

"Mary Poppins"

West Delaware's Shipshape Accents

London and Manchester collided the night West Delaware presented "Mary Poppins." Speaking and singing in a British accent meshed the two worlds into one.

Grace Reiss (12), lead character for Winifred Banks, shared that she slipped into her British accent in her everyday life.

"It was super fun to speak in them," Reiss said. "I don't think I'm great at it, but I tried my best."

West Delaware's adaptation of "Mary Poppins" had Mrs. Corry, played by Sheeley McMahon (10), speaking in a more exotic accent.

"Speaking with the Asian accent was something that I intended to only do at callbacks," McMahon said. "But when I was casted, I was told to continue doing it."

Many students initially struggled with their accents, but over time, the students' skills increased.

"I think everyone did a pretty bang-up job at them," Denise Cherry, junior and lead character Mary Poppins, said.

Justin Grawe (12) and Denise Cherry (11), acting as Bert and Mary Poppins respectively, lead the ensemble.



Difficult Deal

Mr. Banks and Mr. Northbrook, portrayed by Grant Schnieders (11) and Christian Nunley (10) respectively, argue over a bank deal.

Ms. Corry Composes Choreography

Sheeley McMahon (10) invents her own choreography, acting as Ms. Corry, while Karsyn Welcher (10) and Sydney Bolsinger (11) observe.

Being Mrs. Banks

Clutching her coat, Winifred Banks, played by Grace Reiss (12), sings about how she will help her husband, George Banks, and not give up on him.

Sugary Surprise

James Nachtman (10), while playing the role of Robertson Ay, presents a 'Practically Perfect' cake.



On the Stage

At a rehearsal, Andrew Salas (10) controls the lighting within the light booth. "My favorite thing I did this year was activating the fog machine upon Miss Andrews' entrance," Salas said. "It was very unique for lighting, and it gave the overall scene a spooky beginning."

Crew members paint Miss Andrew's birdcage for her exit. "It was a lot of fun," Lilly Meyer (12) said. "I wish I would've done it the rest of my high school career." From bottom left clockwise: Kyleigh Marsden (10), Madison Shontz (10), Grace Reth (10), Peyton Hass (10), Lilly Meyer (12).

Kennedy Niles (12) grins while a severed parrot head sits atop Mary Poppins' umbrella. Niles was the student director and worked with the new projectors.



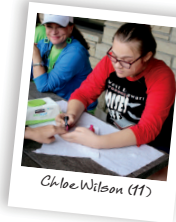
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YADC Lends Helping Hand

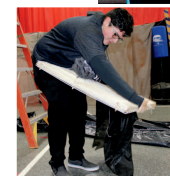
In September, the Youth Association for Disabled Citizens (YADC) hosted a Back-to-School festival where attendees played games, danced and sang karaoke. "We help kids with special needs and volunteer with things they have going on," Hannah Recker (10) said. In October, YADC also hosted a Halloween event, including a haunted barn and a dance.



Grant Zaring (9), Peyton Hass (10) and Hannah Recker (10) pose for a picture during the Halloween event at Camp Courageous.



Chloe Wilson (11)



At the Halloween event at Camp Courageous in October, Grant Zaring (9) helps tear down a table. YADC members also served food and cleaned up after the party.

How do you jump start your morning?



Gracie Weeks (11)

"Arctic Fusion tastes really good, and it's healthy! It's a nice alternative to a milkshake, and it fills you up!"

• Gracie Weeks (11)



Elias Tibbott (10)

"My favorite place to go in the mornings is Jude's Cafe because the pancakes are the best in town. Also, the chocolate milk is delicious!"

• Elias Tibbott (10)



Hayley Cook (12)

"I like Sunset (Family Restaurant) because the atmosphere is so family friendly! I love going there on the weekends with my family!"

• Hayley Cook (12)