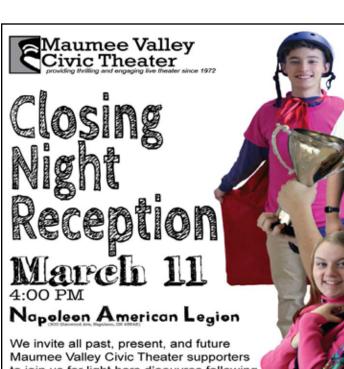
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(in alphabetical order)

Marcy Park	SYDNEY BERRY
Rona Lisa Peretti	
Leaf Coneybear	TYLER COWDREY
Olive Ostrovsky	ABBIE FRICKE
Charlito "Chip" Tolentino	ETHAN JESSING
Midge Mahoney	PAT MAASSEL
William Barfee	ELIAS PALMER
Logainne "Schwartzy" Schwartzandgrubenierre	MELISSA RAUSCH
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MUSICAL NUMBERS

"The Twenty-Fifth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"	Company
"The Spelling Rules/My Favorite Moment of the Bee"	Panch, Rona, and Spellers
"My Friend, the Dictionary"	Olive and Company
"Pandemonium"	Panch, Chip, Mitch, and Spellers
"I'm Not That Smart"	Leaf and Company
"Magic Foot"	Barfée and Company
"Pandemonium (Reprise)/y Favorite Moment of the Bee 2"	Mitch, Chip, Rona, and Company
"Prayer of the Comfort Counselor"	Mitch and Company
"Chip's Lament"	
"Woe is Me"	Logainne, Carl, Dan, and Company
"I'm Not That Smart (Reprise)"	Leaf
"I Speak Six Languages"	Marcy and Company
"The I Love You Song"	
"Woe is Me (Reprise)"	
"My Favorite Moment of the Bee 3/Second"	Rona, Barfée, Olive, and Company
"Finale"	

MUSICIANS

Music Director/Conductor/Keyboard: JANET LYNE Percussion: GREG SCHUETTE

Based upon C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E, an original play by The Farm.

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SYDNEY BERRY (Marcy Park)

Sydney Berry is a 2015 graduate of Napoleon High School and is currently a nursing student at Northwest State Community College. She has been involved in many shows around the area including Beauty and the Beast, Tarzan, Bye Bye Birdie, and many more. She is excited to be performing once more for MVCT and would like to thank everyone that continuously supports the arts.

KIM BINGHAM (Rona Lisa Peretti)

Kim Bingham is a familiar face around the Maumee Valley Civic Theater. Most recently, she has been "behind the scene" directing such shows as The Odd Couple (Female Edition), Lend Me a Tenor, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and most recently, last summer's production of Shrek the Musical. She is very excited to be making a return to the acting side of the stage where she is playing Rona Lisa Peretti! Kim has played many roles on the stage including Adelaide in Guys and Dolls, Maria in The Sound of Music, Ado Annie in Oklahoma, Ermengard and Zanetta Shinn in Hello Dolly, Ursula in Bye Bye Birdie and part of the chorus in South Pacific and Annie. Kim and her husband, Dan reside in Holgate and are busy parents to 3 wonderful and very involved kids, Hannah, Hayes and Bella. She is employed by the Henry County Sheriff's Office as the Administrative Assistant. Kim wants to thank her family for all of their love and support, my parents for instilling in me the love of theater at a very young age, Janet for working with us to make sure our vocals are top notch and to Jeff for allowing me to be a part of this amazing cast! This show has been sooooo much fun!!

TYLER COWDREY (Leaf Coneybear)

Tyler Cowdrey is a senior at Toledo School for the Arts. He has enjoyed performing with Waterville Playshop in Children of Eden in the role of Cain and 3B Productions in Sister Act in the role of Pablo and many other productions. This is Tyler's first production with MVCT and is very excited to be portraying Leaf Coneybear. Tyler is intending to go to college for a major in musical theatre. He thanks his family for all of their support that they give. He especially would like to thank his mom for all the hard work she puts in to help him achieve his goals.

ABBIE FRICKE (Olive Ostrovsky)

Abbie Fricke is a junior at Toledo School for the Arts. At TSA she studies musical-theater, theatre, and music. She has been doing theatre for 6 years and has been in about 40 different productions. This is her second show with MVCT. Her first was Shrek the Musical in 2017, she played Teen Fiona, one of the three blind mice, and a tap dancing rat. Abbie is also a Toledo Zoo Teen at the Toledo Zoo and is currently

serving as the programs Be the Change chair. She would like to let everyone know that her real parents are very tentative and loving parents, and she would like to thank them for all the gas money.

ETHAN JESSING (Charlito "Chip" Tolentino)

Ethan is partisipating in his second production with Maumee Valley Civic Theater! He is a stoodent at the University of Toledo studeeying Middle Childhood Education with a fohcus on Science and History. Ethan has been aktive in school moosicals, marshing & concert bands, and other student organizations for as long as he can remamber. Lately, Ethan has been volunteerang in a Napoleon Elementary classroom, werking with the Northwest Ohio ESC, and playing in the simfonic band on UT's campus. Some of Ethan's most memorable performansis are his role of Donkey in MVCT's "Shrek", Scarecrow in Delta High School's "The Wizard of Oz", and Monsieur D'arque in 3B Community Theater's produckshun of "Beauty and the Beast". Ethan would like to thank everywon for supporting local civic groups such as this, and give a speshall shoutout to his familee and friends for their konstant luv and kindness! Enjoy the utter pandemonium of the Bee.

ELIAS PALMER (William Morris Barfée)

Elias Palmer is excited to be going into his eighth year of acting and is excited to be performing in his 40th stage production which he will have achieved by May of 2018. Some of his biggest roles include Willy Wonka in Willy Wonka, Henry in The Princess King, and The Beatle in Sweeney Todd. He's very excited to be in his first Maumee Valley Civic Theater show. He is trained in multiple forms of dance including ballet, jazz, and tap. As well as training in acting and singing. He wants to continue his acting career and go to college to get a degree in theater. Outside of theater he's the president of the City of Toledo's Youth Commission. He's excited for more adventures and here's to 40 more shows.

PAT MAASSEL (Midge Mahoney)

Pat Maassel lives in Napoleon and is a retired postal worker. She has been a member of the Maumee Valley Civic Theater for 42 years and has been in many shows. Some of her favorites have been Wizard of Ox, Oklahoma, The Music Man, and more recently The Wedding Singer and Shrek. She loves interacting with all ages and has been especially excited about doing this show with her two daughters, Kim and Melissa. Thanks, Jeff, for giving me the opportunity and a big thanks to all of you who support the arts.

MELISSA RAUSCH (Logainne "Schwarzy"

SchwartzandGrubenierre)

I have been involved with MVCT since I was a child and have grown up to love the theater! I am excited to be playing Schwarzy in MVCT's production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. I have also

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been apart of many MVCT productions such as "Nunsense" as Sister Robert Anne and "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" as the Narrator, Other MVCT shows I've been apart of are "Oklahoma!"; "Little Shop of Horrors"; "Lil Abner"; Florence in "The Odd Couple Female Version"; Maggie in "Lend Me A Tenor" and many more!! You may have seen me as a tap dancing rat in MVCT's "Shrek the Musical" as well as being assistant director for the musical. Most recently, I was in Fort Defiance Players "Putting it Together" and "Legally Blonde" as Elle Woods. Other productions with Fort Defiance Players include the Bird Woman in "Mary Poppins"; Kathy in "Company"; and chorus in "Les Miserables". My day job is a laboratory assistant at Henry County Hospital. I live in Florida (Ohio) with my husband Nick and two cats, Gunther and Beemo.

MARK SCHWIEBERT (Vice Principal Douglas Panch)

Mark Schwiebert lives and farms in Southern Henry County. He has been in several productions of the MVCT and has enjoyed playing variety of characters. He also enjoys singing with the Henry County Chorale and a group known as Nostalgia. He hopes the audience has as much fun watching the show as everyone involved has had in presenting it

JEFFREY TONJES (Director)

Jeffrey is 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 is a board member of the Maumee Valley Civic Theater, treasurer of the Napoleon Civic Center Foundation, board member of the Symphony of Trees, freelance graphic 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 and dad, Lynn and Dennis, for their constant support, his little sister, Amanda, for always being 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, and Iggy, for their cuddles and kisses when he needs them.

He also would like to send a special thank you to Janet Lyne for her assistance with the music for this show, Ken Neuenschwander for his help and guidance, the Maumee Valley Civic Theater Board for their courage, heart, and thoughtfulness for allowing him to direct this year's shows, and last but certainly not least to Ethan, Kim, Sydney, Abbie, Tyler, Melissa, Elias, Pat and Mark for being such a hardworking, dedicated, and talented cast. He also would like to thank the cast for helping him relight his passion for the theater!

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

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JANET LYNE (Music Director/Conductor/ Keyboard)

Janet Lyne has been greatly involved in the choral music world since receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano and choral music education at Bowling Green State University under the guidance of Richard Mathey, Dr. Ivan Trusler, Dr. William Skoog, Dr. Barbara Lockard-Zimmerman, and Dr. James Paul Kennedy. She is retired from teaching vocal music K-12 and college level courses. She has been a member of the Ohio Music Education Association, American Choral Directors Association, Phi Delta Kappa-Education Honorary, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, and Kappa Delta sorority. She also studied voice under Lester Freedman, founder of the Toledo and Dayton opera. Janet is equally active in musical theatre, having served as director, assistant director, choreographer, vocal director, accompanist and/or conductor for 50+ shows at school, church, and community theatres. Originally from Bryan, Ohio, Janet has also been a church organist/pianist/ vocalist since the sixth grade. One of Lyne's proudest accomplishments is her son Zach, who is a dispatcher for the Henry County Sheriff and fireman/EMT for Napoleon and Florida Fire & Rescue. She is also married to Larry Lyne, retired director of the Liberty Center High School band program.

REBECCA FELDMAN (Conceiver)

Rebecca Feldman is the conceiver of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee for which she won a Lucille Lortel Award, Drama Desk and Tony Nomination for Best Musical. She directed its world premiere at Barrington Stage Company in the summer of 2004. Rebecca conceived, directed, and performed in C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E, the play upon which Spelling Bee is based, with her company The Farm.

JAY REISS (Provided Additional Materials)
Jay Reiss is playwright. He is a Julliard graduate and provided additional material to the book for THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE. Reiss appeared in the original workshops, Off-Broadway cast, and Broadway cast of the musical as Vice Principal Douglas Panch.

WILLIAM FINN (Music And Lyrics)

Mr. Finn is the writer and composer of Falsettos, for which he received two Tony Awards, Best Book of a Musical (with James Lapine) and Best Original Score. He has also written and composed In Trousers, March of the Falsettos and Falsettoland (Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, two Los Angeles Drama Critic's Awards, two Drama Desk Awards, the Lucille Lortel Award, and Guggenheim Fellowship in Musical Composition). Mr. Finn wrote the lyrics to Graciela Daniele's Tango Apasionado (music by the great Astor Piazzolla) and, with Michael Starobin,

the music to Lapine's version of The Winter's Tale. His musical, Romance in Hard Times, was presented at the Public Theater. Recently, he wrote Painting You for Love's Fire, a piece commissioned and performed bye the Acting Company, based on Shakepeare's sonnets. For television, Mr. Finn provided the music and lyrics for the Ace Award-winning HBO cartoon "Ira Sleeps Over," "Tom Thumb and Thumbelina," "Pokey Little Puppy's First Christmas," and, with Ellen Fitzhugh, two "Brave little Toaster" cartoons, Mr. Finn has written for Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, and The New Yorker. A graduate of Williams College where he was awarded the Hutchinson Fellowship for Musical Composition, Finn now teaches a weekly master class at the NYU Tisch Graduate Program in Musical Theatre Writing. His most recent projects include Elegies, A Song Cycle (Lincoln Center) and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee which ran on Broadway and has been produced nationally and internationally, as well.

RACHEL SHEINKIN (Book)

Broadway: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Tony, Drama Desk awards); Off Broadway: Striking 12 (Lucille Lortel nomination), Off-Off: Serenade. Regional: Guthrie, Little House on the Prairie; Center Theater Group, Sleeping Beauty Wakes(Los Angeles Ovation Award); London: Blood Drive. Residencies, fellowships, commissions include: Eugene O'Neill National Theater Center, Baryshnikov Dance Foundation, MacDowell Colony, Manhattan Theatre Club, Deaf West, McCarter Theatre, Playwrights Horizons. Rachel is a volunteer mentor for TDF's Open Doors program, a visiting instructor at Yale School of Drama, and adjunct faculty member of NYU's Graduate Musical Theater Writing Program.

THE FARM

The Farm was founded in 2000 by Rebecca Feldman, Artistic Director. It is a collective of writers and performers, including Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg. The Farm's interest is in the role of improvisation in creating new work for the theatre. The Farm initially designates a two-week intensive period in which to discover, develop, and rehearse a play from the impulses borne mainly out of the pressure of a deadline. Previous projects include "Super" (at Atlantic Theatre Studios), "Why I Hate Florida" (workshop at White Wave in DUMBO) and "C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E" (at the Present Company Theatorium in October 2002). on which "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is based. The character and original dialogue of "Beth Marguiles," "Vice President Douglas Panch," "Mr. Barfee," and "Logan Schwarzengrubenierre" were created by Rebecca Feldman, Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg, respectively.



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