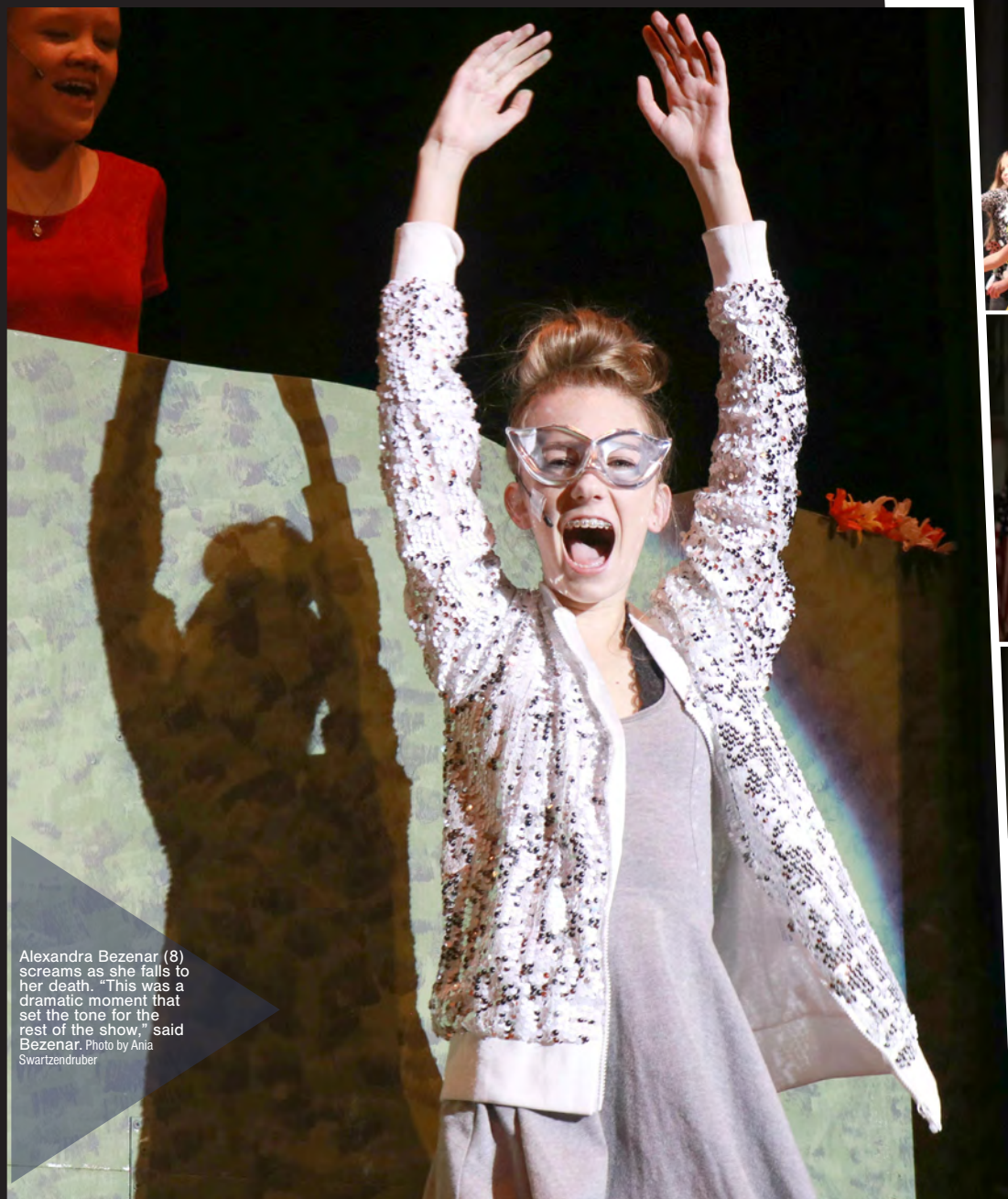


CURTAIN CALL

Blackout is a term actors use to determine the end of a scene. As one section of the story comes to a closing, darkness falls across the stage so props can be exchanged and new blocking can happen. A blackout is not supposed to occur right in the middle of lines, but, this is what happened in the 2018 fall play. It was the opening night performance, Oct. 25th, and about halfway through the first act, there was a technical difficulty. A power cord didn't fit into the socket, started cutting out, and the spotlights and stage lights turned pitch black; resembling a power outage. The actors on stage at the time were startled, but tried to keep acting as normal. As the popular saying goes, "the show must go on". The amazing tech crew (lead by eighth grade student Cheyenne Turner), soon figured out the issue and got the electricity functioning again. "It was kind of stressful, but I'm always proud of the crew, and they did an amazing job," Turner states. Though to the actors it felt like years in the uncomfortable fiasco, only a few seconds had passed. Still, we will never forget the infamous blackout, and the wonderfully professional cast and crew who stayed cool, calm, and collected to finish an awesome show!



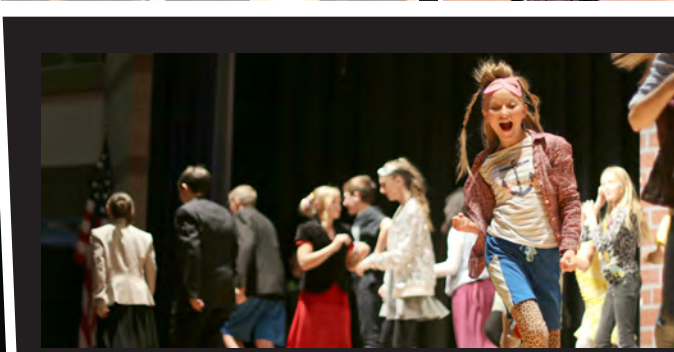
"Without their help and their ability to persevere, we would have never been able to continue our show," commented Mrs. Lewton.



Alexandra Bezenar (8) screams as she falls to her death. "This was a dramatic moment that set the tone for the rest of the show," said Bezenar. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber



1. ON POINT. The wacky cast of the school fall play do the choreographed moves in the end celebration dance. "The dance was hard to memorize, but it was super fun," expressed Collette Johnson (7). Photo by Norah Dishong **2. MY MOMENT.** The lead Sarah Daniels (8) monologues to the rest of the cast about defeating the villain. "I think that I was more excited for the play than I was nervous because I was doing what I love," added Daniels. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber **3. BOW DOWN.** After the opening night performance (Thursday Oct. 25), the cast and crew bow for the audience. "I was really sad when it was over and wanted to do it again, with the friends I made," remarked Owen Sams (6). Photo by Millie Walkenhorst **4. ORANGE YOU GLAD I'M A SUPERHERO.** Iris Pixler (8) and Bailey McCarty (8) smile after Bailey smells fruit into existence. "I was excited because I finally got a big role in a Cimarron production," mentioned McCarty. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber **5. THERE'S ALWAYS TIME FOR POETRY.** The Poet, Madisyn Ciaccio (8), reads rhymes to Golden Boy, Gabriel McGovern (7). "My character was really new and something different so it gave me a new experience," said Ciaccio. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber **6. EVIL IS MY MIDDLE NAME.** By striking her power pose, Keira VanDoren (8), the villain, directs all the attention on her. "Being the villain let me be evil which is kind of fun," responded VanDoren. Photo by Norah Dishong **7. TONGUES OUT.** The Evil Sidekick, Joseph Findley (6), mocks the students during the villain's reign. "I think I was a little bit nervous and excited because I have had experience before, but this was a new character, I had to really try," revealed Findley. Photo by Riley Mayer



MESS IT UP

Hot Mess, Allie Andersen (6), skips around the half circle during the dance on Oct. 26. "I was Hot Mess and she was the crazy person who wore her hair and outfit very crazy," stated Andersen. "I am quirky and fun like Hot Mess and like to express myself in the same way." Photo by Millie Walkenhorst

FREAKY FRIDAY

2018 "On Friday most of the time everything goes wrong. Just fake it until you make it, I guess," said Brayden Jardine (7).

In 2016, two huge tree props got knocked over right in the middle of Empowered, a girl scout play, leaving many papery leaves behind. In 2017, the beard of Reuben Rye bread fell to the floor in the middle of a scene after a giant teddy bear hit him in the face. He calmly replied with "I shaved.". In 2018, some sound cues weren't played as expected and microphones cut in and out. These are just a few specific examples of small, out of the ordinary moments in the life of theatre. Why these malfunctions occur is a mystery, but there are some theories. Anna Webster (8) broke her friends makeup mirror right before the show.

2016 "I do believe all Friday's are haunted because Friday is just a scary day. Take precautions," revealed Webster.

Others think it's just an annual curse. Whatever it may be, the legends of Freaky Friday live on through the past, present, and future.

Crew Connections

Tech Crew: all the sections have connections



Photo by Ania Swartzendruber

Run crew are the people who stay back stage and help with the shifting of props and the changing of sets.



Photo by Jake Heising

"Tech crew is behind the scenes while actors are out on stage," reported Kaden Hansen (7).

The light and sound booth runs cues, spotlights, and blackouts. They have to know technology and the script.

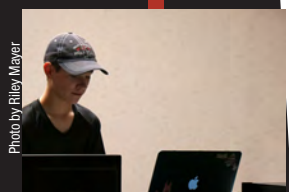


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"You don't have to go out and perform in front of everybody, but it's still scary and nerve wracking," mentioned Heather Harris (8).

MAGIC MOMENTS



1. SCHOOL WORK SUCKS. Aidan Holcomb (7) and Jack McKenna (6) do their homework during study hall. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber **2. CIRCLE UP.** A small group of students gather in a prayer circle before the show to wish each other luck. Photo by Norah Dishong **3. MIC CHECK.** Amanda Mity (7) announces to the student body that an invisible car has their lights on. Photo by Ania Swartzendruber **4. A HUG!** Logan Jay (7) is wrapped around a blanket by Aidan Holcomb (7) as he screams "A hug!" "My cast mates supported me and I felt right at home," exclaimed Jay. Photo by Millie Walkenhorst