

Cast of 'Curious Savage' commits hours to make March performance comic success

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The spring musical cast has started practice for the March 3, 4, and 5 performance of "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. It is a warmhearted tale of Mrs. Ethel Savage, an eccentric wealthy widow. She is left with her husband's estate and has issues concerning it. Ethel Savage will be played by Emily Gilchrist and Lacey Hoffman.

Titus Savage is played by Robert McClellan and Shannon Crane. Carissa Taylor plays Lily Belle Savage, with Joe Hays as Samuel Savage.

Their first rehearsal was Tuesday, Jan. 18. Cast members are said to have been working very hard since then. The 17 students are all required to spend an extra 12 hours to assist in building the set. Tim Pasche, retired MCHS teacher, and Troy DeRose of Identity

Graphics will lead the set building. The set will not move during the performance like it has before, making it somewhat easier for the cast. The dress rehearsals will be the last week of February.

"It's a really good because it relates to adults and students. This will make you laugh a lot; it's a real comedy," said senior Carissa Taylor. She then added, "I really enjoyed participating in this play. Everyone gets so close to each other, and it's my senior year, which is sad, but fun at the same time. Everyone worked really hard in this play to make it a good one, and I definitely think it's a good one."

"Everyone should come and see for themselves," she added.

There will be a follow up on the play performance in March's issue.



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Cast members Joe Hays, Emily Gilchrist and Carissa Taylor practice for March performance.

Spechters face reality of healthy competition

by **Michelle Schankin**
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"If you're prepared, then you're likely to do well. If not, then the judges are going to kill you," said freshmen Putt Slonksnes. The speech students are preparing for the Feb. 19 speech meet in Durango Colorado.

"We usually get ranked from 1-4, 1 being the best, or, we get ranked from 1-6. You have to have things memorized and just do the best you can," said Tanya Rinehart. Rinehart said spechters have to prepare long enough so that the piece is known upside down and sideways.

"The best in the room gets a one, the second best gets a two and the third best gets a three. Everyone else in the room gets a four," said Slonksnes. She went on to add that competitors have to pay attention, otherwise, they could get points taken off their score for distract-

ing the competitor. "Getting docked points really affects your score."

"I hate being in front of the judge when other people are there. If it's just me and the judge, it's all good because I'm afraid of people," said freshmen Stephaine Puhl. She explained that being prepared is fun because it helps build confidence "but if you're not, you get um...your bottom kicked. It's pretty bad."

Rinehart enthusiastically agreed, "Wow! being prepared makes it so much easier, but if you have a cool judge, then being not prepared is fun too."

"I look up to a few boys on the team like Kevin Byers, Will Schneegas, and Joe Hays," said Slonksnes. "They make sure that everything is going [well], and they help you understand something if you don't get it. [the team members] really show you how much they care about us freshmen."



photo by Michelle Schankin

Freshmen Tanya Rinehart and Sean Smith practice their duo for the Feb. 19 competition in Durango on second floor south hall after school. The event is their National Qualifying meet.

Key Club members asset to community, school

by Madelyn Attolini
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Key Club is an organization of high school students designed to help our community through a variety of volunteer work opportunities.

The list of MCHS students in Key Club is a long one. Emily Sperl, senior, joined, "because I like to help out the community."

Katie Morris, sophomore, also a Key Club member, said, "We

do a ton of volunteer work, and it looks good on college resumes. It's also fun. I go to the Boy's and Girl's Club all the time."

In Key Club, the members help out where needed. "Mostly, we help at the Boy's and Girl's club and Horizons," explains Alicia Thompson, senior and Key Club president.

"Horizons is for the handicapped and Key Club helps out by interacting with the clients during parties. We usually go to

Halloween, Christmas, and Valentines Day parties," Cindy Morris, Key Club advisor for seven years, explained, "Volunteer hours as well as an opportunity to help people that may not be as lucky as them are the pluses of being in Key Club. To give of themselves without money attached is what the students get out of going."

On Valentine's Day, Key Club went to Horizons to have a party. "The kids talk, listen, dance, and

play games with the clients," Morris said.

Thompson said, "We go to Horizons because it's good for the patients to interact with people, and kids are good."

As president of Key Club, Thompson must find activities for the members to help in, organize meetings and make sure everybody knows what to do.

Kelsey Bauman, senior, is also a member in Key Club. "I help out at elementary schools and canned food drives and some

other things," Bauman said.

Key Club also participates in elementary school parties. Bauman explained that she had participated in a Christmas party for students at an elementary school earlier this year. "We decorated Christmas cookies, had a Christmas tree to decorate and played relay games," Bauman added.

To join Key Club all you have to do is talk to Cindy Morris and pay a fifteen dollar fee.

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Soccer ends isolation

"I thought it was really fun playing soccer with them. They are really talented kids and are hard working. At first I thought they were going to be to themselves, but they are social and team players," explained Chad Eitel, junior.

Some students on the soccer team do not feel the same way as Eitel. Dean Harvey, sophomore, said, "I heard some kids complain about Hispanics passing the ball to other Hispanics. It was hard to communicate with them, but they aren't mean. They are really awesome soccer players and they try to

22.4 million Hispanics lived in the United States.

The causes of the Hispanics immigrating can be found in demographic, economic, and social attractions of the United States.

According to **Latinos in the Making of the United States**, by James D. Cockcroft, most Hispanics live in cities because that is where most jobs can be found. Many people think of Hispanics strictly as manual laborers and servants.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Hispanics have helped developed furniture, electronics, and garments.

Hispanics are also the key labor force for many restaurants, hotels, and other services. Some of their achievements have been ignored, mostly because of stereotyping. What some people do not realize is that they have brought their working hands, skills and talents to the U.S.

Brockman said, "I feel that we should all get to know one another because I bet I could learn a lot from the Hispanics and they could learn a lot from me and other people. I know that Hispanic doesn't necessarily mean you are Mexican, or just because someone might look a certain way. It does not mean that they are what you think they are."

She added, "There are so many types of Hispanics, and we need to not judge so much and actually get to know them. I am open to meeting new people, and I hope that other people are feeling the same way."

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communicate with the Whites."

Some students said that they are not here by choice, but because of their parents' jobs.

Duarte said, "I miss my hometown. I want to go back."

Cazares is not so sure. "Right now I don't know what I want to do, I know that both USA and Mexico are in my heart."

Part of the perception is in the labels used. Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Cubans, Central Americans, and South Americans are also called Hispanics. The Hispanic population has increased 34 percent over the past decade.

Hispanics come from many places and are the nation's fastest-growing minority. According to the 1990 census,

New coach begins training indoors

by Clarissa Dilldine
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The MCHS girl's golf team starts off this season with a new coach, Ann Marie Hamilton and indoor practices. The season begins Feb. 22.

"It will be interesting to see what the girls can do and how they will improve," said Hamilton. This is her first year to coach a team, but she has taught individuals in the past. To prepare the girls for this season she plans to have them do strength exercises, including weightlifting and course management to help them understand the terrain. Her goal for this season is to have every girl break her lowest score.

Hamilton played golf in high school for MCHS, but because there was not a girl's team, she competed on the boy's team. For three years she was always the

first or second player on the team. She played against all boys, but did not make it to State. Hamilton is now a member of the Lady Professional Golfers Association (LPGA).

For indoor practices, the girls go to the gym at the East Elementary School. There they hit foam balls against the wall, or hit regular golf balls into a net. This allows them to work on their grip and swing.

Junior Brittany Goss said the indoor practices are redundant and get old, but she thinks they are helpful because, "You can focus on the technical things more, not where the ball goes."

Sophomore Amber Nicholson said, "It's harder to practice indoors, then go to a tournament and play on a course, but it is better than nothing."

Nicholson's goals for this season are to improve her game, learn the game better, drop her

score and have fun. Goss' goal is to go to Regionals and have a good time this season.

Last year four girls attended Regionals, but none qualified for State. Senior Kaylee Perry and Nicholson went along with graduates Brittany Hutton and Stephanie Kloos. Hutton was 6 strokes off from qualifying, Nicholson was 9, Perry 15, and Kloos 19.

The first tournament is March 7, in Tiara Rado, against Grand Junction Central High School. Goss thought that the freshmen would have the most trouble with nerves the first tournament. The hardest thing for her to learn when she was a freshman was that she could not expect things to come easily for her, and that golf is more of a mental game than a physical game. "You need to have patience," Goss said.

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Computer matching precedes DECA Sweetheart Dance

Though these two students come from two very different parts of the school, their opinions are very similar. "I don't know why [I was selected]. It was pretty cool," said Jessie. He also said it was somewhat of a large shock.

There are two major traits Jessie and Katie do agree might have made them most selected. You need to just to be yourself and have a sense of humor.

Each feels confidence and humor helped make them most popular. Jessie stated, "I am just really flexible, I would say that is why." Katie feels she just had a lot of really positive answers.

Both felt the tests were well developed. Jessie thought the test had a lot of attitude questions and that was the part he most enjoyed. Katie felt the best part of the test was all the "What if scenerio" questions.

So if a random student came up and asks "What is DECA?" what would you tell them? Would the answer come out as a club, a class, or, maybe just a group of students doing what they can for themselves and the student body.