

**Sparta High School Theatrics**

*production of*



# **Seussical<sup>TM</sup>**

**Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

**Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS**

**Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

**Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY, and ERIC IDLE**

**Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS**

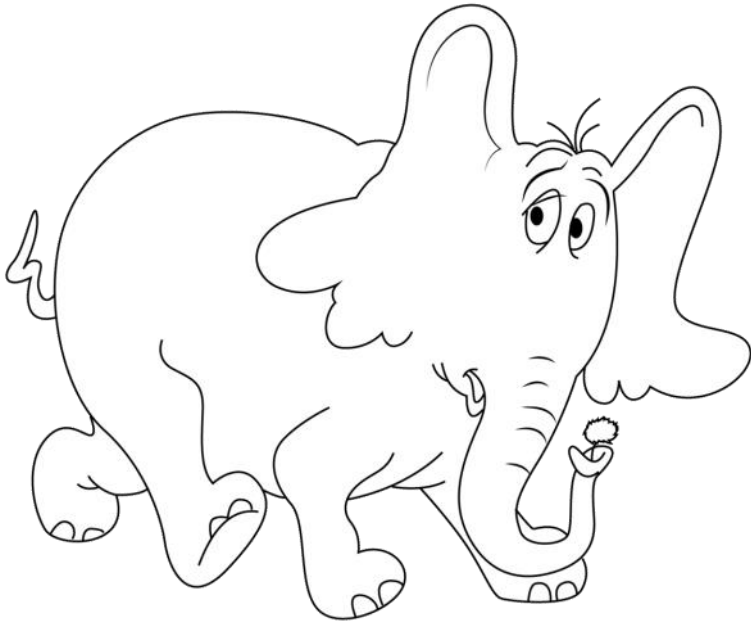
**Seussical TYA**

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# **Director's Note –**

**Dr Seuss celebrates his 60th anniversary this year. He has sold over 650 million copies of his books worldwide. Children of all ages have enjoyed the adventures of the Cat in the Hat and the Grinch, 2 of Seuss' favorite characters. Have fun with us as we dance and sing our way around Dr. Seuss in Seussical TYA!**



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# Cast of Characters

**Horton** ..... Joe Baltruczak  
**JoJo** ..... Abby Duff  
**Cat in the Hat** ..... Justin Bradford  
**Mr. Mayor** ..... Luke Frey  
**Mrs. Mayor** ..... Alanna VanStrien  
**Bird Girls** ..... Allie Amlotte, Kaitlyn Potter, Erin Alster  
**Gertrude** ..... Addie Kingshoff  
**Mayzie** ..... Starlight Potter  
**Yertle the Turtle** .... Amber Landry  
**Sour Kangaroo** ..... Anna VanWingen  
**Wickershams** ..... Aayla Enlow, Michael King, Cayden Oudbier  
**Vlad Vladikoff** ..... Raegan Armock  
**Grinch** ..... Michael King



**Blacklight Fish** ..... Raegan Armock, Charlotte Burns,  
Anabelle Kopenkoskey, Brock Kukla,  
Amber Landry, Kevin Marlatt, Keith McCune,  
Claire TerBeek, Addie Uzarski

**Jungle Citizens** ..... Raegan Armock, Charlotte Burns,  
Anabelle Kopenkoskey, Brock Kukla,  
Amber Landry, Kevin Marlatt, Keith McCune,  
Claire TerBeek, Addie Uzarski

**Whoville Citizens** .... Raegan Armock, Charlotte Burns,  
Anabelle Kopenkoskey, Brock Kukla,  
Amber Landry, Kevin Marlatt, Keith McCune,  
Claire TerBeek, Addie Uzarski

**Circus Animals** ..... Raegan Armock, Charlotte Burns,  
Anabelle Kopenkoskey, Brock Kukla,  
Amber Landry, Kevin Marlatt, Keith McCune,  
Claire TerBeek, Addie Uzarski

# Staff

**Director .....** Mar Higgins  
**Producer .....** Jeff VanSyckle  
**Vocal Directors.....** Caelin Murdock, Karissa Waggoner  
**Choreographers .....** Olivia Montgomery, Michelle Baltruczak  
**Costumer.....** Patty VanderWall  
**Sets .....** Scot Geysbeek, Connie Howe,  
Brad, Beth & Michelle Baltruczak, Jim Duff,  
Alex VanWeelde  
**Stage Manager.....** Samantha Brower  
**Stage Crew.....** Lydia Albaitis, Abigail Baltruczak,  
Jacob Dykhuizen, Ethan Frey, Emma Gebert,  
Ceci Peterson, Ava Roberts  
**Sound.....** Will McFarlin  
**Lighting Design .....** Meme Geysbeek  
**Lighting Crew..** Lauren Bradford, Kate Kober



# **Musical Numbers**

**Oh, The Thinks You Can Think!**  
**Horton Hears a Who**  
**Biggest Blame Fool**  
**Here on who**  
**How to Raise a Child**  
**Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (reprise)**  
**It's Possible**  
**Alone in the Universe**  
**The One Feather Tail**  
**Miss Gertrude McFuzz**  
**Amazing Mayzie**  
**Money Around/Chasing the Whos**  
**Notice Me, Horton**  
**How Lucky You Are**  
**Horton Sits on the Egg**  
**Egg, Nest, and Tree**  
**Sold!**  
**Mayzie in Palm Beach**  
**Mayzie at the Circus**  
**Amazing Horton**  
**Alone in the Universe (reprise)**  
**Solia Solew**  
**All For You**  
**The Whos Return**  
**The People Versus Horton the Elephant**  
**YOPP!**  
**Alone in the Universe (reprise)**  
**Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (finale)**  
**Green Eggs and Ham**

# Senior Spotlight

## Samantha Brower — Stage Manager



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am going to Saginaw Valley State University to get a Bachelors in Nursing.

**Name all the plays you have been in:**

The Thrilling Tales of The Musketeers, The Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang, Elf the Musical, Little Women, The Music Man, The Little Mermaid, Are we scared yet? (One act), All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Murder Mystery (One act), Dystopia (One act), Until Next Time (One act), Beauty and

The Beast, The Addams Family, Cinderella, Seussical The Musical

**Your favorite line from any show?**

“Hermione and Draco? She has clearly only seen the movies. In the books, there was a totally a Drarry vibe”

I would like to thank Mrs. Higgins, Mr. O and Mrs. Anderson for choosing amazing shows every year and letting me do stage crew. It truly has been a lot of fun being backstage as well as being on the stage because of you guys. I would also like to thank Mr. Higgins for always being a great stage manager by always including everyone in the shows and took me under his wing. Finally I would like to thank my parents/sisters for staying up late to memorize lines or driving me to and from rehearsals.

## Abigail Duff — JoJo



### **What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am going into journalism at Western Michigan University. I hope to work at a publishing company so that I'm surrounded by books: something that I continue to love. I hope to keep writing wherever I land.

### **Name all the plays you have been in:**

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Jungle Book, Three Musketeers, Lucky Hudson & 12th Street Gang (2x), The King & I, Newsies, Beauty & The Beast, Cinderella, The Wizard of Oz, Elf, The Addams Family, Little Women, Lead

Rings on a Merry-Go-Round, and 6 One-Acts including one that I wrote and directed.

### **Your favorite line from any show?**

"Let the world know you as who you are, not as you think you should be." Fanny Brice, Funny Girl

There are so many people who have been with me through my time in theatre, but one of the most important to thank is my Mommy Pig. Because of how rehearsals lined up, she has been driving and rearranging dinner plans for me for seven years, and I can't thank her enough for that. I would also like to thank my mom, dad and brother for coming to every show, usually multiple times. Mr. O, thank you for introducing me into theatre and Mrs. Higgins, thank you for keeping me involved and loving it. I'm also so, so, so grateful for all of the friends I've made during these plays. Thank you for allowing me to spend time here... I've enjoyed it, and I'm very grateful for it!

## Luke Frey — Mr. Mayor



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am planning to attend Cornerstone University.

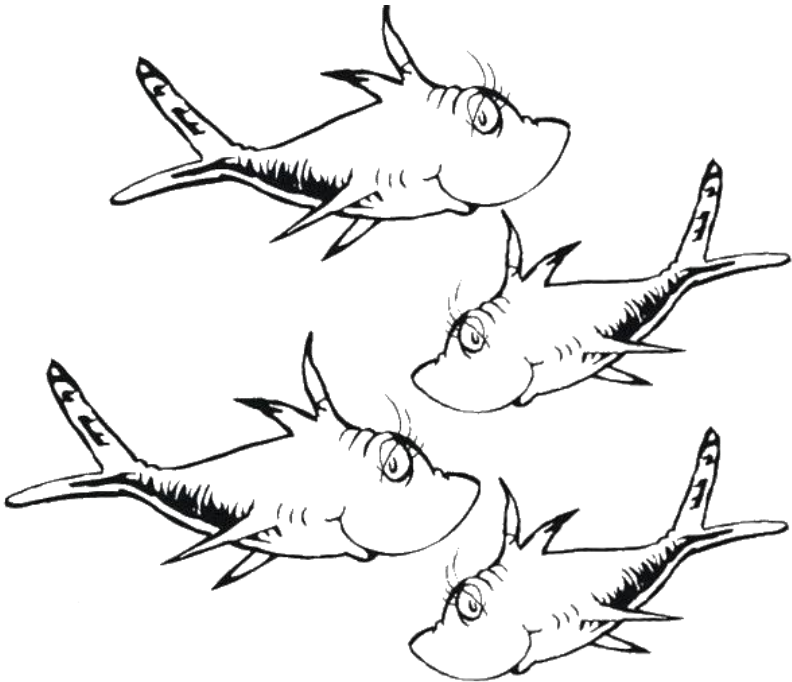
**Name all the plays you have been in:**

Elf the Musical, The Music Man, The Little Mermaid, The Addams Family, Cinderella, Little Women, Seussical & 5 One-Acts.

**Your favorite line from any show?**

“What’s your favorite color?”, Buddy, Elf the Musical

I would like to thank my parents, siblings and grandparents for always supporting me. My brother lane and Abby Duff for convincing me to do theatre. Mr. O., Mrs, Higgins, Amber and Bob Alonzo for helping me with the roles I was given.





## Will McFarlin — Sound Tech



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am headed to Ferris State University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in the Business Pathway.

**Name all the plays you have been in:**

Elf The Musical, The Music Man, The Legend of Sammy Swamp, Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Dystopia (One Act), The Radio Play Disaster (One Act), Beauty and the Beast, Baker Street Irregulars, Lead Rings on the Merry Go Round, Mamma Mia, The Addams Family, One Stoplight Town (One Act), Employees Must Wash Their Hands...

Before Murder (One Act), Until Next Time (One Act), Cinderella The Musical, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang, Seussical The Musical

**Your favorite line from any show?**

“Alright dead people, give me some weather. WOOOOSSSSHHH”

Thank you to Mr. O and Mrs. Higgins for allowing to keep coming back to run sound for all your shows, as well as the opportunity to act in both a play and a musical. Thank you to all my friends in theatre for not only dragging me into this wonderful place, but for giving me a reason to keep coming back. And thank you to Kadie Howe and Meme Geysbeek for making tech crew the best part of theatre. Theatre wouldn't be the same without you guys.

## Keith McCune — Ensemble



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am planning on going to GRCC and GVSU or SVU for a degree in teaching and/or Psychology

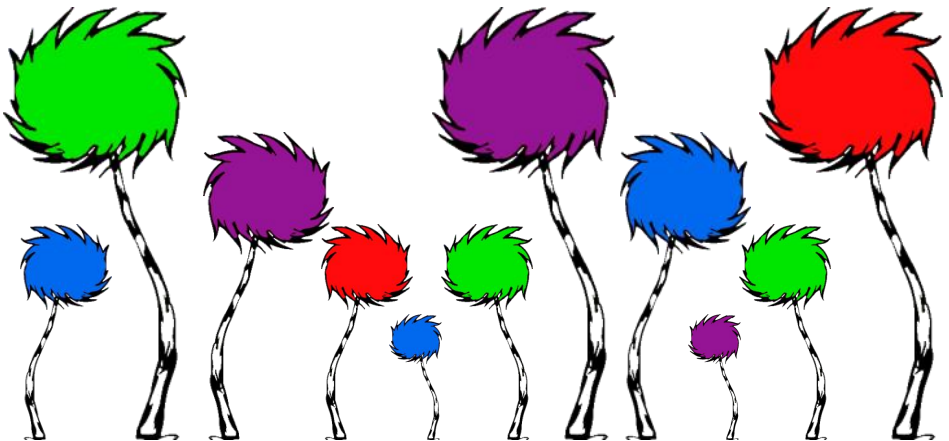
**Name all the plays you have been in:**

The Addams Family, One Spotlight Town (One Act), Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder (One Act), Until Next Time (One Act), Seussical the Musical

**Your favorite line from any show?**

“That’s so hot”

I'd like to give thanks to my friends and family, not only for coming to my shows, but for also providing me the support I needed to return to school in the first place. Thank you to my fellow classmates for making theater a fun and welcoming place, and to the directors (Mr. O, and Mrs. H) for giving me the opportunity to re-discover my love for singing. Thank you to my parents for the car rides and long nights of dancing they didn't complain about, to my sisters for seeing My shows, and finally, thank you to Anabelle, for introducing me to these amazing people, helping to provide me an incredible life, and an experience I'll never forget!



## Ava Roberts — Stage Crew



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

Attending GVSU to get my degree in social work.

**Name all the plays you have been in:**

Little Woman, Lead Rings on the Merry Go-Round, Employees Must Wash Their Hands Before Murder (One-Act), and Seussical.

Special thanks to my friends and family for supporting me in trying something new!

## Anna VanWingen — Sour Kangaroo



**What will you be doing as your life moves on?**

I am planning on going to Michigan State University for Psychology

**Name all the plays you have been in:**

The Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang, Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Dystopia (One Act), Lead Rings on the Merry Go Round, The Addams Family, Seussical the Musical

**Your favorite line from any show?**

“You wanna act like a tool, go sleep in the shed!”

Thank you to Mr. O and Mrs. Higgins for giving me all of these amazing opportunities in every show I have been in. Thank you to my parents for driving me to rehearsals and never complaining about us getting out late and for supporting me. Thank you to my friends for participating with me in the shows and the ones who come to see all of them and support the theater program.

## **Lydia Albitis — Stage Crew**



I have been in the following shows: The Addams Family, Cinderella, Lucky Hudson, Seussical. Thanks to my parents, friends, and everybody who makes these shows possible.

## **Erin Alster — Bird Girl**



I have been in the following shows: Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Lead Rings on The Merry-Go-Round, The Addams Family, One Acts, Cinderella, Seussical. I appreciate every single person who made this show possible. Especially those who have never been on the directing side of the production process. I am also grateful for my friends for making this fun and my epic parents for being epic.

## **Allie Amlotte — Bird Girl**



I have been in the following shows: Cinderella, Addams'Family, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, and more! I would like to thank the directors for all the hard work they put in and my parents for letting me be so busy

## **Raegan Armock — Vlad Vladikoff & Ensemble**



I have been in the following shows: The Baker Street Irregulars, The Addams Family, and Seussical. I'd like to thank my parents for juggling my busy schedule, our choreographers for teaching us, and everyone else who helped with the production of Seussical.

## **Abigail Baltruczak — Stage Crew**



I have been in the following shows: Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang (circa 2020), Elf, Music man, The Legend of Sammy Swamp, Little Woman, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, The Baker Street irregulars, Addams Family, Cinderella, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang (circa 2024), Seussical. I would like to thank my parents, the directors, the set builders, and the best stage crew ever :)

## **Joe Baltruczak — Horton**



I have been in the following shows: Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson, Elf, Little Women, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, The Addams Family. I would like to thank my parents and sister Michelle for pushing me to try my hardest at all the things that I did.

## **Justin Bradford — Cat in the Hat**



I have been in the following shows: The Three Musketeers, Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson, Newsies, Elf, Music Man, Little Women, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Lead Rings on the Merry Go Round, The Addams Family, Cinderella, Lucky Hudson and (Seussical). I would like to thank my parents and siblings for always supporting me.

## **Lauren Bradford — Lighting Crew**



I have been the in the following shows: Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson, Music Man, Beauty and the Beast, The Legend Of Sammy's Swamp, The Baker Street Irregulars, The Little Mermaid, Little Women, Cinderella, Adams Family, One Acts 2024. I would like to thank my family and friends for always supporting me!

## **Charlotte Burns — Ensemble**



I have been in Sammy's Swamp, The Baker Street Irregulars, Addams Family and Seussical. Thanks to Mrs. Higgins and Jeff for directing the show and everyone who was helping us.

## **Aayla Enlow — Wickersham**



I have been in Cinderella, The Addams Family, and Music Man. Thanks to Mrs. Higgins, Caelin, Michelle, Olivia, and Jeff! Thanks everyone!

## **Ethan Frey — Stage Crew**



I have been in the following shows: Elf, Music Man, Stage crew for Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, The Addams Family, 5 One-Act plays, Cinderella and Seussical. I'd like to thank my brother Luke for showing me the world of musicals. I'd like to thank my parents for helping me put time into musicals. And I'd like to thank the director for always putting on fabulous shows each year!

## **Jacob Dykhuizen — Stage Crew**



I have only been a part of Seussical. I'd like to thank Mrs. Higgins for allowing and welcoming me into this role. I really enjoyed my time working backstage. I'd also like to thank Samantha Brower and the stage crew for helping me learn how to work backstage. And thank you to my friends and family who encouraged me to take up this new opportunity.

## **Emma Gerbert — Stage Crew**



## **Michael King — Wickersham & Grinch**



I have been in the following shows: Elf, Music Man, Little Mermaid, Little Women, Beauty and the Beast, Lead Rings, Addams Family, Cinderella and Seussical. I would like to thank Alanna, Olivia, Michelle, Caelin, Mrs. Higgins, Jeff V. for making this such a fun show.

## **Addie Kingshott — Gertrude**



I have been in the following shows: Beauty and the Beast, Shrek, Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson, Music Man, Sammy's Swamp, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast again, Lead Rings, High School Musical, Addams Family, and Cinderella. I've helped with: Elf, Little Women, and Baker Street Irregulars. I would like to thank Caelin for being patient with us while we learn our songs, Olivia and Michelle for teaching us our dances, Mrs. Higgins for helping us make this production as perfect as we can, and my friends for helping me with rides and hanging out with me at practices.

## **Kate Kober — Lighting Crew**



I have been in the following shows: Addams Family, Cinderella, Lucky Hudson, Beauty and the Beast. I would like to thank Lauren-doing lights with me.

## **Anabelle Kopenkoskey — Ensemble**



I have been in the following shows: Elf the Musical, Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Dystopia! The Hungry Maze of Divergent Death, Lead Rings on the Merry Go' Round, The Addams Family, One Stoplight Town, Employees Must Wash Their Hands Before Murder, Until Next Time, Seussical. Thank you to my friends, family, and of course my amazing directors, tech, sound, and stage crew for making the entire show possible and the support they've given me throughout all of the shows I've been in. I'm so incredibly grateful for all the shows I've gotten the chance to be apart of, and to all of the people behind it for giving me a place where I can feel welcome and be given an outlet to express my inner actress.

## **Brock Kukla — Ensemble**



I have been in the following shows: Little Women, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Lead Rings, The Addams Family, Cinderella, Seussical. I want to thank Hank, Ms. WK, Michael, Addie, Alanna, Mrs. Higgins, Olivia, Michelle, Jeff, and Caelin for helping create such an amazing show!

## **Amber Landry — Yertle the Turtle & Ensemble**



The shows I have been in includes: Three Musketeers, Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson And The Twelve Street Gang, Elf The Musical, Are You Scared Yet?, All I Really Need To Know I Learned By Being In A Bad Murder Mystery, Little Women, Little Mermaid, Lead Rings On The Merry-Go-Round, Dystopia! Radio Play Disaster, Addams Family, Always Wash Your Hands Before Murder, Seussical. I would like to give a special thanks to my "theater mom" who is now graduated but really appreciated pushing me to continue theater after my first show "Three Musketeers". I was really indecisive about continuing theater after the show, but I am really glad that she was there to push me in continuing theater considering theater is now one of my favorite commitments and many memories were made. I would also like to thank family and friends who took the time out of there night to watch performances.



## Kevin Marlatt — Ensemble



I have been in the theatrical productions of the Baker Street Irregulars and The Legend of Sammy's Swamp. I would like to thank my mom my dad and my sister for dealing with me singing and dancing thru the house also big thanks for my grandma Eva for coming to all my shows I have been in. I would also like to thank Kevin Miller for all the help and support he has given me.

## Cayden Oudbier — Wickersham



I've participated in high school shows, middle school, and community. The shows I've been in are Anne of Green Gables, We Like it Here, The Three Musketeers, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Joseph, Cats, Shrek The Musical, Little Women, Lead Rings on the Merry Go Round, The Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang, The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, Cinderella, Elf, The Adams Family, and many others. I would like to thank my dad for directing lots of the shows and Mrs. Higgins for teaching me new things along my journey through theater. I would also like to thank Justin Bradford and Joe for doing theater with me year after year.

## Ceci Peterson — Stage Crew



## Kaitlyn Potter — Bird Girl



I have been in the following shows: The little Mermaid, The Addams family and Seussical. Thank you Mom and Dad for allowing me to do this even though there has been many late nights and long days and never giving up on me. Carter and Nathan I love you both with all my heart. Thank you always being there for me and always being my biggest supporters. Thank you Mr. O and Mrs. Higgins for taking a chance on me and giving me the opportunity to do what I love. Thank you to my cast mates.

When I started doing shows last year you all welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like I belonged here. Lastly, thank you Nana, Papa, Grandma, as well as my Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins for always coming to my shows and making me feel so loved. I can't thank everyone enough for everything you have done for me. I love you all.

## Starlight Potter — Mayzie



I have been in Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson, Little Mermaid, Lead Rings, Addams Family, One Acts 2024, Lucky Hudson (reprise), and Seussical. Thank you to all of the "behind the scenes" workers for the show, all of the cool and creative things you see would not be possible without them. :)

## Claire TerBeek — Ensemble



I have been in the following shows: The Three Musketeers, The Jungle Book, Little Women, Lead Rings on the Merry-Go-Round, One-Stoplight Town, Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder, and Seussical. I would like to thank my Family and Friends for supporting me and always showing up.

## Addie Uzarski — Ensemble

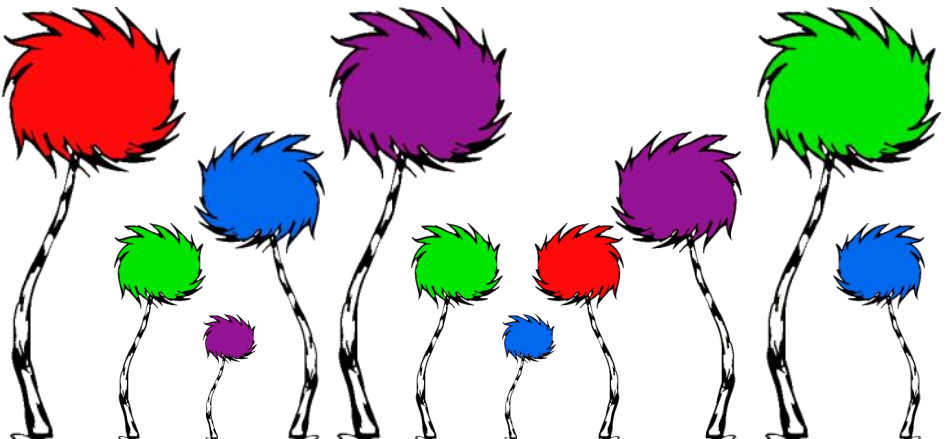


I have been in the following shows: Addams family, Seussical, Lucky Hudson, The 12th Street Gang and many more. I would like to thank my family.

## Alanna VanStrien — Mrs. Mayor



I have been in the following shows: The Jungle Book, Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang, The Legend of Sammy's Swamp, Music Man, The Little Mermaid, Lead Rings, The Addams Family, Seussical. Thank you to my dog George for keeping me humble. Thank you to my parents for raising me. Thank you to Mrs. Higgins for making this show happen. Thank you to Mrs. Caelin Murdock and Mrs. Karissa for making us sound good. Thank you to Mr. Jeff Vansyckle for taking my picture. Thank you to Olivia and Michelle for making us dance well. Thank you to the person reading this for coming to the show!



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