

# INVASION EARTH

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**TV**



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7:00 PM • PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE



## Scenes

Pre-Show (starting at 6:30)

Special thanks to **Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream** for sponsoring tonight's version of *The \$64,000 Question* featuring our alien crew ensemble. Please report to the theatre to participate.

### Act I

- Scene 1 ..... On board the Altaira
- Scene 2 ..... The Doctor addresses the audience
- Scene 3 ..... Trouble at Luke's house
- Scene 4 ..... The abduction is a success!
- Scene 5 ..... Luke meets the family
- Scene 6 ..... Luke meets Beaux
- Scene 7 ..... The Captain and Luke finally meet
- Scene 8 ..... The great escape

### Intermission

### Act II

- Scene 1 ..... Captured!
- Scene 2 ..... The interrogation
- Scene 3 ..... The Captain hatches another plot
- Scene 4 ..... The Doctor comes clean
- Scene 5 ..... Dinner with the Captain
- Scene 6 ..... Attack of THE WAR MACHINE
- Scene 7 ..... Wanted: dead or alive
- Scene 8 ..... On the bridge
- Scene 9 ..... Back in bed and on earth
- Scene 10 ..... To boldly go



### About the cover and featured artist:

The cover illustration is reminiscent of classic science fiction movie posters from the 1950's, featuring a rampaging robot, angry aliens and damsels in various stages of distress.

Whether any of this bears any similarity to what actually occurs in the film (or this play) is purely coincidental.

What's not mere coincidence, however, is the joy to this medium brought by Eisner Award-winning artist, Dave Dorman, who has donated his painting of *Invasion Earth* to the Pleasant Valley Drama Department as a fund-raiser for future theatre productions.

Mr. Dorman, a friend of the play's authors, has done artwork for comic, book and game publishers including *The Batman* for DC Comics and *Indiana Jones and Star Wars* series for Dark Horse Comics. His on-going projects include the *Young Jedi Knights* and *Han Solo* series of paperbacks and toy design for the *Aliens 4: Resurrection* movie.

You can learn more about Dave at: [www.davedorman.com](http://www.davedorman.com)



## Director's Notes:

Last year when Tim Bawden approached me with the idea of producing an original theatre script involving 50's sci fi movies full of invading aliens and robots, I was intrigued.

I grew up in Maquoketa during the 60's and 70's watching reruns of *Star Trek*, the serial *Gene Autry and the Phantom Empire*, and the movies *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and *The Crawling Hand on The Acri Creature Feature*. This script could be right in my wheelhouse. I was, however, concerned about the quality of the script and, indeed, if the script would actually be finished. It turns out that both of those fears were unfounded.

The script itself required only minor modifications through the rehearsal process for continuity and realization on the stage (some of the script was structured more like a film script). The script was full of wonderful "cheesy" bits that poked fun at, and yet paid homage to, a genre that is near and dear to my heart.

It has been a unique experience for me (and I hope for Tim) to develop this script and to see it fully realized on stage.

So put on your Starfleet uniform (Hopefully it's not red!), grab your ray gun, and join us on an "out of this world" adventure.

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Bill Myatt

Drama Director, PVHS



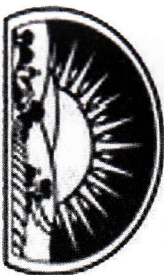
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## About the Authors:

**Tim Bawden** – a 17 year-old senior from Pleasant Valley High School. Tim is also active in the PV vocal music department and was selected for the Iowa All-State Choir this fall. He has been a member of the select choir of boys and young men from First Presbyterian Church in Davenport for the past seven years.

Tim's drama career started with the Davenport Junior Theater. He's also performed with Genesis Guild in Rock Island, IL. This is his first written work for the stage.



**Mike Bawden** (Tim's father) – is a PVHS alumnus of the Class of 1980. While at PV, Mike wrote skits for stage production and the school variety show, serving as co-emcee of the PV Capers show for three years. He was also active in vocal music and drama departments.

Mike attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas where he worked as the morning dj on the campus radio station and the cartoonist for the school newspaper in addition to majoring in Television, Radio and Film Production.



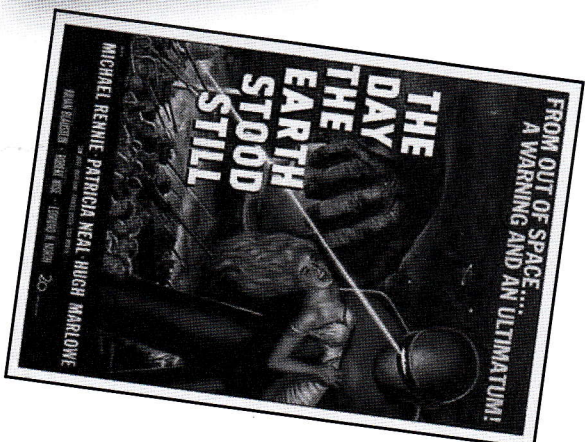
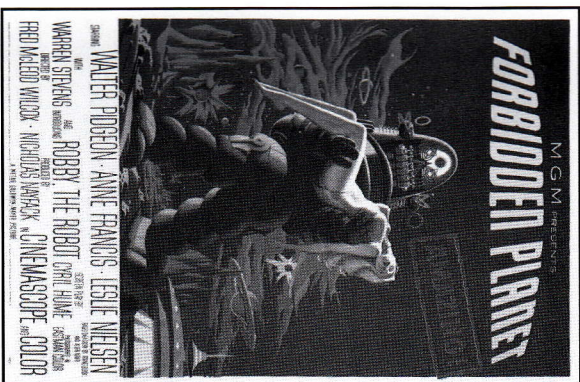
He currently is a partner in the public relations firm of Bawden & Lareau Public Relations and works with clients located around the country and in Europe.

*Invasion Earth* started out as an opportunity for father and son to spend some time together doing something they both love to do: invent stories, tell jokes, make each other laugh and dream up scenarios in which robots take over the world.

"Actually, the way it all started was when Tim and I had a heart-felt discussion about what he wanted to do in college," explains Mike. "Tim has always been interested in writing and this seemed like a great opportunity to do something fun together."

"It's been fun working with my dad on all of this," Tim explains. "He's the real tv buff. I just made sure we included plenty of B-movie action."

*Forbidden Planet* (left) and *The Day The Earth Stood Still* (below) are two shows that provided inspiration for *Invasion Earth*. As Seen On TV.



Tom Corbett and the cadets of the *Space Academy* (above) provided 1950's kids with just one of several sci-fi adventures on television, radio, film and comic books.



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## Synopsis:

An alien race in search of a new home planet decides that Earth is the perfect place to put down roots. Unfortunately, their decision is based on research consisting of analyzing our television broadcasts from the 1950s. As a result, when they arrive at our planet and abduct a teenager to participate in their simulation of Earth (prior to launching their invasion), they quickly realize that life on our planet isn't what they had anticipated.

Among the problems: we no longer live in a black and white, two-dimensional world with a laugh track and a predictably happy ending.

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## Meet the Cast and Crew:

Director ..... William Myatt  
 Technical Director/Stage Manager ..... Valerie Thompson\*  
 Scenic/Lighting/Sound Designer ..... Matthew Carney  
 Costume/Make-up Designer ..... Cindy Ramos-Parmlley  
 Assistant Stage Manager ..... Anah Chapman

### Cast (In Order of Appearance)

Klattu ..... Maddy Bawden  
 Barada ..... Maggie Martens  
 Nictu ..... Addie Espeseth  
 Baranga ..... Emma Thompson\*  
 Gort ..... Zach Cook  
 The Captain ..... Tim Bawden\*  
 Tanna/Janna ..... Haley Nellis\*  
 Beldar ..... Alex Watson\*  
 Prymatt ..... Bryana Barry  
 The Doctor ..... Owen Hoke\*  
 The Assistant ..... Brooke Schelly\*  
 Luke's Mother ..... Megan Mohs\*  
 Luke ..... Alec Walker  
 Beautopia 2000 ..... Alexandra Olsen\*  
 Barney Fife ..... Jacob Lund  
 Joe Friday ..... Max Moline\*  
 Jim Gannon ..... Colin Wischler  
 Perry Mason ..... Tevin Orozco  
 Hamilton Berger ..... Ben Bruster  
 Ed Wood ..... Jacob Lund  
 Ralph Kramden ..... Relly Bierhaus  
 Alice Kramden ..... Sarah McCraw\*  
 The War Machine ..... Himself

*Crew*

Lights Head ..... Ben Lewis\*  
 Sound Head ..... Alex Wilkinson\*  
 Props Head ..... Valerie Thompson\*  
 Costumes Heads ..... Taylor Truster\*  
 Brooke Schelly\*

Makeup Head ..... Jori Colarusso\*  
 Hair Heads ..... Jessica Smith\*  
 Rachel Guhin\*  
 PR Heads ..... Haley Nellis\*  
 Sarah McCraw\*

**Set Crew:** Emily Beilke\*, Sadie Fah\*, Haley Roethler, Owen Hoke\*, Alex Wade, Ben Roys\*, Ben Lewis\*, Kevin Li, Anah Chapman

**Deck Crew:** Emily Beilke\*, Haley Roethler, Alex Wade, Ben Roys\*, Anah Chapman

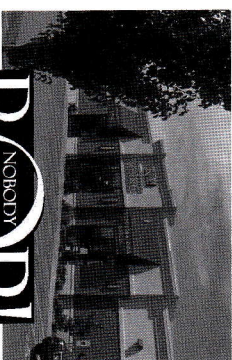
**Costumes:** Emily Beilke\*, Ali Olsen\*, Jasmine Yates, Sadie Fah\*, Julia Sears, Emma Thompson\*

**Props:** Emily Beilke\*, Owen Hoke\*, Max Moline\*, Anah Chapman, Haley Roethler, Bryana Barry

**Make-up:** Megan Mohs\*, Emma Thompson\*, Sadie Fah\*, Hannah Griggs, Ali Olsen\*, Anna Noetzle, Jacqueline Colarusso, Maddy Bawden

\* Indicates membership in The International Thespian Society Troupe 856 - A division of The Iowa Educational Theatre Association.

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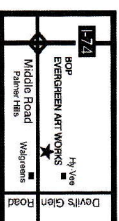


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## Cast Profiles:

### The Earthlings:

#### Megan Mohs - Luke's Mother

Megan is a senior at Pleasant Valley this year. She has been actively involved in drama for three years. When not participating in drama, she sings in the PVHS Chamber Choir. She is also an active participant in the National Honor Society. She loves performing and hopes to study graphic design and business in college. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

#### Alec Walker - Luke

Alec is a sophomore at Pleasant Valley. This is his first year in drama but this is his second play this year.

### The Aliens:

#### Tim Bawden - The Captain

Tim enjoys drama and writing and has participated since his sophomore year. He has done 9 shows thus far and has written the script for this newest show, *Invasion Earth: As Seen On TV*. He is a senior at PV.

#### Owen Hoke - The Doctor

Owen is a sophomore at PVHS. Owen has been in drama since he was in 7th grade. You may have seen him in the many plays such as *Sensical: The Musical*, *Sugar*, and *J.B.* Outside of drama, he enjoys participating in drumline.

#### Alexandra Olsen - Beautopia 2000/Beaux/Beau

Alexandra Olsen is a sophomore at PVHS. She loves being in theater and being around this wonderful family we like to call Drama Club! She had lots of fun working on her "robotic" character and learning her strange lines. She hopes you have an Intergalactic good time being one of the crew members on the Altair!

#### Brooke Schelly - The Assistant

Brooke Schelly is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She is an active member of the Drama Club as well as Chamber Choir. You may have seen her in *Sensical: The Musical* (*Anonymous, J.B.*, or *Almost, Maine*).

### The Alien Crewmen:

#### Bryana Barry - Prymatt/Lucy Ricardo

Bryana Barry is a freshman at PVHS. She is excited to be doing her second show at PV.

#### Maddy Bawden - Klaatu/Annette Funicello

Maddy Bawden is a freshman at Pleasant Valley. She loves drama and is excited to have a role in her brother's play. She also enjoys singing and dancing.

#### Reilly Bierhaus - Ralph Kranden

Reilly Bierhaus is a freshman at Pleasant Valley High school. He likes drama and is going to play tennis in the spring!

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**Ben Bruster - Hamilton Berger**

Ben is a freshman this year at PV and this is his first show. He is looking forward to the new experience.

**Zach Cook - Gort/Cubby O'Brien**

Zach Cook is new to the PV Drama Department this year. He worked set his freshman and sophomore year. He plays many different instruments as well as sings.

**Addie Espeseth - Nicto/Doreen Tracy**

Addie has been in many shows including, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Oliver Twist*, *Scrooge*, *Seussical: The Musical* and *Pinnocchio* being her favorites. Addie participated in CYT San Diego for 6 years and has performed shows at school and clubs. She loves drama!

**Jacob Lund - Barney Fife/Ed Wood**

Jacob is a freshman at Pleasant Valley but has been performing in theater productions since junior high. This past fall, Jacob was the bellboy in *Sugar*.

**Maggie Martens - Barada/Darlene Gillespie**

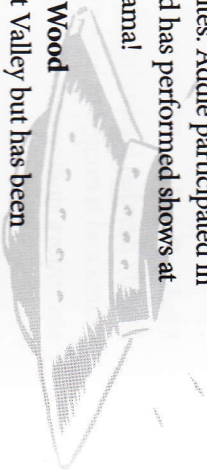
Maggie is a freshman at Pleasant Valley. She is excited to participate in another show on the Pleasant Valley stage. She'd like to thank her friends and family for all of their support!

**Sarah McCraw - Alice Kranden**

Sarah McCraw is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. When she's not hanging out with friends, she is working at Junior Theater. She loves to sing and be on stage! You may remember Sarah from her performance this past Fall as Sweet Sue in *Sugar*.

**Max Moline - Carl/Sgt. Joe Friday**

Max Moline is a sophomore here at PV and in his second year in the Drama Department. He plays Joe Friday in the show and hopes you all have a wonderful time ... and those are just the facts, mām.



# BREAK-A-LEGS!

Alec,  
We love watching you continue to develop in drama. And we love watching you have fun and make new friends. Keep up the hard work. Break a leg!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Emily, Sally

Sarah ...

You'll send us straight to the moon with your performance!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jack, Molly and Bella

Jessica,  
Your joy radiates through everything you do. I couldn't be more proud of you and the work you've put into this show! Way to go, kid!

Love,  
Steve

Jessica,

This has been your behind-the-scenes year! Your "hair skills" make the stage shine! And your positive attitude makes you a "Star"! Great job! We love you!!

Dad & Mom





I love Lucy but not as much as I love you!  
Break a leg Brynna!

Alexandra! Your passion for being on stage is great! We are so very proud of you and see how positively impactful that theater has been in your life! "Break a leg"

With love,  
from Mom and Dad

### "Break a Leg" Ali

When are you going to be Princess Leia in Star Wars?

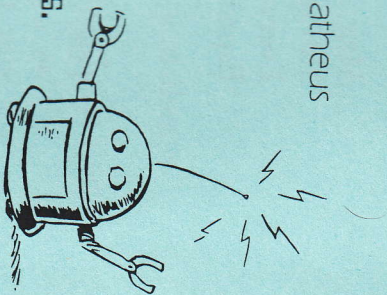
We love you!  
Your brothers, Lucas and Mathews

MEMO

TO: MRR MACHINE

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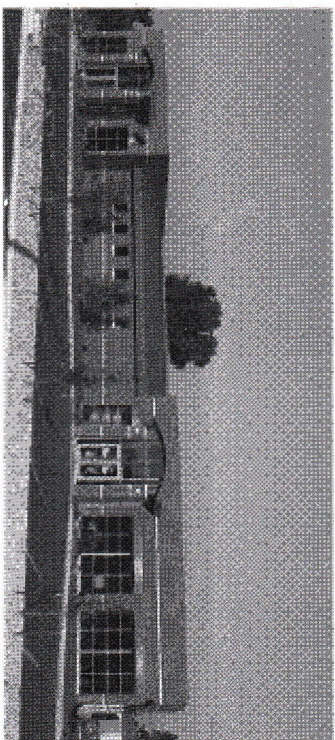


FROM:  
ALL THE GUYS BACK  
AT THE LRB

To *The Great Bird of the Theatre* and the Cast and Crew of the *Albino*,  
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**Haley Nellis - Tanna/Janna a.k.a. Cathy/Patry Lane**

Haley Nellis is a junior at PV. She loves performing on the Spartan Stage. You may have seen her last as Mrs. Mayor in *Suessical: The Musical* or as Sugar Kane in *Sugar*. In addition to theatre, she enjoys choir and spending time with friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Tevin Orozco - Perry Mason**

Tevin Orozco is semi-new to the Drama Department this year. He has been here before and helped a little bit on set, but has never gotten fully involved until this year. He enjoys music, participates in Choir, plays guitar and plans on going to college and studying music.

**Emma Thompson - Baranga/Karen Pendleton**

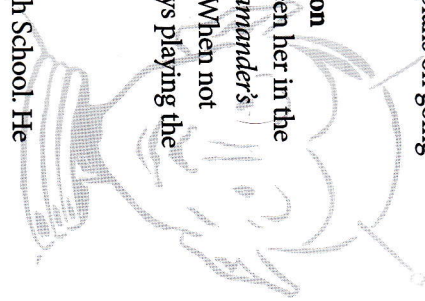
Emma is a junior at PVHS. You might have seen her in the ensemble in *Anything Goes*, as Omar in *A Salamander's Story*, as a Bird Girl in *Suessical: The Musical*. When not performing on the Spartan Stage, Emma enjoys playing the alto saxophone in the school band.

**Alex Watson - Beldar/Ricky Ricardo**

Alex Watson is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. He is an active member in the Drama Club with roles including Mr. Mackus and Dr. Zyclo in *(Anon)ymous*, Elisha J. Whitney in *Anything Goes*, King Swamie in *A Salamander Story*, and Detective Bart Barkley in *The Campbell Soup Killer*. Alex is also involved in Chamber Choir and Jazz Choir. He hopes you enjoy the show and will come back for many more!

**Colin Wischler - Gorton/Det. Jim Gannon**

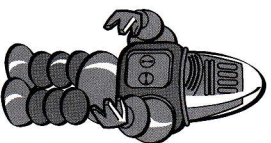
Colin is a freshman at Pleasant Valley and new to our theatre production team, but this is not his first time on the Spartan Stage. Earlier this year, Colin performed in the school variety show, produced by the Drama Department.



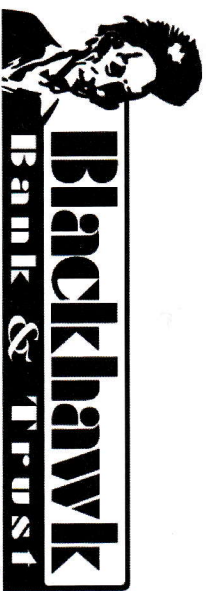
**The War Machine - as himself**

The War Machine is a one-of-a-kind, Model 1701 built as the latest in automated, self-cleaning planetary destruction and obliteration technology. He broke into his acting career over the past seventeen years - parlaying bit parts as trashmashers and proton disrupters into this leading role in this production. He hopes you like the show and that you've enjoyed your life as it comes to a fiery end and your pathetic little planet is conquered for the good of robots everywhere.

Enjoy the show! :)



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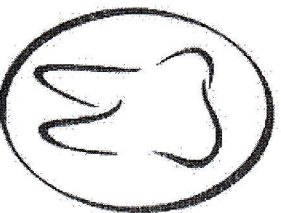
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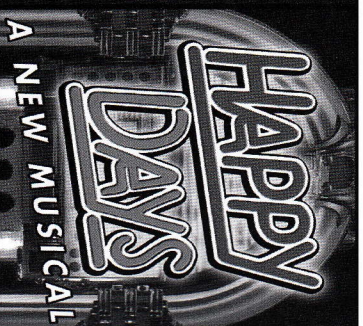
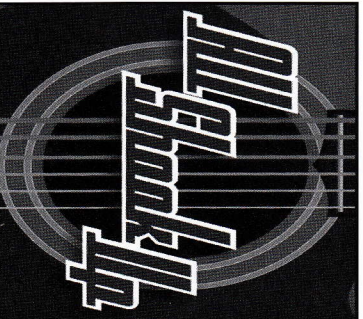
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**Meet the Crew:**

**Stage Manager/Assistant Director - Valerie Thompson**

Valerie Thompson is a graduate of University of Iowa where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts. She is very excited to be back at Pleasant Valley to teach the next generation of Thespians. Valerie is also a part of the Spartan Thespian Alumni Association and is excited to keep up the new tradition. She would like to thank her family for their unending support of her decision to follow the arts and Mr. Myatt for allowing her back into the PV theatre. Enjoy the show!!!

**Assistant Stage Manager - Anah Chapman**

Anah is a freshman at Pleasant Valley High School and is always ready to participate with backstage work. This is her first year with the PV stage, and she hopes you enjoy the show.

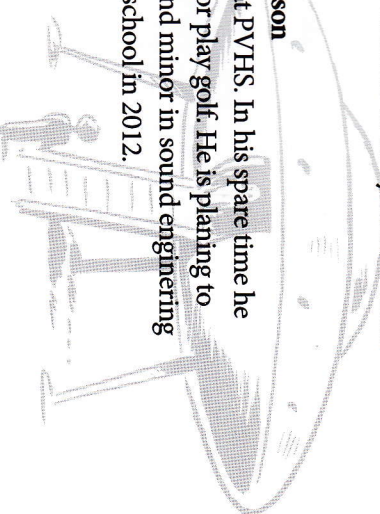
**Crew Heads:**

**Lights Head - Ben Lewis**

Benjamin "Benjie" Lewis is a junior at PVHS. He has loved being a part of the Drama Department, as well as the tennis team, and playing trumpet in band. You may have seen his work on lights for *Anything Goes*, as a Stage Manager for *Sensical: The Musical*, or as an Assistant Director/ Stage Manager for *Sugar*. Benjie has even spent time on the stage as a performer, acting in the title role of this year's children's show, *Big Bad*.

**Sound Head - Alex Wilkinson**

Alex Wilkinson is a junior at PVHS. In his spare time he likes hang out with friends or play golf. He is planning to major in technical theatre and minor in sound engineering after graduating from high school in 2012.





**Costumes Co-Head - Taylor Truster**

Taylor Truster is a senior this year and has enjoyed a successful four-year run on the Spartan stage. You may have seen him as Horton the Elephant in *Seussical: The Musical*, Moonface Martin in *Anything Goes*, or Mary Sunshine in *Chicago*. He has also worked as Costume Co-Head for *Suessical: The Musical*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Anon(ymous)*, and *J.B.* Taylor would like to thank his parents for all their love and support, and hopes you enjoy the show.

**Costume Co-Head - Brooke Schelly**

Cast members often pitch in to help with the technical aspects of a production - and for *Invasion Earth: As Seen On TV*, Brooke Schelly teamed up with Taylor Truster to take on the daunting task of costuming a crew of aliens in 1950's-era clothing. Brooke's interest in theatre (both on stage and behind the scenes) will take her into pursuing a degree in that area at St. Ambrose University next Fall.

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**Makeup Head - Jori Colarusso**

Jori Colarusso is a senior at PVHS. She has been involved in the make-up crew since her freshman year, and this is her third show as Make-Up Head. Earlier this year, she was a Gangster in the musical *Sugar* and the Fairy Godmother in *Big Bad*. Outside of school, she enjoys dancing and spending time with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Hair Co-Head - Jessica Smith**

Jessica is a senior this year at PV. She is very excited to be Hair Head for this original show. Break a leg everyone!

**Hair Co-Head - Rachel Gubin**

Rachel Gubin is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. You saw her last year as an Alligator in the jungle of Nool in *Seussical: The Musical*. Rachel spends much of her time being involved in choir and drama but she's also very involved in her church youth group and youth choir.

**Publicity Co-Head - Haley Nellis**

Haley Nellis is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. In addition to her many roles on stage, Haley has agreed to take on a role as publicity co-chair for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons.

**Publicity Co-Head - Sarah McCraw**

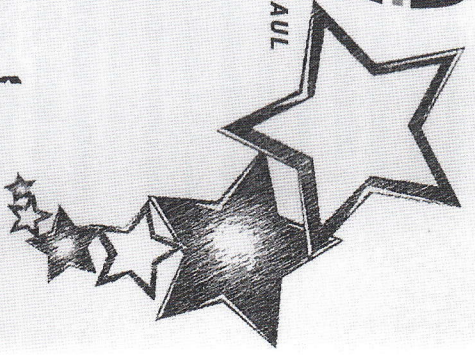
Sarah McCraw is in her junior year at PVHS. Sarah has spent extra time behind the camera taking many pictures of the production as it rehearses as part of her job as co-chair for publicity.





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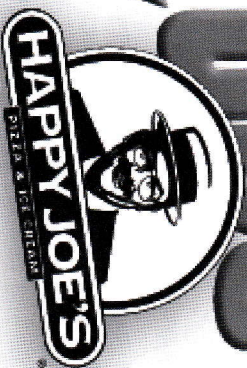
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