the film over when she would babysit Abbie when she was little. Abbie would like to dedicate her performance to her old dog Shadow who played the role of Toto in 2016 and is dearly missed.

LOUIE (*Toto*) Louie is the 8 year old (56 in dog years) dog child of Megan Smith. This is Louie's first time on stage but he is a natural and took right to becoming the center of attention and star of the show/diva in training. He enjoys dog treats, ice cream, cheese, and Doug Kossow. When he is not on stage Louie can be seen

walking around town without a leash or generally boycotting walks when it's too hot. Louie would like to thank director Jeff Tonjes for seeing a rising star in him, Dorothy(Abbie) for being so patient and guiding him around the stage, grandfather Keith Hesterman for providing cardboard for the show and his friends and family for coming to see him in the show. Woof, Woof (Enjoy the show)!!!

SHELLEE MURCKO (*Aunt Em*) Shellee has been a member of MVCT, serving onstage or behind the scenes in every production since Sound of Music in 1992. She is also the Secretary of MVCT. What draws me to Civic Theater? The summer musicals are a chance for our family to work together. The cast and crew of every show form a special bond that becomes our show family. We keep in touch with people near and far who have performed in summer shows and are members of our MVCT family.

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CHARLES NAGEL (*Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard*) Charles Nagel is excited to work with the fantastic cast and crew of this musical. He has performed in different musical venues including theater, a wedding singer, and for Disney. Charles thanks his family and voice teachers for their wonderful support. He thanks his fellow cast members for a truly incredible performance.

LONDON HEALY (*Hunk/The Scarecrow*)
This is Landon's 2nd year with Maumee Valley Civic Theatre. Landon was also apart of last years show Shrek the Musical (2017). Other shows include The Great Gatsby (2017), Grease (2017), and played Billy in Anything Goes (2018). Outside of theatre Landon runs cross country, plays CYO basketball and runs track. Landon would like to thank his parents for all the love and support and helping him memorize his lines.

TOM ZWIEBEL (*Hickory/The Tin Woodman*)
Tom zwiebel is a life long resident of Napoleon. He is also a veteran MVCT performer, his most recent role was lord farquaad in Shrek the musical. Tom is so excited for this role because Portraying the tin man was one of toms bucket list Characters to be! Tom would like to dedicate his performance to his wife malory and two children Zach and Lucy. Toms favorite part of this musical is getting to share the stage with his kids. Tom hopes that you and your family enjoy this production as much had he and his family have!

BRAD ARNO (*Zeke/The Cowardly Lion*) Brad Arno is the son of Ryan and Gretchen Arno. Brad has been involved in many shows such as West Side Story (Diesel), Bye Bye Birdie (Harry MacCaffee), Cinderella (King), The Great Gatsby (Wilson), Grease (Roger), and The Music Man (Barbershop Quartet). Brad likes to work out in his spare time. He would also like to thank all of the directors for the time and effort that they have put into the show.

AMY DREES (*Miss Almira Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West*) Amy Drees is the Composition and Literacy Faculty at Northwest State Community College so she shares being a school teacher with the illustrious Margaret Hamilton. This is her second favorite role, since nothing can top playing Lucy Brown in *The Threepenny Opera*, but it is a close second because Lucy doesn't get to melt. She wants to thank her father for taking her to see *Wicked*, her mother for lovely witch art, her sons for tolerating all this, her daughter for sharing the wonderful experience of being in a play together, and her husband for not complaining about missing so many summer dinners. She hopes the audience will enjoy her wickedness as much as she has...or she'll get them, too.

NATHAN JAQUA (*Professor Chester Marvel/ Wizard of Oz*) Nathan Jaqua is excited to be performing in the leading role as Professor Marvel/ The Great OZ in the Broad Way Musical, The Wizard of Oz. In his 3rd year in College, he has appeared in the chorus of Beauty and the

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Beast(Spring 2012), Oklahoma(Summer 2013), The Wedding Singer(Summer 2015), and Shrek (Summer 2017), as well as lead roles in Tarzan(Spring 2013) and Rumours(Fall 2013) as Father of Tarzan, and Ernie respectively. While working on his Bachelors Degree at Northwest State, Nathan works part-time as a Controls Engineer Intern at GM Defiance. Nathan thanks his parents for always letting him pursue his interests. He is also profoundly grateful for director Jeffrey Tonjes and the great job he has done with the show. Nathan is also actively involved with Henry County Chorale.

SYDNEY BERRY (*Glinda*) Sydney Berry is a 2015 graduate of Napoleon High School and is currently a nursing student at Northwest State Community College. She works as a nurse aid and also coaches youth soccer in Napoleon. Sydney has been involved in theater for many years and has had the pleasure of performing with MVCT for multiple shows. She is very

excited to be playing the role of Glinda and wants to thank each and every one of you for coming out to support this show and Maumee Valley Civic Theater. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

JORDAN BLUE (*Winkie General, Ozian, Chorus*) Jordan Blue is a Junior at Napoleon High School. Jordan has been in many productions throughout the years including 'Anything Goes' as Whitney and 'The Great Gatsby' as the detective. Jordan has also been in many other productions as a chorus member like Shrek, Grease, Tarzan, and more! In school, Jordan is also apart of the drama department, jazz choir, and tennis. He thanks his family for all the love and support they have given him throughout his years of acting and singing.

MARK BOCKELMAN (*Winkie, Ozian, Chorus*) Mark is excited to be in another MVCT show after being in last summers production of Shrek. He hopes you enjoy the show!



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KARLEE BOSTELMAN (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Karlee Bostelman is a student at Napoleon High School who just started doing theater this past school year. She was in the Napoleon drama department's Snow White and was the student director for the spring musical Anything Goes. Outside of theater she runs cross country. This is Karlee's first show with MVCT. She and the rest of the cast of the Wizard of Oz have worked hard for the past couple months on dances, songs, and making the show great. She would like to thank her family for making time in their busy schedules to take her to all the long rehearsals.

ZORA DREES (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Chorus*) Zora Drees is a soon to be seventh grader at Ayersville Junior High. This is her second play, after debuting in The Addams Family at Ayersville High School. Zora enjoys the theater and hopes to continue on stage. She would like to thank Christopher Banks for casting her in her first play and the Munchkins for keeping her occupied. Zora says thank you to Grandma and Grandpa for letting her take time off at their house this summer. She hopes you enjoy the play and continue to support the arts for students.

ELYSE MCMASTGER (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Chorus*) Elyse is a senior at Liberty Center High School. Elyse has enjoyed working with the Liberty Center theater program with roles such as Annie in Annie and Kitty in The Drowsy Chaperone. After high school she plans on going to an undecided college with a double major in Zoology and Education. This is Elyse's first performance with MVCT and she is excited to be a poppy, Ozian, and jitterbug. She would like to thank her family and new friends for all of their support and making her laugh throughout practices.

KAIT MEECE (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Tree, Chorus*) Kait Meece is excited to participate in another show with MVCT! This will be her 5th show with this group. So far, she has been in over 20 shows, including Shrek, West Side Story, and Rumors as some of her favorites. Kait graduated from Napoleon High School in 2015, and she currently attends the University of Akron studying Biochemistry. Kait has really enjoyed getting to know everyone involved in this cast, and is happy to see new faces as well as old. She has also enjoyed working on the makeup and costumes for this show. Kait wants to wish everyone the best as they take the stage, and as this journey comes to an end.

MACY NUTTER (*Ozian, Flying Monkey, Poppy, Chorus*) Macy Nutter is part of the Chorus for The Wizard of Oz. This is her first show with the Maumee Valley Civic Theater. Macy has been in multiple other musicals including, Annie, Aladdin, and Grease. She hopes that everybody enjoys the show since she had a lot of fun being in the musical.

BAILEY RIEBESEHL (*Nikko, Ozian, Poppy, Chorus*) Bailey Riebesehl is a part of the chorus for the Wizard of Oz. This is her first show with the Maumee Valley Civic Theater. Bailey has been in multiple shows from the Napoleon Highschool and Junior High including Grease, Anything Goes, Snow White, Parents Just Don't Understand, and Law and Order Nursery Rhyme Unit. Bailey hopes you enjoy the show!



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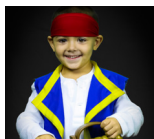
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Jeff



HANNAH STARR (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Hannah Starr is a 15 year old sophomore at Ayersville High School. She takes piano and voice lessons and is in dance. She enjoys performing and has been in numerous productions in the Young People's Theatre Guild in Defiance and in her school. Some of her favorite roles that she's done were playing Mabel in Pirates of Penzance (YPTG) and just in the spring, Wednesday Addams in the Addams Family Musical at AHS. "Playing Wednesday was a real test of my acting abilities because her character was the opposite of myself." This is Hannah's first production with MVCT and she's very excited to be a part of the Wizard of Oz. She has worked very hard learning the dances and songs. Hannah plans to study musical theatre in college and is interested in even learning and being involved in the writing side of things. She would like to write her own musical. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her. Last summer they all went to New York for vacation. She saw her first Broadway show and she told her mom that she was going to be on that stage one day!

KATIE STEBBINS (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Katie Stebbins is a student at Patrick Henry High School. She has been in theatre since the eighth grade. Her favorite musical by far is Suessical the Musical! She was a wickersham and a hunch. Outside of theatre she is a watergirl for the Patrick Henry football team, a baseball stat girl, and

is in band and choir. Her and the other dancers have put in a lot of work and she and her friends hope you enjoy the show!

HAYLIE WESTFALL (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Haylie Westfall is apart of the Wizard of Oz chorus and dancing. This is her second show with Maumee Valley Civic Theater. She has also been in several other musicals like Grease, Anything Goes and Shrek. Haylie had so much fun being apart of this show and hopes everyone enjoys it as much as she did.

KAITLYN WIEMKEN (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Kaitlyn enjoys being apart of the Wizard of Oz productions. Her past shows include The Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, Aladdin, The Jungle Book and last year's MVCT production of Shrek the Musical. Kaitlyn is also involved with 4-H, Junior Leadership, Junior Fairboard, FFA, Piano lessons, musicals at her school in Pettisville, and she loves growing pumpkins. She would like to thank her wonderful family and amazing director for letting her be apart of this productions. Crocs forever. m

SAMANTHA WULFF (*Ozian, Winkie, Poppy, Jitterbug, Chorus*) Samantha Wulff is a junior at Napoleon High School. She has been in many productions with her high school drama department, including The Great Gatsby, Grease,



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WIZARD OF OZ TRIVIA

1. L. Frank Baum wrote "The Wizard of Oz."
What does the "L" stand for?

2. The Good Witch of the North is named Glenda? T or F

3. They walked through a field of ____ which made them sleep.

4. The Wizard of Oz's mode of transportation was?

5. The munchins were midgets who really did their own dancing and singing in the movie. T or F?

6. Dorothy killed both the Wicked Witch of the East and The Wicked Witch of the West by accident? T or F?

7. The leader of the Winged Monkeys (under the WWofW) is named Nikko. T or F?
TRUE

8. What 2 items did the Cowardly Lion take with him on their way to the Witch's castle?

9. Margaret Hamilton, who was the Wicked Witch of the West & Elmira Gulch, later on made TV commercials for which brand of coffee?

10. After they arrived at the Emerald City, they all get beauty makeovers. The Tinman got oiled. The Lion got brushed. The scarecrow got re-stuffed. And Dorothy got a new dress. T or F?

12. Besides Dorothy, which other character does not wear a hat?

13. What year was the original "Wizard of Oz" published?

14. When the cyclone hit the farm, Dorothy didn't make it into the cyclone cellar because....???

15. L. Frank Baum wrote over 40 Oz books before he died. T or F?

16. Glinda, The Good Witch's mode of transportation was?

17. The Wicked Witch of the West skywrote what message to Dorothy?

18. For the movie, MGM made the slippers "ruby" because they looked good in technicolor. But what is the real color of the shoes in the book?

19. If the book was published in 1900, then what year did the movie get made?

20. Originally, Buddy Ebsen (better known as The Beverly Hillbilly's Jeb Clampett) was suppose to be The Tinman. But he had to quit. Why?

21. The most costly special effect for the movie was the horse of a different color. T or F?

22. The original ruby slippers (and there were 8 prs.) were not buried with Judy Garland when she died. T or F?

23. Miss Gulch was mad at ToTo because?

24. When Glinda, The Good Witch was sending Dorothy back home, she had to click her heels in unison with each word as she said, "There's No Place Like Home." T or F?

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Student Directed One Acts, and Anything Goes. Samantha has participated in MVCT's summer productions for the past two years, including Shrek The Musical and now The Wizard of Oz. She is also an active member of Napoleon High School's Thespian Club. Outside of theater, Samantha is a four sport athlete, and participates in symphonic choir. Samantha would like to thank everyone for supporting the theater, and wish luck to her fellow actors and actresses.

ABIGAIL BAKER (*Lullaby League, Poppy*)

Abigail is going to be in the 3rd grade at Napoleon. She will be turning 8 on the last day of the show. This is her second production, she was previously in the children's chorus for Joseph. She loves to dance and spend time with her friends. When she grows up, she wants to be a surgeon.

GEORGIA BAKER (*Munchkin, Poppy*)

Georgia recently turned 5 and will be starting begindergarten in the fall at Napoleon. This is her first production although she spends a lot of time entertaining anyone that will watch. She loves making people laugh and hopes that everyone enjoys the show.

ALLEN BARTH (*Munchkin*) Allen Barth is a third grade at Napoleon Elementary. He has always loved the movie The Wizard of Oz and is very excited to be portraying a munchkin in MVCT. This is his very first time participating in any type of theater! One of Allen's passions is cooking and baking, he wants to be a personal chef when he is older. In the meantime, he would like to work in theater for a fun hobby! He would like to thank his family for supporting him in this new adventure!

CALEB COOPER (*Barrister, Ozian*) Caleb Cooper is a third grader at Napoleon Elementary School. This is his second performance with MVCT, having been in Shrek last year. Caleb also enjoys playing football and basketball.

SOFIA FIELDS (*Munchkin, Poppy*) Sophia is extremely proud to be joining the cast of Wizard of Oz. This will be her first production with MVCT. Sophia lives in Liberty Center with her family and attends St. Paul Lutheran School. She is in the third grade, and her favorite subjects are reading, math, and art. Sophia also enjoys riding



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her horse Elmo. Sophia has enjoyed this experience and is looking forward to many more.

SIMON FRANZ (*Braggart, Ozian*) Simon is so excited for his theatrical debut! Last fall, he and seven of his favorite people dressed up as The Wizard of Oz characters. Simon was a Munchkin and he sang the “Lollipop Guild” song for anyone who would listen. Simon will be in 2nd grade. He loves popsicles, swimming, and his family.

ALIVIA FREYTAG (*Munchkin, Poppy, Ozian*) Alivia Freytag is going to be a third grader at Napoleon Elementary. This is Alivia’s first production with MVCT and she is very excited to be performing throughout the show. She hopes you all enjoy the performance as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it.

LEAH GEAHLEN (*Munchkin, Poppy*) Leah is a 5th grade student at Patrick Henry Middle School. Leah has performed as a Munchkin, Poppie, and Ozian in Patrick Henry School’s presentation of The Wizard of Oz. She had also performed as a Novice in the Sound of Music at Patrick Henry School. Leah is a Midget Cheerleader at Patrick Henry. She attends the Apostolic Christian Center in Napoleon. In her free time she enjoys singing and drawing. This is Leah’s first performance with MVCT and she had learned a lot from this experience. She is excited to audition for future shows with MVCT.

ALAINA GERKEN (*City Mother, Oppy, Ozian*) Alaina is 10 years old and lives in Ridgeville Corners. She will be in fifth grade at Napoleon Elementary this year. This is Alaina’s first production with MVCT and she has loved every minute! She hopes everyone enjoys watching the musical just as much as she has enjoyed participating!

KINSLEY HARTSON (*Munchkin*) This is 7 year old Kinsley’s theatrical debut playing the roles of Poppy & a Munchkin. When she isn’t acting Kinsley enjoys drawing, painting, singing, & playing with baby dolls. Acting in these roles, and making life long friends with cast members, has been such a positive experience that she cannot wait to be a part of future MVCT productions. She would also like to thank Director, Jeffrey Tonjes, for all the time he’s invested because without him, she wouldn’t have had the exciting opportunity to be a part of the wonderful cast of The Wizard of Oz.

KANE HARTSON (*Coroner, Ozian*) The Wizard of Oz is 10 year old Kane’s theatrical debut; playing

the roles of the Coroner of Munchkin City & an Ozian. Who knew he’d be a Doctor by age 10?? When he isn’t acting Kane enjoys, writing/telling jokes, singing & eating anything that contains chocolate. He’s excited to tell everyone “how cool it is to be in a play” & plans to encourage more people to try out for future productions. He would also like to thank Director, Jeffrey Tonjes, for all the time he’s invested, because without him Kane wouldn’t have had the exciting opportunity to be a part of the wonderful cast of The Wizard of Oz.

ZAYNE HARTSON (*Lollipop League, Ozian, Flying Monkey*) The Wizard of Oz is, 11 year old Zayne’s, theatrical debut ; playing the roles of Tough Guy Munchkin, Ozian, & Flying Monkey. When he isn’t acting Zayne enjoys all types of art, reading, playing soccer or baseball, & practicing piano. He loves how the cast & crew have helped him “be a little less shy, while having a whole lotta fun!” Zayne also wants to express his gratitude to Director, Jeffrey Tonjes, for all the time he’s invested~ because without him I wouldn’t have had the phenomenal opportunity to be a part of the wonderful cast of The Wizard of Oz.

MACI HILL (*Munchkin, Poppy*) Maci Rae Hill is only 4 years old and will be attending preschool this year at Napoleon. She loves to learn all she can from her two big sisters! She loves watching and learning about God as well as school subjects. She enjoys coloring and going swimming as well as gymnastics here at the wildcats gym where she is a left handed gymnast! Maci is such a happy go lucky girl she always has a smile on her face. She caught on quickly even though she may be the youngest in the play hopefully she can keep up on the dances. She looks forward to singing along and hopes to bring smiles to everyone’s faces.

TRINITY HILL (*Munchkin, Poppy*) Trinity Hill is a girly girl who is fun to be around and cares about helping others. She loves math and reading. She is going to be in third grade this year at Napoleon. She is active in gymnastics and swimming as well as loves church and learning about God! Trinity loves spending time with her friends and family. She is always coloring and working on making people around her smile.

JAYDA HILL (*Munchkin, Poppy*) Jayda Hill is a super smart ambitious young girl who will be attending 4th grade this year in Napoleon.



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She loves gymnastics and swimming. Jayda is a superb reader especially for such a young age! She loves learning about God and attending church activities. She enjoys acting and couldn't wait to perform in this play! Jayda loves to hang out with her friends and family. She likes watching tv and movies and just chilling.

ISABELLA HOPKINS (*Munchkin, Poppy, Ozian*) Isabella Hopkins is a first grader at Napoleon Elementary. This is her first theatrical production with MVCT and hopes to be a part of many more. Isabella is a creative, fun, outgoing girl who enjoys reading, swimming, singing and dancing. She loves her dog and cat, spending time at the lake, and playing with her brother and sisters. She currently wants to be a teacher when she grows up and absolutely loves school. She makes friends wherever she goes and is growing into and amazing little girl who her parents are so very proud of.

KARLEN JONES (*Munchkin, Poppy, Ozian*) Karlen is 8 years old and will be a third grader at Napoleon Elementary this fall. This is her very first musical and she is super excited to be doing it along with her best friend Alivia. Karlen has two dogs named Charlie and Skippy. Karlen likes playing piano, art, and being the bat girl for her sister's travel softball team. Go Lady Cats! A big thank you to all my family and friends who came to watch the show, I love you all!

GRAYSEN JONES (*City Mother, Poppy, Ozian*) Graysen is 10 years old and will be going into the fifth grade at Napoleon Elementary. This is her second production with MVCT. Last summer, she played the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland in Shrek the Musical. Graysen's favorite hobbies are reading, playing with her dogs, and listening to music. She is excited for everyone to see the show and she hopes to be in many more. I love you Mom and Dad!

DELANEY LICKLY (*Lullaby League, Poppy, Flying Monkey*) Delaney is 10 yrs old and a 4th grader at Napoleon Elementary School. This is her very first production with MVCT. She is excited to be a munchkin in the Lullaby League and a Poppy.

BRENNA MASSIE (*Munchkin, Poppy, Ozian*) Brenna is a 9 year old 4th grader at NES. She is the daughter of Chris and Kayla Ehlers and Tyler

Massie. This is her first production with MVCT. She loves being on stage and Hope's everyone enjoys the performance.

AVA MILLER (*Lullaby League, Poppy*) Ava Miller is a fifth grader at Napoleon Elementary School. She fell in love with being on the stage at age 3 as a dancer at Stars Unlimited in Wauseon, Ohio. Ava is a competition team member of the Superstars Dance Company and also enjoys playing soccer, gymnastics and cheer. Ava is excited to be part of MVCT and to make her production debut.

MADDOX PEDRAZA (*Munchkin*) Napoleon and has all his life. This is Maddox's first production with MVCT and his is very excited for his debut. In his spare time when his is not practicing his "ding dong the witch is dead" dance he like to work on perfecting his parkour skills.



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BRAXTON PEDRAZA (*Lollipop League, Flying Monkey, Ozian*) Braxton has resided in Napoleon all his life. This is Braxton's first production with MVCT and he is very excited for his debut. In his spare time when he is not practicing for his roles, he works to perfect his ventriloquist skills.

AUDRINNA SCOTT (*Munchkin, Poppy, Ozian*) Audrinna Scott, 7 1/2 years young and unique, sassy, strong willed young female. Currently entering 3rd grade at Napoleon area schools, has participated in dance for the last 2 years, as well as cheerleading, softball and gymnastics. loves to *act and sing* this is her first year participating in MVCT and has learned, matured and is looking forward to the show. Audrinna is determined to participate in more shows in the future and looks forward to get the spot light. Audrinna is supported by her parents and her siblings. as well as grandparents and aunts and uncles. Audrinna wishes all other participants "break a leg".

JOSEPH SHAPPELL (*Mayor of the Munchkin City, Ozian*) Joseph Shappell is a third grader at Napoleon Elementary School. This is his first on stage performance with MVCT. In Joseph's spare time he enjoys playing video games. He would like to thank his loving family for all their support.

ASHTON WINDISCH (*Lollipop League, Flying Monkey, Ozian*) Ashton Windisch is a fifth grader at Napoleon Elementary, where he has had many notable academic accomplishments. This is his first theatrical production with MVCT. Ashton wants to be an actor when he grows up and is enjoying his first exciting experience on stage immensely. Ashton is a very athletic, intelligent, and outgoing boy who loves his family and pets. He is a member of Napoleon

Soccer Club and also plays basketball and football. He is a force to be reckoned with playing Fortnite on the Xbox, but is also very artistic and enjoys sitting quietly and drawing sketches. He is an amazing kid with a very bright future ahead of him, his parents are incredibly proud of him.

LUCY ZWIEBEL (*Munchkin, Ozian*) Lucy is 4 years old and this is her second production with MVCT. Lucy loves to dance and be the center of attention! Lucys favorite part about doing musicals is getting to wear make up!

ZACH ZWIEBEL (*Munchkin, Ozian*) Zachary is going to be a second grader at Napoleon. This is his second production with MVCT. Zachary loves theater, and music. Zach said his favorite thing about the wizard of oz is watching the tin man!

JEFFREY TONJES (*Director*) Jeffrey is excited to be directing The Wizard of Oz after making his directorial debut for the Maumee Valley Civic Theater with The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Since a young age, Jeffrey has always enjoyed the arts. Jeffrey is a Napoleon native and a Napoleon High School graduate. After graduation Jeffrey attended college at the DePaul University - Barat Campus in Chicago where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Acting and Directing and where he also studied Stage Management and Sound Design. After college, he opened up the black box Theater company, Oracle Productions, with some of his college buddies in downtown Chicago. Some of his favorite shows he has been a part of include The Three Penny Opera, Carmen, Charlotte's Web, Cinderella, Little Shop of Horrors, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Raggedy Ann and Andy, and The Tempest just to name a few.

Jeffrey currently the vice president of the Maumee Valley Civic Theater, treasurer of the Napoleon Civic Center (NCC) Foundation, freelance graphic

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designer, and somehow finds time to fly the friendly skies as a New York based flight attendant for United Airlines.

Jeffrey would like to thank his mom, Lynn Tonjes, for her constant support, his little sister, Amanda, for always and he means always willing to help him with all his crazy projects, his niece and nephew, Sofia and Joey, for just being so cute, and his loving fur babies, Nala, Mercedes, Violet. and Iggy, for their kisses and cuddles when he needs them.

He would like to also thank Rhonda Lehman for following the yellow brick road with him assisting with the music for this show, Jim Murcko for helping me relive my high school days as you being the conductor of the musical orchestra, and the entire crew for their hard work and dedication in making this musical the best and last but certainly not least to such a wonderful cast for being such a hardworking, dedicated, and talented cast.

Finally he would like to thank the MVCT donors, advertisers and you, the patrons, for supporting local community theater.

RHONDA LEHMAN (*Vocal Director*) Rhonda is delighted to be working with Maumee Valley Civic Theater. Over the years, Rhonda has enjoyed playing keyboard for numerous shows. In recent years, Rhonda has served as vocal director and keyboardist for St. Paul Lutheran's productions of Peter Pan, Jungle Book, and Music Man. A graduate of Napoleon High School, Rhonda is interested in keeping the arts alive and well in the community and would love to see others become involved. Although Rhonda holds a degree in Music Education, she has taught preschool for a number of years at Kid's Haven, Napoleon. Rhonda and her husband, David, reside in Napoleon, with their three children, Olivia (16), Isaac (12), and Jacob (6).

JIM MURCKO (*Conductor*) Jim has been the music and orchestra director for the NHS Drama Department for 30 years and has been involved musically with several MVCT summer productions. He serves as the Napoleon Junior High choir director and the choir director and organist at Hope Lutheran Church near Hamler. He and his wife Shellie have two daughters, Katie and Anna, and four beautiful grand-daughters. He would especially like to thank the orchestra members for their willingness to

contribute to this great community effort.

ANNA MURCKO (*Choreographer*) Anna is a Senior at Youngstown State University where she is majoring in Music Education. Anna has grown up in MVCT productions since her first show, Fiddler on the Roof, when she was 2. She studied dance at the Defiance Dance Studio for 15 years beginning when she was 3. Other MVCT productions that she has appeared in include; Annie, Lil' Abner, Oklahoma, and last year, as Fiona in Shrek. Anna has choreographed many productions for MVCT and for Napoleon High School. At NHS, she choreographed and performed as Maria in West Side Story, as Rose Alvarez in Bye Bye Birdie, and as Terk in Tarzan. At YSU, Anna has sung the operatic roles of Dorabella in Così fan Tutte, Mrs. Gobineau in The Medium, and Cinderella in Cinderella. She also sings with Opera Western Reserve in Youngstown, Ohio. Anna is currently at the University of Szeged, Hungary where she is studying opera in their Summer Music Institute.

Wizard of Oz Trivia Answers (page 20)

1. LYMAN 2. False - it's GLINDA that's an "I" not "E" 3. Poppies 4. Hot Air Balloon. 5. False - They didn't really sing. They lip-synched all words. 6. TRUE: She killed the "East" by dropping her house on her and "West" by throwing water on her accidentally trying to put out the scarecrow who was on fire. 7. TRUE 8. A Spray Pump and a Fish Net 9. Maxwell House 10. False. She got her braids out and new pigtails. Some think she got her nails done too. 12. LION does not. The tinman and scarecrow have hats. 13. 1900 14. Toto ran into the house and under her bed and she went after him. By that time it was too late. 15. FALSE - He wrote 13. The rest have been written by others. 16. A large pinkish, silvery bubble. 17. "Surrender Dorothy" 18. SILVER 19. 1939 20. A severe toxic reaction to the powdered aluminum in the makeup which is a form of lead poisoning happened. 21. False: It was the cyclone 22. True. They are in the Smithsonian. 23. Ge bit her. He also had a reputation for getting into her garden and annoying her cat. 24. False - Dorothy clicked her heels 3 times and then repeated over and over..."There's No Place Like Home."



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