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## **OLIVIA AL-KAYYALY** **TWIN/SALOON GIRL**

Olivia Al-Kayyaly is going to be a freshman at ISU in the fall. She is so excited to be in her first production with PAPAS and to be a part of her second ever musical theatre show. She previously was in Eastlight's production of Newsies. Olivia has trained in classical ballet for 16 years with Peoria Ballet and has been in many shows with them throughout the years such as "The Nutcracker," "Cinderella," "Paquita/Alice in Wonderland" and many more. She would like to thank her Mom for always encouraging her to try new things and for being her biggest supporter. She would also like to thank Dedra, Bryan, and the rest of the cast and crew for making the show such a fun and memorable experience.



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## **DANIELA BARZALLO ENSEMBLE**

Daniela Barzallo will be a junior English major at Bradley University. She minors in theatre arts and women and gender studies. Before Oklahoma, she was in a few shows at Peoria Players and at Peoria Notre Dame before she graduated. In her free time she likes reading, writing, and singing, all at the most inconvenient moments imaginable. She would like to thank her parents and all her family who came to see the show.

(Gracias Familia! Les quiero mucho!)



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## **SOPHIA BARZALLO** **GERTIE CUMMINGS**

Sophia is a sophomore at Peoria Notre Dame. Sophia was previously seen as Lavender in Matilda and ensemble in School of Rock. She is thrilled to be able to play the part of Gertie in Oklahoma. She would love to thank her family and friends for their support of her love of theater.



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## **CARLTON BELL** **ENSEMBLE**

Carlton is a rising 7th grader at Peoria Academy who has been acting in musicals for almost 7 years. He was most recently in "High School Musical." His favorite role was playing Gavroche in "Les Miserables". He is participating in his 3rd year of Vocal Velocity and is learning how to play the cello and piano. Outside of musicals, Carlton enjoys math and writing. He thanks his parents for supporting him in all his extracurricular activities and for helping him to follow his dreams.



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## **RYANNE BLASEK** **DANCER**

Ryanne is a junior at Richwoods High School. She has been a part of PAPAS for 5 years and this is her second production with them. She just closed High School Musical playing Kelsi Nielsen. She enjoys skateboarding, collecting crystals and working at her parents restaurant W.E. Sullivans. Enjoy the show! YEOW!



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## **BRAYDEN BLUNIER SLIM**

Brayden Blunier is an 18 year old from Roanoke who will be going into his first year of college at ICC for Fire Science and paramedics. Oklahoma is Brayden's third show. He also played Gaston in Beauty and the Beast and Chad in High School Musical. In Brayden's free time he enjoys working out and volunteering as a firefighter for his home town. Brayden would like to thank the staff and cast of Oklahoma for allowing this show to be possible.



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## **BECCA BLUNIER** **ENSEMBLE**

Becca is a junior attending SIU in Carbondale studying medical sonography. She is so excited to be back in Peoria to be a part of such a fun show and back on stage with her brother, Brayden Blunier. She wants to give a huge thanks to her friends and family, but especially to her brother for encouraging her to do a show before moving back to school.



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## CATE BOLEY ENSEMBLE

Cate is so excited to be a part of this production of Oklahoma. She was also in PAPAS' production of Les Mis last summer. She is excited to perform with her brother Jacob and Josh White! She hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **NOLAN BRANNON ENSEMBLE**

Nolan is 12 years old and a 7th grader at Dunlap Middle School. He is so excited to be in the ensemble and part of this amazing production this summer. Nolan has been involved with CCT, performing in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Elf Jr. He kicked off the 100th year for Peoria Players with The Wizard of Oz and also performed in Tarzan. He enjoys acting classes and show choir at Peoria Area Performing Arts (PAPAS) as well as golf and cross country.



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## **MARIAM K. COURI** **DANCER**

Mariam is a graduate of Peoria Notre Dame High School and will be attending the University of Dayton this fall studying elementary education and minoring in art. Mariam has been dancing for 15 years most recently a student of Peoria Ballet, she also loves cooking, hiking, running, reading, painting and sculpting, and spending time with her eight brothers and large extended family. Thank you for supporting the cast of Oklahoma and the PAPAS family.... enjoy the show!



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## **KENNEDY CUSTER** **DANCER/ENSEMBLE**

Kennedy is 14 years old and will be a freshman at Washington Community High School. Oklahoma is her first PAPAS Summer Institute show. She has been involved with many other musicals in the Peoria area. Kennedy loves to sing and dance. She excited for you to see the show!



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## **JACK DAVIS** **DANCER/ENSEMBLE**

Jack is a sophomore at Pekin Community High School. He is so excited to be a dancer in Oklahoma! Jack was previously seen as a wildcat in High School Musical and the ensemble in Les Misérables. He is also a member of PAPAS Soundwave. Jack hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **ANABEL DAWSON** **TWIN/DANCER**

AnaBel Dawson will be a sophomore at Northwestern University this fall. She is so excited to join the talented PAPAS family on stage for this production. AnaBel has previously danced at Peoria Ballet and been involved in many productions such as The Nutcracker. She has also been in the PAPAS productions of High School Musical and Les Miserables. AnaBel would like to thank her friends and family for all of their love and support!!



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## **BRYLIE DETRA** **ENSEMBLE**

Brylie attends Rolling Acres Middle School and will be in the 7th grade! She has been in Hairspray, Les Mis, Shrek Jr, and High School Musical and she is also a member of Vocal Velocity. She loves singing and dancing and hopes you enjoy Oklahoma!!



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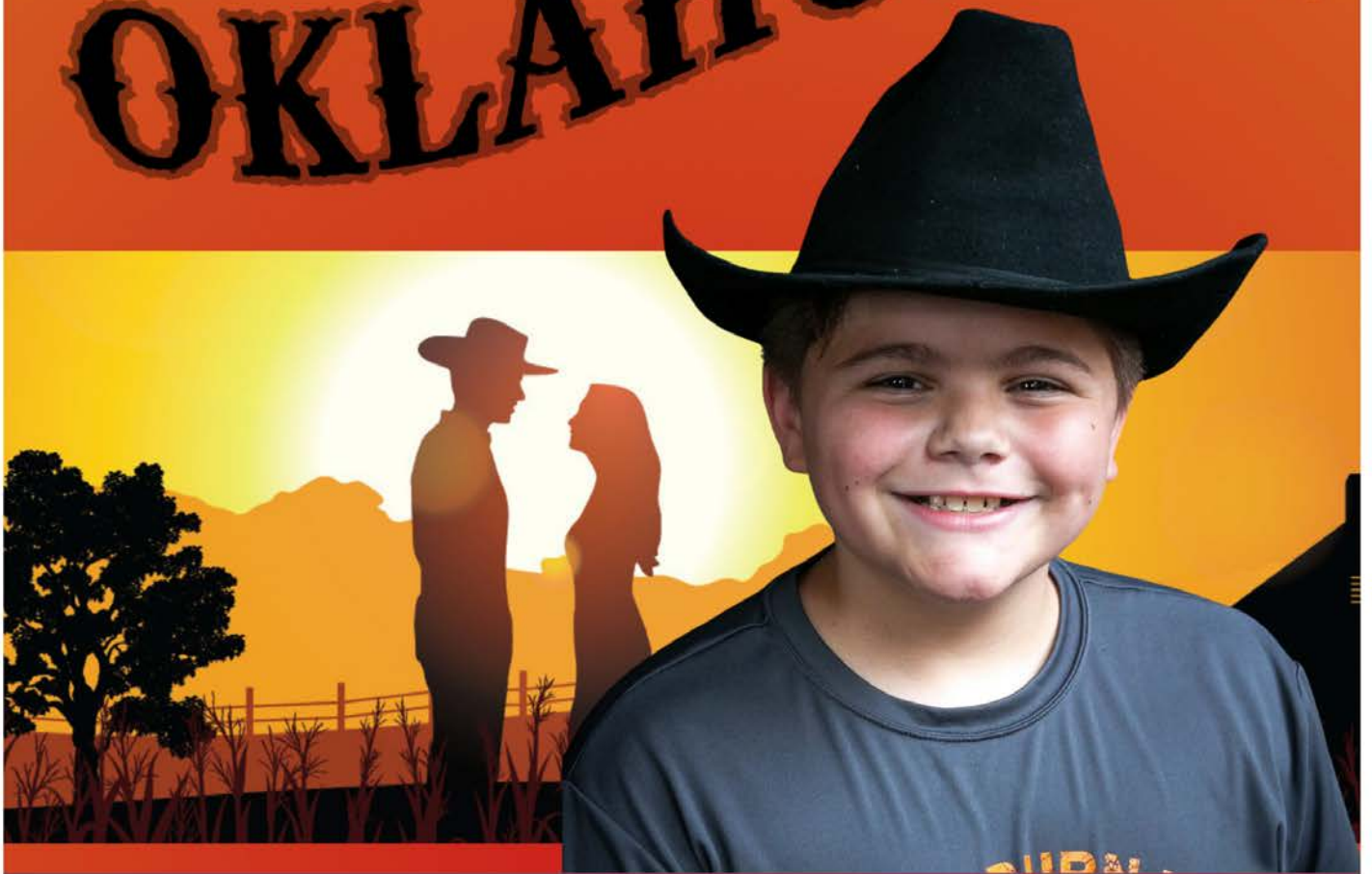
## **ADRIANA DURAN** **ENSEMBLE**

Adriana will be a sophomore at Washington Community High School where she participates in Marching Band on the Drum Line playing cymbals. Through PAPAS she is a part of the competitive show choir Soundwave and Madrigals. She enjoys drawing in her free time. She thanks her family for all their love and support and endless car rides.



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## **DANIEL DURAN** **ENSEMBLE**

Daniel will be in 7th grade at Central Intermediate in Washington. He enjoys show choir at PAPAS. You may have seen him recently as Donkey in Shrek. Daniel hopes you enjoy the show! Yeehaw!



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## **EMMA FINNEY** **ENSEMBLE**

Emma is thrilled to be a part of this production this summer with her favorite people! She was previously seen as Mme. Thenardier in the PAPAS production of Les Mis last summer, and Mrs. Darbus last month in the PAPAS production of High School Musical. Outside of musicals, Emma is a proud member of PAPAS Soundwave, Madrigals, and Advanced Acting.



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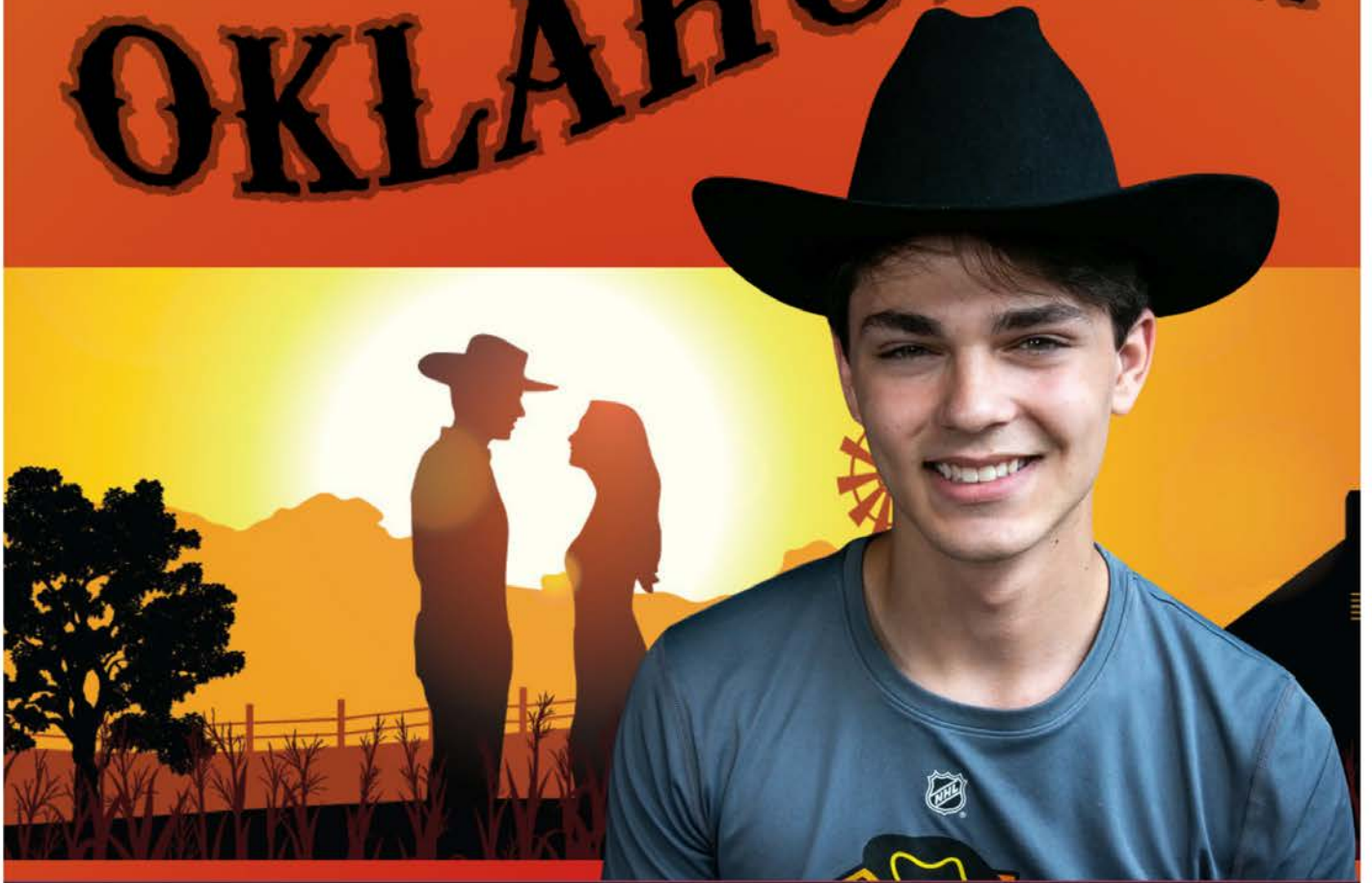
## **AIDEN FOREMAN** **MIKE / DANCER**

Aiden is a Senior at Pekin Community High School in Pekin. He's so excited to be a part of such an iconic show as Oklahoma! Aiden was previously seen as Jack Scott in Papas' production of High School Musical! He also loves to sing and tap. He is a member of his schools show choir and theater department. Aiden would like to give a huge thanks to his friends and family for coming out to support him! Especially in this NASTY heat.



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## **ETHAN FOTI** **JUD FRY/ALI HAKIM**

Ethan Foti will be a freshman in college this coming fall and plays the parts of Jud Fry and Ali Hakim. He has been doing theater since 8th grade and been in shows such as Thoroughly Modern Millie, Grease, Hairspray, and Les Mis. Outside of theater he enjoys fishing, biking, and reading. He hopes you will enjoy the show!



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## **ZACH FOTI** **ALI HAKIM**

Zach Foti is a junior at Peoria Notre Dame High School. He is playing the part of Ali Hakim. He has also been in Hairspray, High School Musical, and Les Miserables. Zach would like to thank his Kermit mug which he has repeatedly filled with coffee to stay awake.



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## **MIA FRANCISKOVICH ENSEMBLE**

Mia Franciskovich will start high school this fall and is looking forward to a year full of show choir, reading, and spending time with friends. This is her second production and she is grateful for the opportunity to perform with such a talented group of people.



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## **MOLLY FRIBERG** **ENSEMBLE/DANCER**

Molly is going into her junior year at Richwoods High School this fall. She is looking forward to being part of the ensemble in this production. She has been in a few community shows in the past, but has been a part of PAPAS for about 5 years.

Outside of theater, Molly is part of many school clubs and is on the swim team. She wants to thank her friends and family for their support, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



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## **GARDNER BROWN CARNES**

Gardner is 18 and is a freshman in college and he is so excited to be playing the part of Carnes. This will be his 15th show and first time singing on stage in a musical, so apologies in advance! In his free time he plays and DMs in 6 different DND games, almost always featuring Kayla Harvey (Aunt Eller). Gardner thanks PAPAS for all they have done for him over the years and he hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **RUBY HALL** **DANCER/ENSEMBLE**

Ruby is a freshman at Dunlap High School. She has been a PAPAS member for 6 years and is currently on the Soundwave competitive team. She is so excited to be dancing in Oklahoma. She would like to thank her parents for their love and guidance. Enjoy the show!



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## **KAYLA HARVEY AUNT ELLER**

Kayla is a junior PR major at Bradley University. She is thrilled to be a part of the show both as Aunt Eller and a member of the ensemble. A few of her favorite roles include Anne Sullivan in The Miracle Worker, Jan in Grease, and Wendy Jo in Footloose.

In her spare time, she loves to play D&D with Gardner Brown (Carnes), her boyfriend Peyton, as well as other friends. She owes a lot to PAPAS and to those who love her (especially her mama).



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## **HUNTER HAWKINS** AS JOE

Hunter is going to be a freshman this fall at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy and is studying to get a BFA in musical theater. He is excited to be in PAPAS Oklahoma! His last role was Ryan Evans in PAPAS High School Musical. He hopes that you enjoy the show!



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## **ADARA KAISER** **ELIZABETH**

Adara is a 7 year old 2nd grader. She is homeschooled and enjoys swimming, playing with fidget toys and hanging out with her three sisters.

Adara is excited to be in Oklahoma and she hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **AIDAN KENNEDY** **CREW MEMBER**

Aidan is a junior at Peoria Notre Dame High School. He recently made an appearance in PAPAS' production of High School Musical. He is also a member of their competitive showchoir, Soundwave. It's a very fun show to watch onstage and offstage, so he hopes you enjoy it!



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## COLMAN KENNEDY WILL PARKER

Colman is a freshman at Illinois Central College, majoring in Graphic Design and Music. He has appeared in many shows in the Peoria area. Most recently, Colman finished a very successful competition season with PAPAS' show choir, "Soundwave," and this December you can catch him in "A Christmas Carol" at the newly refurbished Scottish Rite Theatre. Colman has had a blast bringing Will Parker to life in this production of Oklahoma! He would like to thank Bryan and Dedra for the opportunity and his family and friends for their love and support.



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## **AILSALIONBERGER** **DANCER/SOLOIST**

Ailsa is 16 and will be a junior this fall in Classical Conversations Homeschool. She is excited to be able to perform again, especially with PAPAS as a dancer and soloist in Oklahoma. In previous years, she has been in various shows in the Peoria area, most recently PPT's production of Matilda. Ailsa enjoys playing piano, dancing, drawing and painting, and reading (or re-reading) a good book in her spare time. She is also a part of PAPAS Soundwave, Madrigals, and Advanced Acting. She would like to thank Bryan, Dedra, and Andrea for giving her such a wonderful opportunity, and hopes you enjoy Oklahoma!



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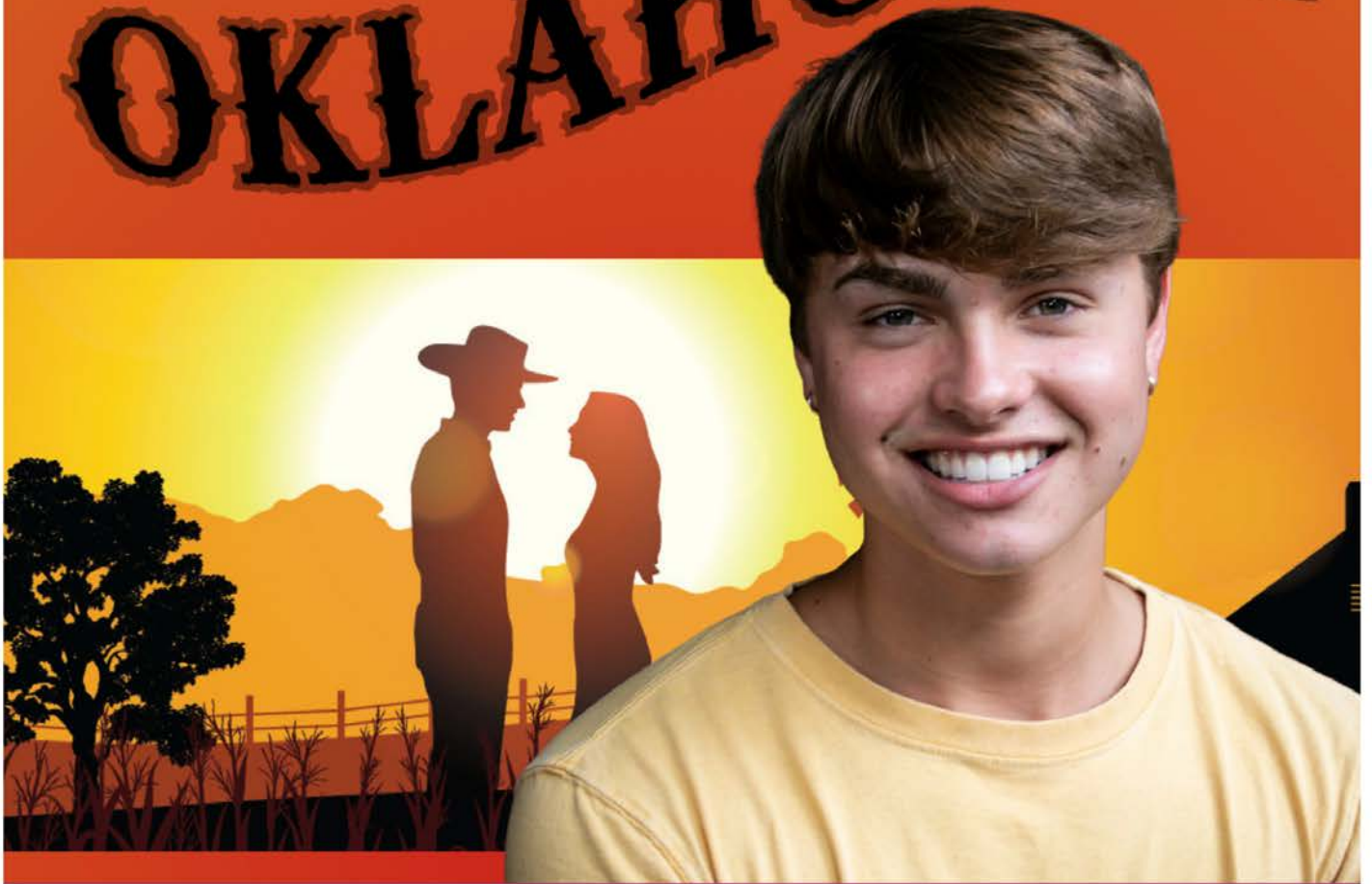
## MARGOT MCNUTT DANCER

Margot is a freshman in high school, and she is homeschooled. She has been doing musical theater since she was 7 years old, and one of her favorite roles she has played is Gretel in the Sound Of Music. Margot enjoys doing show choir, playing with her siblings, going on runs, singing worship for church, and hanging out with friends. She really hopes you enjoy the show!



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## JOE MEIER WILL PARKER

Joe Meier is 17 years old and is playing Will Parker every other night in the farmer's cast. Joe is ecstatic to be apart of this show and is so ready for you all to see him. Recently, Joe just finished High School Musical as Troy Bolton. Last summer, he Played Marius Pontmercy in Les Mis. Will is so different than any other character he has played before so he is up for the challenge and excited to show you what he can do. Enjoy the show! (Joe would like to make a special thank you to Olivia Sims for showing him how to be "country.")



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## **BRECKEN MEINERS ENSEMBLE**

Brecken will be a Freshman at University High School in the Fall. She has had so much fun working on Oklahoma this summer! She loves theatre and her PAPAS Family! Some of her favorite roles have been Dragon in Shrek, Jr., Young Cosette in Les Miserables School Edition, Anna in Frozen, Jr., Alex in Madagascar, Jr., and Ariel in Little Mermaid, Jr. She loved her time doing competitive show choir with Vocal Velocity this past year, is looking forward to Color Guard in high school and also plays the piano and clarinet. Enjoy the show!!



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## CADEN MILLS

### JUD FRY

Caden is more than excited to bring Jud Fry to life in this production of Oklahoma! He was most recently seen in the ensemble of High School Musical and other shows like Newsies, Hairspray, and Les Mis in the past. This will be his eighth musical production and his first time in a lead role. He enjoys being a part of competitive show choir and other activities in PAPAS and is very grateful for this awesome community and it's even more amazing people.



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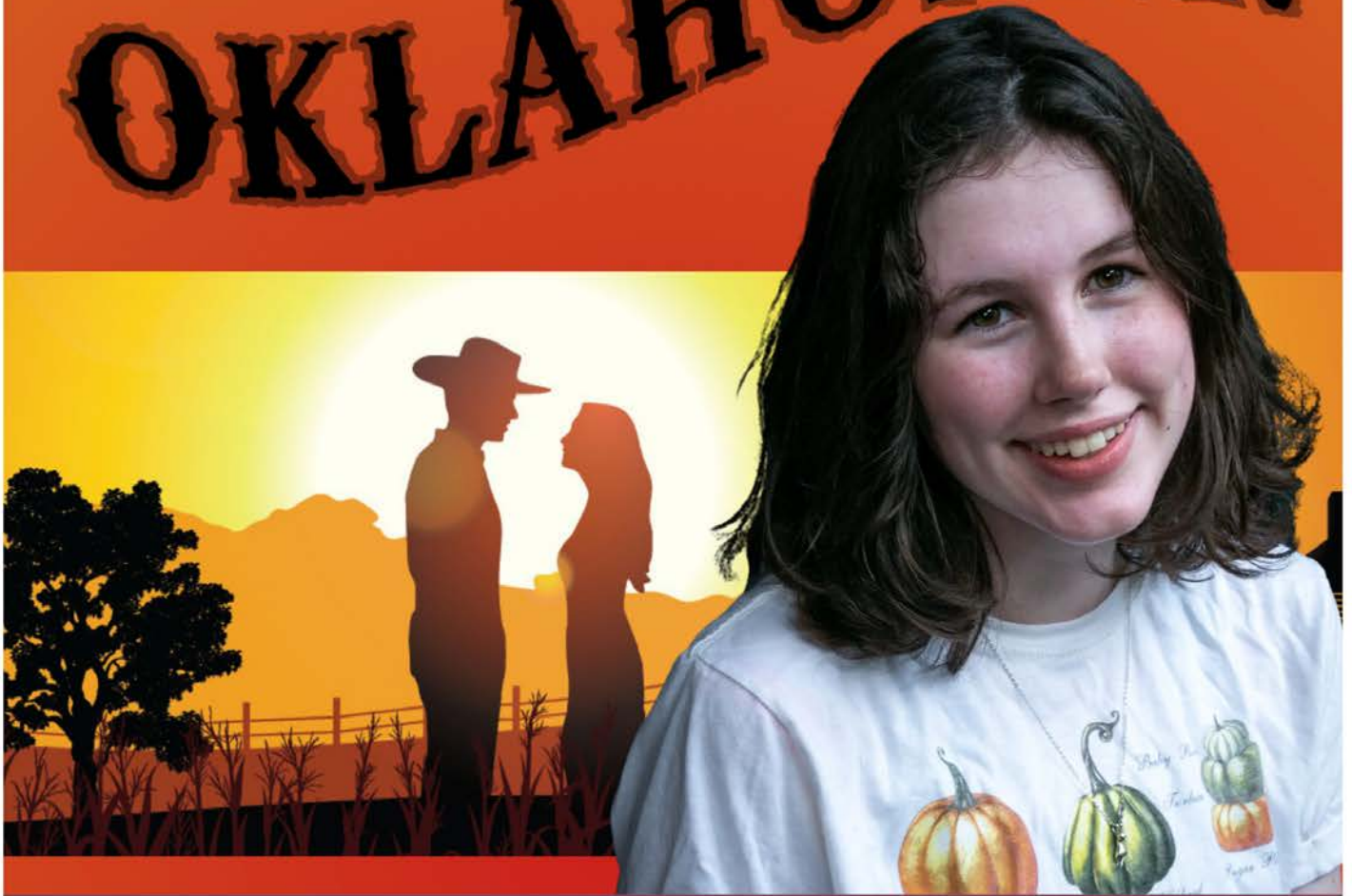
## KIERA MITCHELL ENSEMBLE

Kiera Mitchell is a 2021 graduate of Dee-Mack High School, and will be attending Truman State University in the fall. She is so excited to be a part of Oklahoma's ensemble this summer. Kiera has been in many community theatre productions, and was last seen as Fantine in PAPAS production of Les Mis last summer. She loves to read with her friends, sing, and play Sims 4. Kiera would love to thank PAPAS for another amazing summer!



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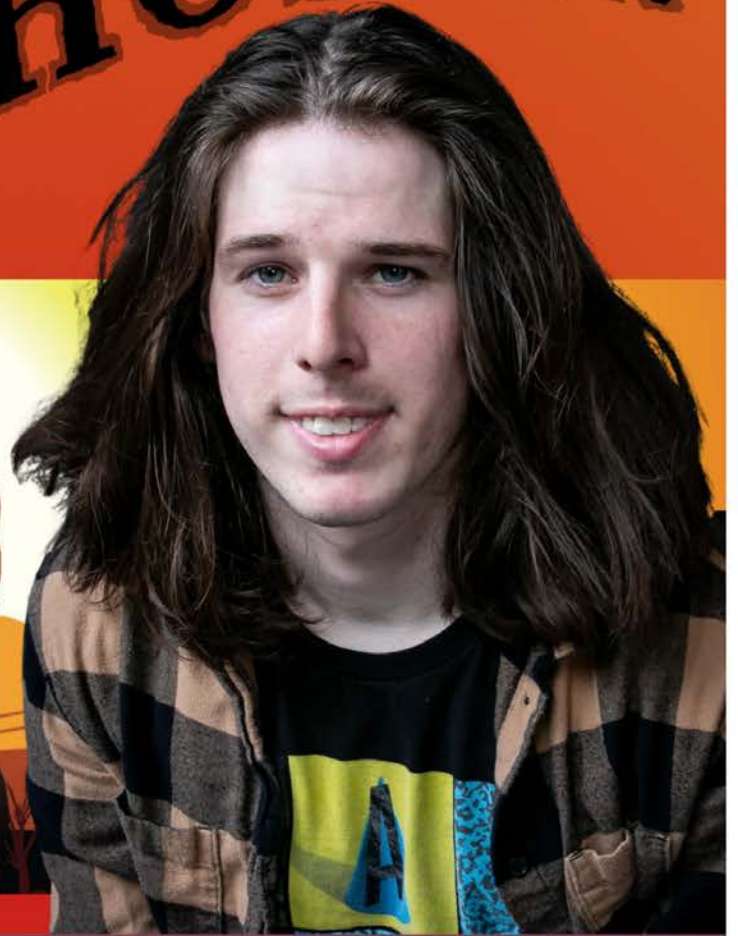
## **MAEVE MITCHELL ENSEMBLE**

Maeve is 14 years old and lives in Mackinaw. She is in the ensemble in Oklahoma! She had so much fun being part of the PAPAS family this past year: playing Pinocchio in their production of Shrek Jr., ensemble in High School Musical & Les Miserables, and Vocal Velocity Jr High competitive showchoir this past season. Maeve will be attending UHigh in Normal in the fall. She thanks Dedra & Brian for the opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show!



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## KYLE MULHERN FRED

Kyle is going into his sophomore year at Illinois State University. He is very excited to be playing Fred in this show. He was previously seen as Coach Bolton in High School Musical and in the ensemble for Les Miserables. Kyle loves to play music, watch movies, and hang out with friends. He'd like to thank his friends and family for their support.



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## **REY REYNOLDS** **ENSEMBLE**

Regan Reynolds has had a wonderful time being a part Oklahoma! He has been a student of PAPAS for the past year, being involved in Soundwave, acting and Madrigals, as well as the earlier summer production, High School Musical. When Rey isn't at rehearsals or his job at Panera, he spends most of his spare time practicing his instruments or voice. We hope you have as much fun watching the show as we do performing it!!



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## **LINDSAY ROPP** **DANCER/ENSEMBLE**

Lindsey is a junior at Tremont High School and turning 16 this very week. She is excited to be performing in her second PAPAS production this summer. Lindsey recently played Sharpay in High School Musical. She is very grateful for her friends and family that supported her this summer doing what she loves to do. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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## ABIGAIL RUSK VIRGINIA

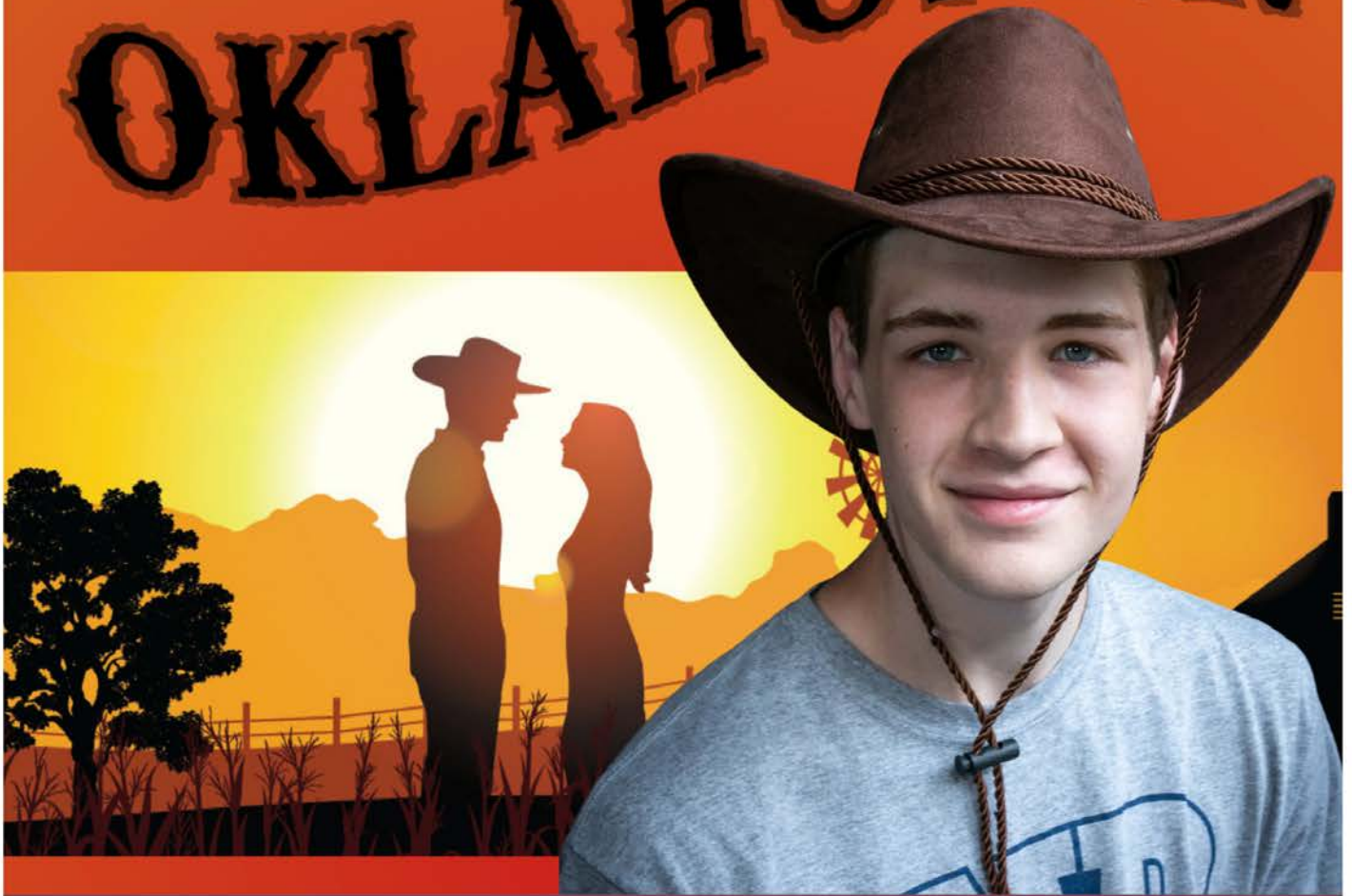
Abigail is a recent graduate of Peoria Notre Dame and is thrilled to help fuel local theatre's post-COVID revival. This is her first PAPAS production and eleventh show overall.

Some of her favorite past roles have been Blue Bird/Ensemble in Shrek at PND (2021), Adult Nala in CCT's The Lion King Jr. (2017), and featured ensemble in CSK's Joseph (2017). Abigail would like to thank the PAPAS family from construction crew and directors to musicians and fellow castmates for putting together such an incredible show. She wishes "plenty of heart and hope" to all through the unifying joy of community and music.



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## **BRANDON RUSSELL** **CORD ELUM**

Brandon is 17 years old and has been doing musical theatre since grade school. He has enjoyed the Oklahoma experience and hope you all enjoy the story that is being told!



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## **KELIAH SCHERTZ** **LAUREY WILLIAMS**

Keliah Schertz is 17 years old and just finished her senior year of high school. She'll be auditioning for musical theatre college programs in the fall. She is so excited for the opportunity to be in Oklahoma!

She's also involved in PAPAS Soundwave, madrigals, ballet, tap, jazz, piano, and voice lessons. She has recently been seen in High School Musical and Les Miserables. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **SELAH SCHERTZ** **ADO ANNIE**

Selah is a sophomore musical theatre major and dance minor at Ohio Northern University. She was last seen as Madame Thenardier in Les Mis with PAPAS in 2020. She's so thankful to work with such an amazing cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show!



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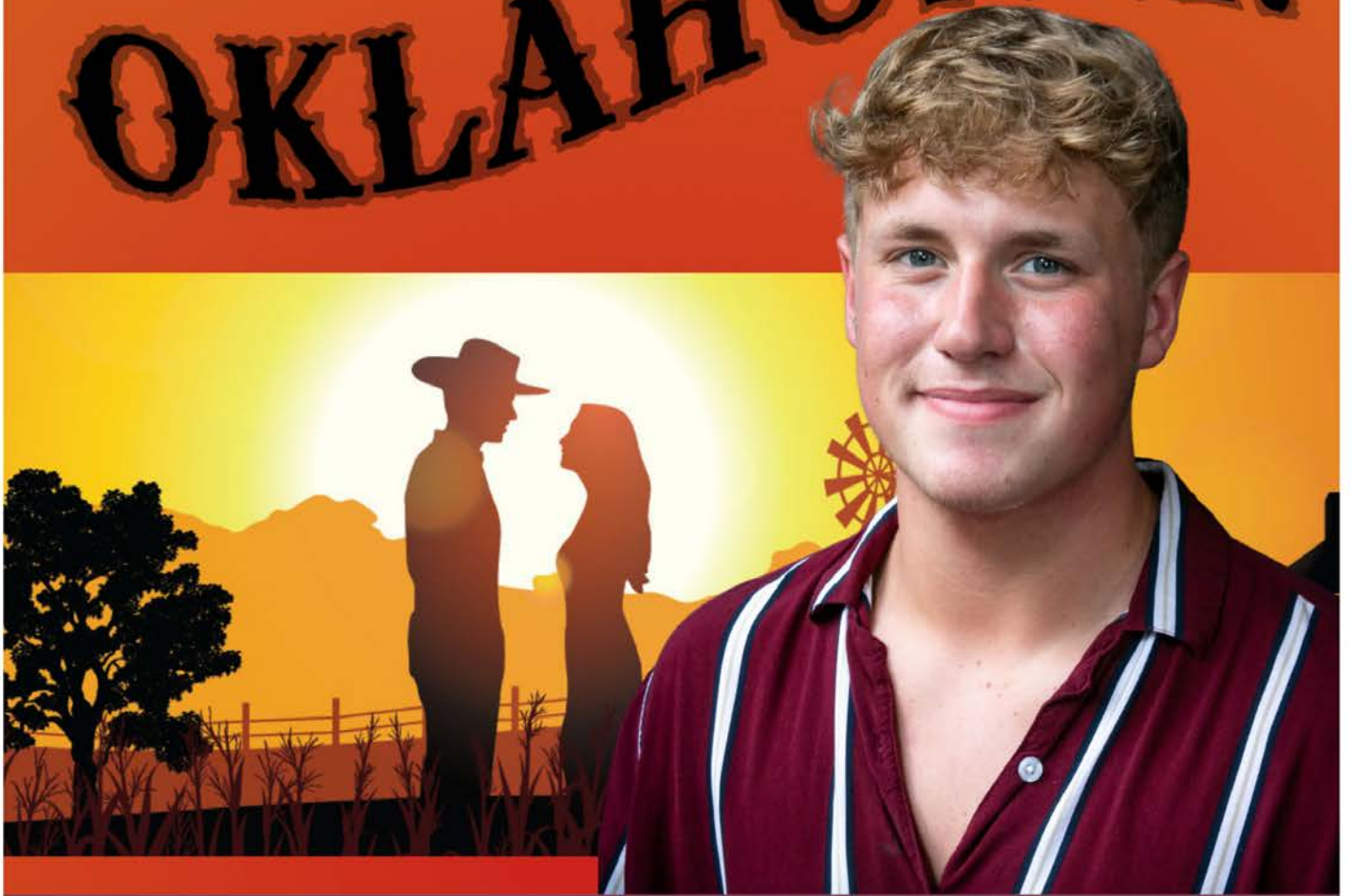
## **SARAH SHECKLER** **DANCER**

Sarah is 14 and will be attending Limestone Community High School. She is so excited to be a part of this amazing show and getting to work with so many of her friends. You may have seen Sarah as Amanda Thrupp in Matilda and in the ensemble of High School Musical. Enjoy the show!



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## **PAYTON SHORT** **DANCER**

Payton is a 2020 graduate from WCHS. You can see him in Oklahoma as one of the dancers. His most recent role was the Bishop in Les Miserables. He would like to thank you for coming and to enjoy the show!



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## **OLIVIA SIMS** **AUNT ELLER**

Olivia is so excited to be back out at Three Sisters this summer! She was last seen in High School Musical as a cheerleader and last summer in the ensemble of Les Mis. This fall, she plans on attending American Musical and Dramatic Academy in LA. She wants to thank the “mermaids” for making Oklahoma ten times more fun!



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## EMMA TAYLOR ENSEMBLE

Emma will be a Sophomore at Richwoods High School this fall where she is in the AVID program. She is super excited to be cast as part of the Ensemble in this PAPAS production of Oklahoma! Like many of her cast mates, Emma was just seen as a Wildcat in HSM this past June. Last summer she was on stage as a beggar in PAPAS production of Les Mis. Previously, Emma enjoyed performing in Frozen Jr. and Hairspray with CCT. Emma enjoys being on stage with the prep show choir "Mixed Harmony" and supporting "Soundwave" as a Stagecrew Member. When Emma is not singing, dancing, or acting...she loves to be with her friends and hang out with cousins. Thanks for coming to see the show!



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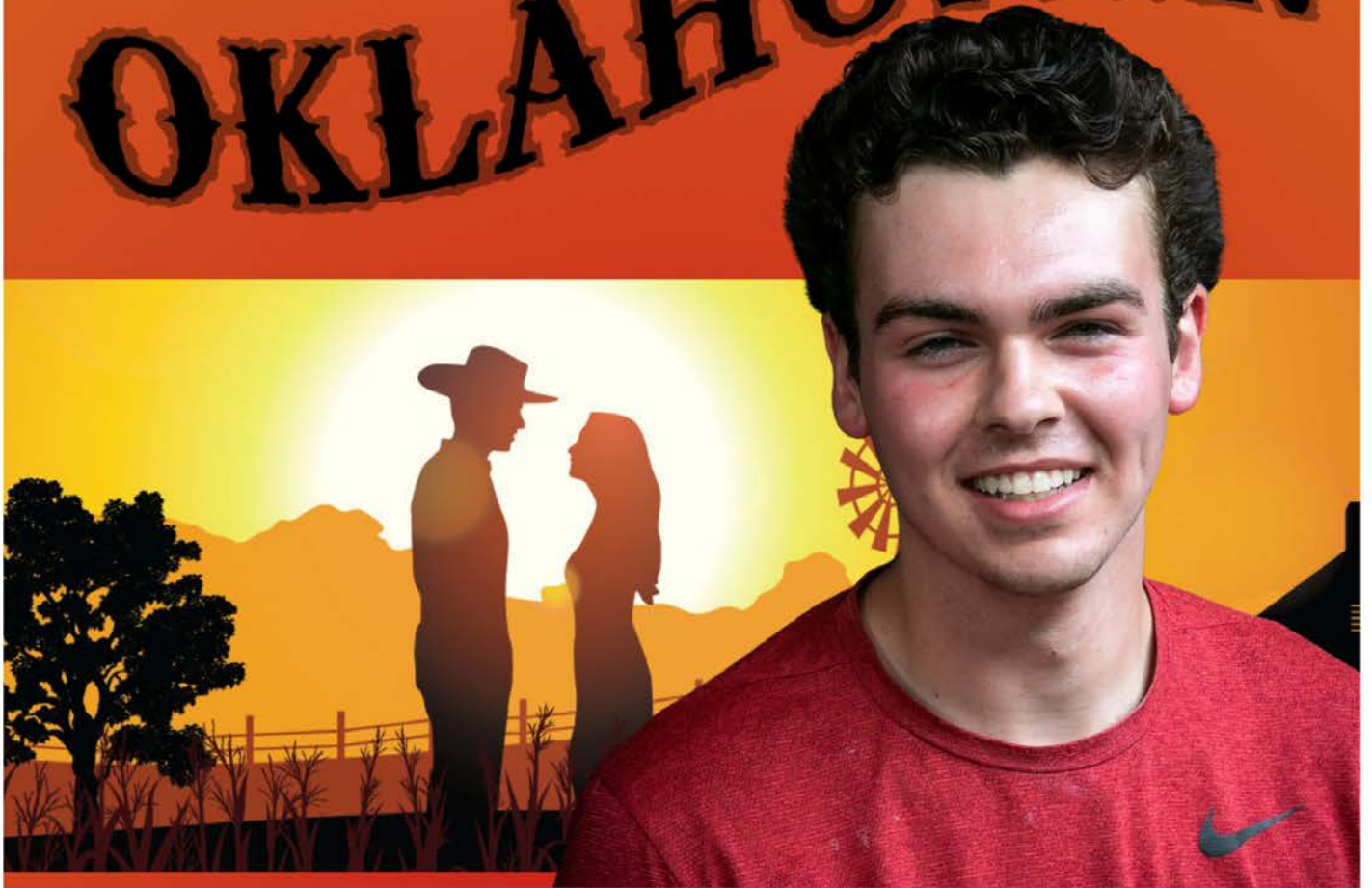
## **OLIVIA VICARY** **DANCER**

Olivia Vicary turned 16 on the eve of Oklahoma's opening night! She is actively involved with the Peoria Area Performing Arts School under the direction of Dedra Kaiser and Bryan Blanks. Olivia is an NBA halftime performer at the Chicago Bulls games, and just before the Covid pandemic, Olivia was flown to Oslo, Norway to sing in the Hjertefred Remembrance concert. Her local highlighted theatre roles have been Annie in Annie, Marcy in School of Rock, Gingy in Shrek, singing in Bryan Blanks Christmas Shows, and most recently, Gabriella Montez in High School Musical. She is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts (AADA) Conservatory for youth actors summer school in Hollywood, CA. Olivia is honored & excited to be a part of this PAPAS Rogers & Hammerstein's production of Oklahoma with this incredible cast, orchestra, and crew!



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## **KEATON WEBER** **CURLY MCLAIN**

Keaton is thrilled to bring Curly to life on stage this summer!

He will be going into his sophomore year at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music this fall studying music education. You may have seen Keaton in last year's PAPAS production of *Les Misérables* as Jean Valjean or in some of Morton High School's recent productions including *Li'l Abner* and *the Addams Family*. His primary instrument is percussion, and he is a diehard Chicago Blackhawks fan! Keaton would like to thank his family and girlfriend for their constant support of his artistic endeavors, as well as the PAPAS community for continuing to create a welcoming environment.

Enjoy the show, everyone!



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## QUINN WEBER DANCER

Quinn will be a sophomore at Morton High School. She is excited to be in her first PAPAS production. When she was younger, she enjoyed performing with Morton Youth Theater for many summers. Quinn is starting her 5th year on the competitive team at Center Stage Academy of Dance and is on the cheer team and a member of student council at MHS. Quinn would like to thank her brother Keaton for encouraging her to send in a dance audition and for being her ride.



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## LILY WEGNER ENSEMBLE

Lily will be a Senior at Eureka High School. She is very involved with her church and is the Bible Quizzing Captain of the Eureka team. She studies Spanish in her free time and enjoys playing many instruments in her high school band. She is excited to perform for you and hopes you love the show!



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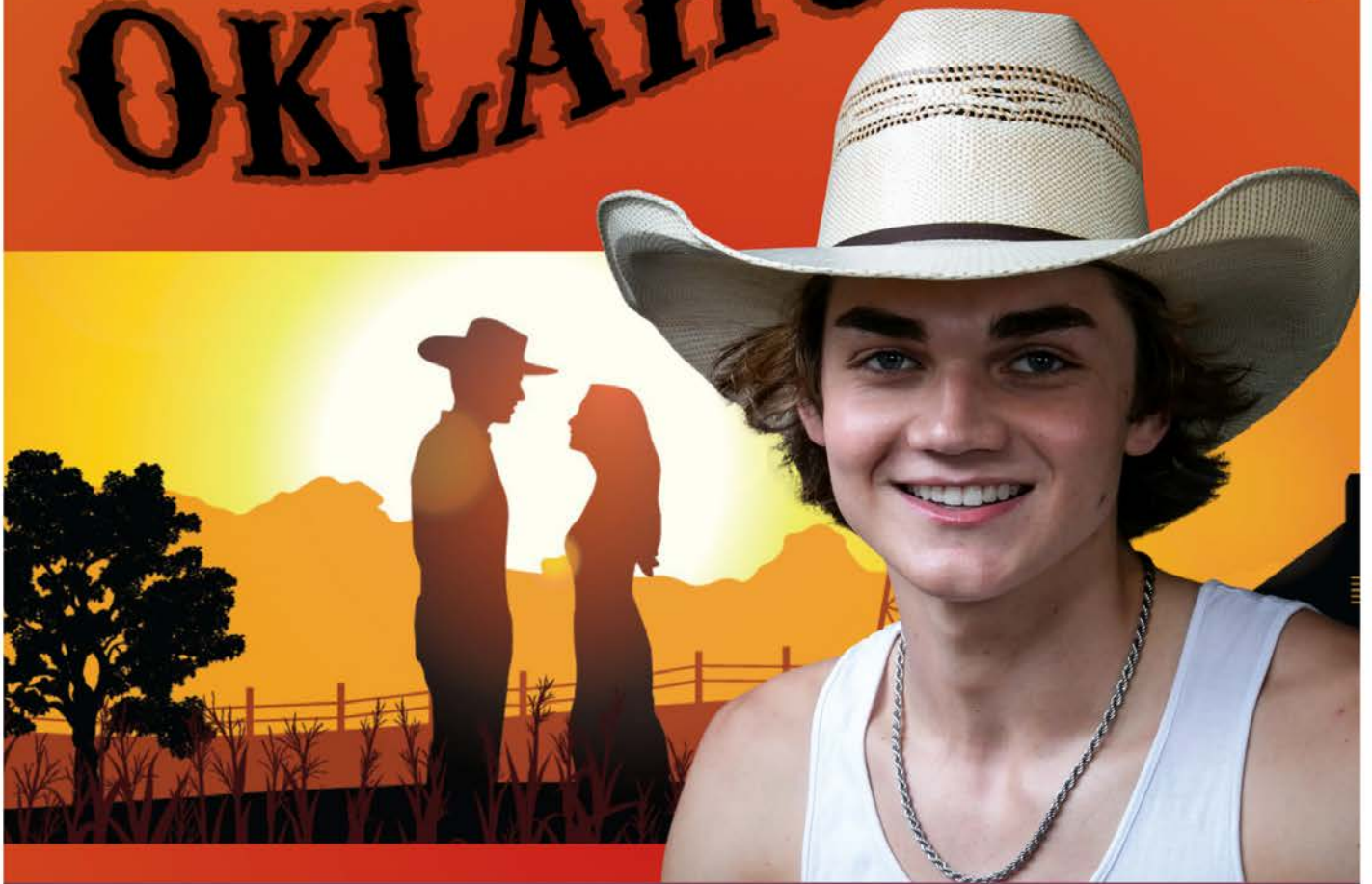
## JACOB WHITE IKE SKIDMORE

Jacob is 18 and will be attending Wabash College in the fall. Some of his favorite roles include Enjolras in Les Mis, Buddy in Elf, and ensemble in The Bridges of Madison County. In his free time, he researches football stats, helps his mom with his younger siblings, and spends time with his wonderful girlfriend, Eve. He'd like to thank Bryan and Dedra for casting him, God for being his rock, and 3 Sisters Park for providing plenty of room.



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## **JOSH WHITE** **ENSEMBLE**

Josh is excited to be a part of this production of Oklahoma! He recently performed in PAPAS' High School Musical and last summer performed in PAPAS' Les Miserables. He is also a member of PAPAS' show choir group, Soundwave. He hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **KATE WIEGARDT** **ENSEMBLE**

Kate is a sophomore at Morton High School and performing is her passion. She is so excited to be a dancer in the ensemble for Oklahoma and be part of such an amazingly talented cast. Kate has been performing with PAPAS since she was five and is currently in Soundwave. She is so excited to be back on the stage at Three Sisters Park this summer. Last year she starred in her favorite role so far as Eponine in Les Misérables. She also recently played Sharpay in High School Musical. Kate wants to thank the directors, and everyone involved for their help and support in making this show amazing. Break legs to the entire cast!



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## **ELLA YOCUM** **GERTIE**

Ella Yocum is a senior at Washington Community High School. She is so excited to be double cast as Gertie in Oklahoma! You may have seen Ella as Gingy in Shrek at WCHS or in the ensemble of Hairspray at CCT. She also is involved with her Speech team in high school. She would like to thank everyone who has come out and hopefully get a good laugh!



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## EVE YODER

**ADO ANNIE**

Eve is 18 years old and is excited to be attending SCAD in the fall to study Performing Arts. Some favorite past performances include Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella as Cinderella at EHS, Footloose as Rusty, The Addams Family as Morticia, Pippin as Player at Eureka College, Bonnie & Clyde at Peoria Players Theatre & Cats! as Etcetera, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as a Wife at Eastlight Theatre. Eve hopes to 'tickle your fancy' as Ado Annie! Enjoy the show!



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## **JAELYN ZOSS** **ENSEMBLE**

Hello! Jaelyn is 16 years old and is going into her senior year through homeschooling. This is her second show with Bryan and Dedra, her 21st production overall! Recently she's been Karla the Giantess in Big Fish at CCT, and in the fall she will be taking the Corn Stock for Kids stage as Smee in Peter Pan! In the past she's enjoyed playing Miss Hannigan in Annie Jr. and Pumbaa in the Lion King Jr. Jaelyn keeps busy with her friends, art projects, and various other musical activities. She thanks her besties, family, directors, production crew, and God for this opportunity :)