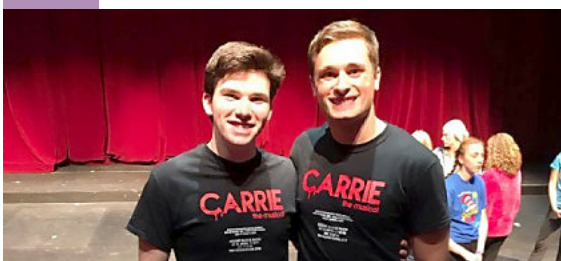


All The World's A Stage

As seen in the Fall Top 10, Thespian Troupe 856 traveled to the University of Northern Iowa for the 2019 Iowa Thespian Festival on November 8 and 9. They arrived eager for the long awaited chance to perform *CARRIE: the musical*, which had just closed at the high school the previous weekend. Over 1,000 people attended the festival, which made their experience much more memorable. After the festival was over, they came back home feeling accomplished with what they had done, and proud of the honor that they brought home to Pleasant Valley.



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"I am so humbled and grateful to do something that can impact people on a level I never thought possible. You never know how much the message you are sending means to the audience. I love doing what I love to help others." -Anna Myatt '20



As the 2019-2020 PV Spartan Drama Season began, a new show slot was added to the lineup: the Fall Play. This slot's inaugural show was "Helium", by Julian Wiles, directed by Anna Myatt.

Myatt commented that she "wanted to do this show because [she] wanted to do a show that meant a lot to [her]." After her freshman year, her grandmother, who, while never diagnosed, displayed many dementia symptoms, passed away. Her grandmother was very much like the show's main character, Mrs. Molly Kingsley. This was a great way for Myatt to put her emotions into something that will connect with others as well as convey a message.

Mrs. Kingsley is an 80 year old retired high school chemistry teacher, chocolate enthusiast, mother, and

grandmother. As her elderly mind begins to slip, helium filled balloons rekindle all the memories from her youth.

Junior Lola Johannsen played the lead role of Mrs. Kingsley and Delaney Riley played Alice, her daughter. The rest of the cast included Grace Engstrom, Braeden Jackson, Matt Bolin, and Ethan Kilcoin. Together they all portrayed what it means to have a deep connection with your family and youth.

On September 20 and 21 at 7pm in the Black Box, the cast and crew finally got to perform what they had worked on for so long. "Some equations aren't for us to solve," became a well know phrase that represents exactly what the actors were trying to get across to the audience, in life, things will happen that don't make sense, and that's completely okay.

Delaney Riley performs during the play Helium as Alice. "Being a part of the show, Helium, was an experience unlike anything else I have ever done. Not only did I make such amazing friends, but I was able to help tell a story that was funny, sad, and all-around beautiful. Acting allows for me to put on someone else's shoes, who often times is completely different than I am in real life. It has helped me to try and understand everyone around me, all while doing something that I love." Delaney Riley has been acting and an active member of drama since seventh grade. She still continues to impress everyone with her character on and off the stage.

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