



Gingerbread Players  
Present~



BABES  
IN  
TOYLAND

Book by Rebecca Ryland  
Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

## Directors Notes

The original *Babes in Toyland* was an operetta composed by Victor Hubert which wove together various characters from Mother Goose nursery rhymes into a musical extravaganza. The plot was dark with an evil Toymaker conspiring with Barnaby to create toys that destroyed. The original opened on Broadway in 1903 and ran for 192 performances. We will only be performing 5 shows! Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy made it into a classic film in 1934 and gave the original musical revue a lighter plot involving classic fairytale characters. There are now dozens of versions of this classic magical musical.

Productions unlike fairytales are not magic. They are the result of commitment and lot's of hard work and patience from the cast, crew, family and friends. I will not say that this first time directing a play was without challenges! Forty-eight busy kids and 6 weeks to rehearse for a 90 minute musical definitely presented challenges. I will say that it has been a privilege and a wonderful learning experience working with this sweet and gifted company of actors. Thank you children and parents for your support and kindness and for working together and accommodating the demands of the rehearsal schedule.

A special thank you to Sandy Trowell for co-directing. Her focus, organization, patience, support, calmness under pressure, and kindness were greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped with Box Office, Ushering, Concessions, Props, Set Build and supervision of the Green Room! This production would not have been possible without your help!

A special thank you to Evelyn Romans who has helped so much with the costumes!

I would also like to thank the following people for their help with props, costumes, the building of our set, make-up, and music: Lois Albritton, Kimm Allison, Cadden Anderson, Carla Bright, Brooke Butler, Suzi Butts, Rob, Stacy, and Kate Evans, Bruce Fornes, Carmina Goss, Sophie Hammond, Jennifer Hornkohl, Jeh Howell, Johnna Kent, Billy Kirkpatrick, Rudell Lawrence, Janie Linville, Martha McCaskill, Evelyn Romans, Sam Trowell, Louie Tolbert, Jerry Ellis, and Susan Moody. Thank you to Heather Ward-King for all of your help! Last but not least I'd like to thank my husband Kevin for his love and support.

An incredible number of talented youth from our community have devoted their time and talent for the past six weeks to put on a show for you. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

**Go Team Toyland!**



## Scene Synopsis

### Babes in Toyland Musical Numbers

#### Act I

Babes in Toyland-Prologue.....Company  
A Mother Goose Celebration.....Mother Goose Land Characters  
Floretta.....Alan/Gypsy Chorus  
I Can't Do the Sum.....Mistress Mary/Piper Children  
Sheep/Muffet's spider  
We Won't Be Happy 'Til We Get It.....Barnaby/Gonzorgo/Roderigo

#### Act I

#### Scene II

Spider Forest-Instrumental..... spiders

### 15 Minute Intermission

#### Act II

Welcome to Toyland.....Grumio/ Elves  
Behold My Fairytale/Toyland.....Master Toymaker/Grumio/  
Alan/Mistress Mary/Elves/Dolls/Toys/Soldiers  
He Won't Be Happy 'til He Gets It -Reprise.....BarnabyGonzorgo/  
Roderigo/Marmaduke  
March of the Toy Soldiers.....Toy Soldiers  
Behold My Fairytale/Toyland- Reprise.....Company

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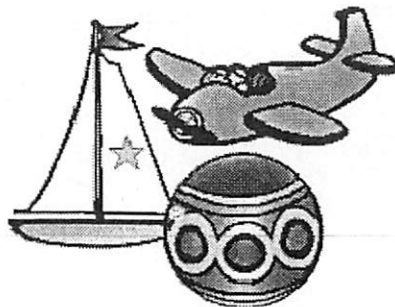
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## Cast List

**Widow Piper-** Pauline Player  
**Mistress Mary-** Greta Smidt  
**Alan-** Joshua Barcol  
**Barnaby-** Blake Fountain  
**Gonzorgo-** Samantha McLendon  
**Roderigo-** Katelynn Kenworthy  
**Ballerina Doll-** Hannah Trowell

### The Piper Children

**Tom Tom the Piper's son-** Jake Doepker  
**Little Bo Peep-** Hailee Hathcock  
**Little Miss Muffet-** Nada Kent  
**Mary Had a Little Lamb-** Alison Peters  
**Little Boy Blue-** Parker Allbritton  
**Little Betty Blue-** Mary Peeples  
**Jack Be Nimble-** Hank Evans  
**Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater-** Madalyn Wallace  
**Little Jack Horner-** Dane Tillman  
**Goldilocks-** Mallory Taylor  
**Jack-** Laine Fletcher  
**Jill-** Hannah Allison  
**Little Red Riding Hood-** Emily Posas  
**Mother Spider-** Caroline Turner  
**Spiders-** Kaitlyn Allbritton  
    McKinley Anderson  
    Kara Nelson  
**Sheep-** Marley Fornes  
    Victoria Goss  
    Katherine Taylor  
**Gypsies/Soldiers-** Ayla Barlow  
    Kayley Carter  
    Madison Clemmons  
    Marie Demersseman  
    Eliza Elliot  
    Kiersten Howell  
    Hannah Moody  
    Elizabeth Mossell  
    Caroline Turner  
**Toys-** Jinger Hammond  
    Lukas Smidt



## Cast List



### Toyland Characters

**Master Toymaker-** Daniel Coulstring  
**Grumio-** Hannah Trowell  
**Inspector Marmaduke-** Claire Kirkpatrick  
**Elf one-** Casey VanNortwick  
**Elves-** Catherine Allbritton  
    Laura Smidt  
**Dolls-** Anieyssa Dickson  
    Mei Hornkohl  
    Kara Nelson  
    McKinley Anderson

## Production Crew

Director.....Lynnette Kenworthy  
Assistant Director .....Sandy Trowell  
Musical Director.....Grant Brown  
Producer.....Robin McLendon  
Publicity.....Jennifer Scott  
Stage Managers.....Kimm Allison, Stacy Evans  
Make-up.....Jeh Howell  
Props Manager.....Lois Allbritton  
Props Team.....Cadden Anderson, Bruce Fornes, Carmina Goss  
    Sophie Hammond, Jeh Howell, Susan Moody, Jane Peeples  
Choreography.....Brooke Butler  
Music Box Ballerina Choreography.....Brandi Mackey  
Light Board Operator.....Sara Allison, Sam Trowell  
Special Light and Sound Effects.....Sam Peters, Jimmy Mossell  
Costumes.....Evelyn Romans, Louie Tolbert, Kimm Allison  
    Stacy Evans, Wendy Tillman, Sandy Trowell, Martha McCaskill,  
    Lynnette Kenworthy, Jennifer Hornkohl, Jainie Linville  
    Carla Bright, Rudell Lawrence  
Green Room Manager.....Sue VanNortwick  
Set Design and Build.....Sam and Sandy Trowell,  
    Suzi Butts, Bruce Fornes, Colin and Billy Kirkpatrick, Jeh Howell,  
    Pauline Player, Mike Glasscock, Rob, Stacy and Kate Evans,  
    Jerry Ellis, Carmina Goss, Kimm Allison,  
    Kevin and Lynnette Kenworthy

## Cast



It is such a treat to be on stage with so many of the children I have directed in the past. Thank you Lynnette, Sandy, Robin and Jennifer for your support with Gingerbread. You have helped this program grow tremendously. Thank you cast, crew and parents for making Babes in Toyland such a success. My years with TGV have been rewarding, challenging and more fun than anything I have ever done before. Thanks everyone. -Pauline Player



My name is **Samantha McLendon** and I have been in many Theatre Guild shows. I was recently Alice in Alice in Wonderland. I was also in Beauty and the Beast at PSST. I love acting, playing soccer and piano and have a gecko and two dogs.



**Greta Smidt** is 15 years old and somewhat a saltwater fish in a freshwater environment when it comes to acting. She has been singing since she was 6 and has performed internationally. Even though she claims she isn't an actress by any means, she still immensely enjoys theatre and has performed in several presentations of Peter Pan, The Music Man and Annie.



Hi, my name is **Katelynn Kenworthy**. I am 11 years old. I like playing with Webkinz and I also like playing with my pets. I have been in many plays by my favorite play was Beauty and the Beast at PSST. Sam McLendon and I were the only kids.



My name is **Joshua Barcol**. I am 14 years old and am homeschooled by my mom. I enjoy dancing, singing and theatre. I have been in several plays over the last two years including the musicals Hans Christian Andersen and Aristocrats. I started dancing and gymnastics at a young age. I also enjoy graphic arts and web design. I am currently designing my own website and maintaining one for a local theatre. I believe God has blessed me with many talents and I look forward to sharing them with you.



My Name is **Hannah Trowell**. I am 10 years old - almost 11. I love to sing, dance, and act! I was Humpty Dumpty in Alice in Wonderland and Lady Anna in Christmas Toyshop. I have also been in a few other plays.



My name is **Blake Fountain** and I'm playing Barnaby. I am 15 and I'm in the 9th grade at Berrien High School. I play the tenor saxophone for the Berrien High Rebel Regiment and I enjoy acting. I have also performed in many musicals at my church.

This is my 2nd play with Gingerbread Players. In the first I played the King in Alice in Wonderland.



**Jake Doepker** was born in Dayton, OH May 25th, 1997. He is/was involved in many activities such as : basketball, baseball, soccer, football, golf and swimming. He has been involved with the cub scouts for the past 4 years and is currently a Weblo II. He played an elf in the Christmas Program in 2006 in OH. Jake

recently moved to Hahira in August 2007 and is a 5th grader at St. John's School. Jake has aspirations of attending film school and being a director of motion pictures.

## Cast



My name is **Hailee Jewell Hathcock** and I play Little Bo Peep. I am 10 years old and have been in one other play, Alice in Wonderland. I have seen alot of plays downtown and was very excited to be in this one. I am in 5th grade at Valwood School. I have 3 sisters: Amanda, Heather, and Hope and 2 brothers: Brandon & Gage. My parents names are

Judy and Hugh Hathcock. My hobbies are dancing, playing tennis, basketball, skating, gymnastics, and acting. I have enjoyed being in this play.



**Mary Peebles** is an 8 year old second grader at Valwood. She also likes to take dance, piano, play soccer, and horse-back ride. She has been in class plays, but this is her first community theatre experience. She has one sister, Alexandra, age five.



**Nada Kent** is a third grader at SL Mason Elementary School. This is her first Gingerbread Players appearance. She likes gymnastics, dance, music, and anything that involves movement.



**Hank Evans** is a 9 year old born in Valdosta. He enjoys playing soccer, climbing trees, skateboarding with his dad, playing on Webkinz, and making new friends. This is his first play outside of school.



**Alison Peters** may play a sweet and innocent Mary Had a Little Lamb, but this fire-cracker is quite the opposite. She is a very outgoing person who is spicy, not sweet. She has been on stage in the Wizard of Oz as a munchkin. Ali competes in all sports. She just finished cross country

and is now in the middle of basketball. She also loves camping with her family in the mountains.



Hi! My name is **Madalyn Wallace**. I am 9 years old and my favorite color is pink. My favorite sport is soccer and my least favorite sport is baseball. I am a member of the St. John Youth Choir with my brother. We are going to D.C. for our trip. When I grow up I would love to be an interior designer.



**Parker Allbritton** is a big fan of video games. He uses the majority of his free time playing them and planning to buy them. During his time with the theatre, he has taken part in Alice in Wonderland and, now Babes in Toyland. In the future, Parker would like to learn the art of stage sound and props.



**Dane Tillman** is an 8 year old third grader at S. L. Mason. Babes In Toyland is his fourth production with the Gingerbread Players. He was also seen in Monster In the Closet, Too Wrapped Up For Christmas, and Alice In Wonderland.

With the Little Actors Theater, Dane was in Jolly Roger, Oliver, and American Idle: Murdering the Music. When Dane is not acting, he enjoys participating with the Bear Scout troop #415, singing, playing the piano, playing baseball, and reading.

## Cast



Hi, I'm **Mallory Taylor**. I have a little sister named Katherine. This is my third play. I really enjoy acting and singing. My favorite singers are Nora Jones and Hannah Montana.



**Caroline Turner** is a 7th grader at St. John's School. She was recently Jennifer in The Christmas Toyshop and stage manager in Alice in Wonderland. She was also in 15 previous productions. She lives in Valdosta. She plays soccer at her school and for Valdosta-Lowndes soccer club and has 10 years of dance

experience. She plans to go into theater performance when older. She also won Valdosta's Got Talent with Marie Demersseman.



When she's not practicing for an upcoming performance, **Kaitlyn Allbritton** can be found running free outside in her bare feet. Between the productions of Alice in Wonderland and Babes in Toyland, Kaitlyn used most of her

free time on one of her favorite outdoor activities...running and playing with her dog Pippin.



**Laine Fletcher** attends Lake Park Elem. Where she enjoys reading, discovery and socializing with friends. She also enjoys horseback riding and spending time with family. Laine attended the theatre camp this past summer and has had the acting bug ever since.



My name is **Hannah Allison**. I moved to Valdosta a year ago. I have been in two plays - Christmas Toyshop and Alice in Wonderland. I take dance and I cheerlead for Valwood School. I play the violin and taught myself how to play the piano. I play Jill in Babes in Toyland.



Hi, my name is **McKinley Anderson**. I am 9 and in the fourth grade. I am very excited about being part of this musical.



Hi, my name is **Kara Nelson**. I love to act, sing, and dance. I like every kind of sport favorite is softball. My favorite animal is a dog. I used to do ballet when I was little. People say that I am outgoing and funny. I live with my mom and dad. I have a 13

year old brother and an 8 year old sister, so I'm the middle child. I am 10 years old and in 5th grade at Dewar Elementary. I was born in GA, then I moved to NC, after that I moved to PA for 8 years, then moved back to GA.



I'm **Emily Posas**. I am 8 years old and my favorite sport is soccer, my least favorite sport is baseball. I love ribs and other meats. I was in two Missoula plays. When I grow up I want to be an actor.

## Cast



**Marley Fornes**, the daughter of Bruce and Judy Fornes of Valdosta, is a 9-year-old fourth-grader at St. John. She likes biking, reading, and playing with Webkinz. She sings with the St. John's Youth Choir and enjoys gymnastics at the YMCA. Babes in Toy-

land marks her first appearance with the Gingerbread Players.



Hello. My name is **Victoria Goss**. I will be 7 in November. I go to St. John School. I love riding horses.

My name is **Madison Clemmons**, but most people just call me Maddie. I am 13 years old and attend Southland Christian School. I enjoy anything to do with performing, such as: singing, dancing, acting, and gymnastics. I have been in numerous plays including The Wiz of The West, Hans Christian Anderson, and Aristocrats. I have also participated in cross country, soccer, gymnastics, and cheerleading. I have been elected president of my middle school FCA. God has just given me so many opportunities in life, and I thank Him for them everyday!



Hi! My name is **Ayla Barlow** and I attend VMS.



I love being in plays. I also love singing, dancing, acting and just being in plays. I'm very active in the band where I play trumpet and I'm going to be a cheerleader in May. I'm good at acting and other things. I'm very into singing, it's really one of my favorite things to do. I have been in the chorus at school many times. I have been in many plays but most of them when I was younger. I am very lucky to be here and I thank God every day!



My name is **Kayley Carter**. I come from a family who loved to perform. My mom was actually pregnant with me while performing Once Upon a Mattress on this very stage. I love to dance, sing and act. I also love to read. I am in the drama program at Valdosta Middle School and just finished performing in the school production, The Phantom of the Opera.



**Marie Demersseman** is in the 8th grade at Lowndes Middle school. She has been in 12 local productions. You might recognize her from last year's production of The Christmas Toyshop where she played Nix, or from Alice in Wonderland where she played the Mad Hatter. Marie won cold read at AMTC, an acting/modeling competition, and won 1st place at Valdosta's Got Talent with Caroline Turner. She goes to Amanda's Models & Talent and modeled for Yamaha's wave runner campaign for 2008. She loves being onstage, and hopes to one day pursue a career in acting.



Hi, I'm **Katherine Taylor**. I have been in three plays so far. I really enjoy acting.



**Eliza Elliott** is in 7th grade at Valwood School. She previously was Trudy in the Christmas Toyshop and a stage manager in Alice in Wonderland. She lives in Valdosta. She plays soccer and basketball. Eliza is also active in

First Presbyterian Church youth group.

## Cast



**Kiersten Howell** is a 7th grader in Live Oak, FL. She attends the Suwannee Middle School. She is on the middle school volleyball and softball teams. She is also on a traveling softball team that represents her North Florida area. Kiersten has enjoyed partici-

participating in this production and hopes to continue with future theatrics.



My name is **Hannah Moody**. I'm in 8th grade at Lowndes Middle. I cheer there and am the representative for my team on student council. This is my 1st play outside of church. I'm an active youth at Lake Park United Methodist Church.

God has surely blessed me with amazing friends and huge opportunities.



Hi! I'm **Elizabeth Mossel** and this is my first play with TGV. I love to sing. I'm in the St. John's Youth Choir and the Hahira Middle School all-state chorus.



**Jinjer Spry Hammond** is the 8 year old son of Sophie Hammond. He has one sister, Charlesie. Jinjer is a 3rd grader at Sallas Mahone where he is a member of the chorus and has won numerous art awards for his amazing artistic talent. He attends New Life Community Church. He plays soccer and basketball. Jinger enjoys bike riding, skateboarding,

painting, drawing, soccer, basketball, swimming, surfing, performing magic tricks & illusions, performing in local plays, playing with his little sister, Charlesie, young cousin Harrison and going to the beach. He has previously performed as a card in Alice in Wonderland. His ambition is to become a famous magician/illusionist or electric guitar player.



**Lukas Smidtas** is the youngest and the only boy in his family. Theatre is a whole new world for Lukas and so far he really enjoys it. For Lukas, life is just a big stage. He likes to dance, sing, and play basketball.



**Daniel Bradley Coulstring**. I am 14 years old and have been in theatre for 5 years. I performed at the 'Dosta Playhouse in Blather, Blarney and Balderdash, The Christmas Toyshop and Babes in Toyland.

My interest in acting brought me to New York, NY in the summer of 2006.



My name is **Claire Kirkpatrick** and I am in 6th grade. I have been in two plays and this will be my third. I enjoy acting, dancing, playing soccer and basketball. I hope to keep acting as I grow older.



Hi! I'm **Casey VanNortwick**. I enjoy singing, dancing and acting! This is my 2nd production with Gingerbread Players. I also participated in the summer musical camp.



## Cast & Crew



If you don't find **Catherine Allbritton** on stage practicing for a theatrical production, you are sure to find her practicing for a violin concert. She either spends her evenings with the theatre or the VSU Strings Project, Catherine's work with the theatre includes Alice in Wonderland and this productions of Babes in Toyland.



**Laura Smidt** has been a drama queen since she was born. When she was small she amazed her family with her abilities at the age of 4 to make herself cry and make everything around her seem theatrical and worthy of

Hollywood. She enjoys reading, school, and hanging out with friends.



**Anieyssa Dickson's** roles have included Swamp cousin in Little Abner, a fairy in Life and Adventures of Santa Claus (Habersham Community Theatre), a ghost in Macbeth, Mini Witch in Wizard of Oz, a student in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Sandy in Annie (Hart County Middle School). I'm the fourth generation of actors in my family and the third generation to appear in community theatre.



**Mei Hornkohl** is 6 years old. This is her second Gingerbread Players production. She enjoys school, staying active, and playing outdoors.

## Tech Crew



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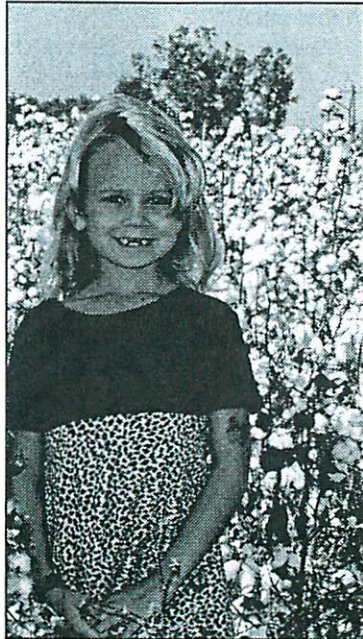
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Little Lamb  
God Bless Thee

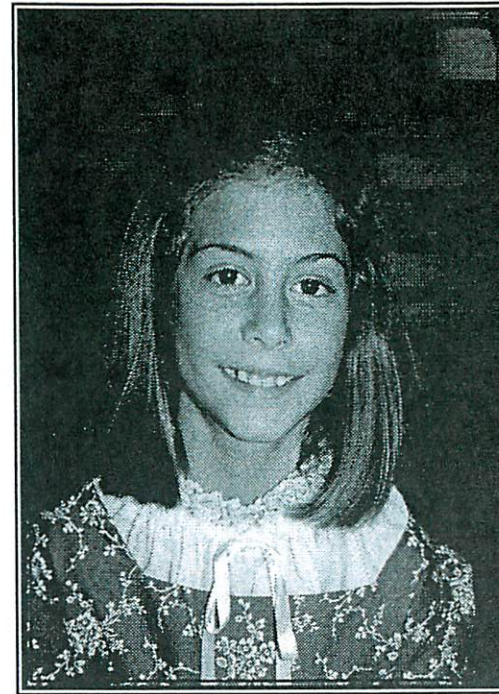
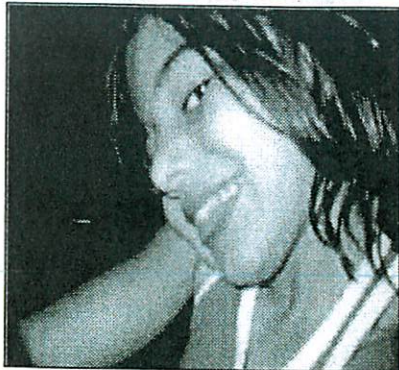


We are always in your  
corner Dane!  
We love you,  
Daddy, Momma, Olivia  
and Jake



*Good Job, Marley!*

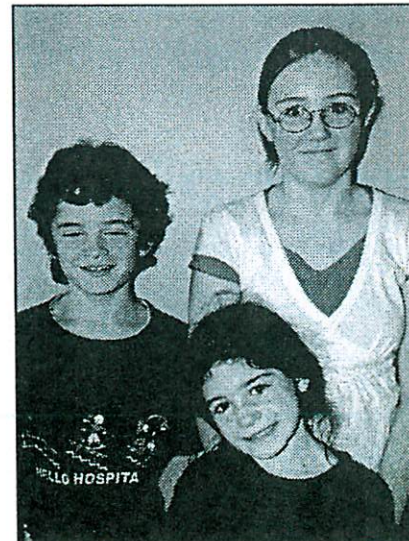
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Matthew & Rachel*



McKinley,  
We are so proud  
of you,  
In all that you  
Set out to do!

We love you,  
Daddy,  
Mommy, and  
your brothers!

*Catherine, Parker and  
Kaitlyn, have fun in Toy-  
land. Be back in time for  
dinner! Love, Mom and Dad*



Break a Leg Ali,  
Love, Mom, Major, Sam,  
Dana and Daddy

We love you Maddy,  
Good job on a great  
performance.  
Love, Mama & Daddy,  
Pierce, Doyle & Austin



Casey-You're the magical  
Elf #1!  
We are so proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Mary-  
Our "Little Betty Blue"



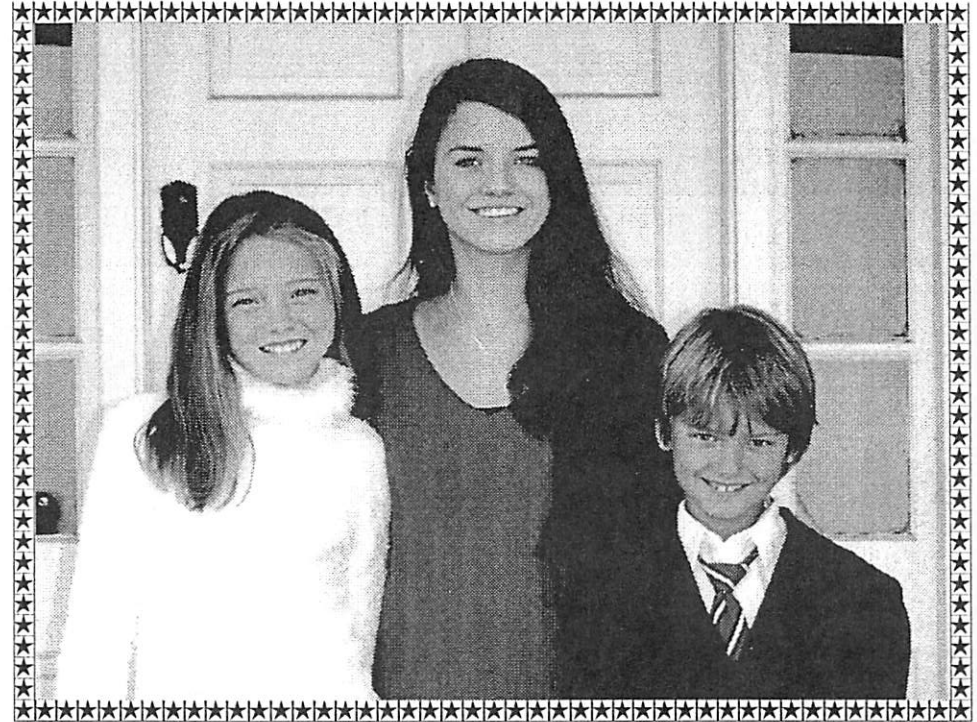
Love, Mom, Dad and  
Alexandra

Congratulations Nada!  
We are proud of you!



Love, Mom & Dad

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Lukas Smidtas, Greta Smidt & Laura Smidt

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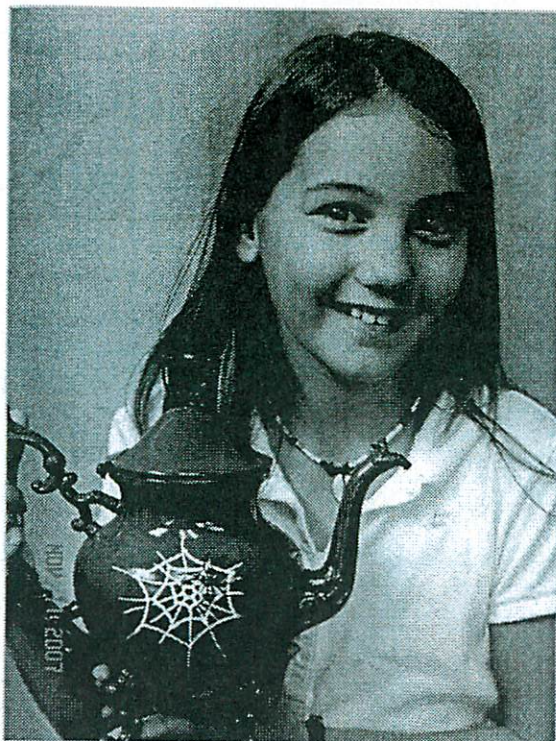
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wonderful,  
beautiful young  
lady and we are  
so proud of you!  
We love you  
very much and  
by the way.....  
YOU ROCK!!!!*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



*Hannah  
Trowell*

*We're  
proud of  
you!*

*Love,  
Mom and  
Dad*

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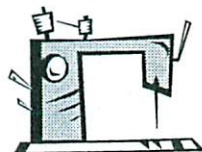
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Patti, Grandma Dee, and The Ruizs**



**Congratulations  
Hailee Jewell!**

**We love you very  
much and are so  
proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
Heather, Hope,  
Brandon and  
Gage**



**We are  
proud of  
you Blake  
and we  
love you**

Your Family

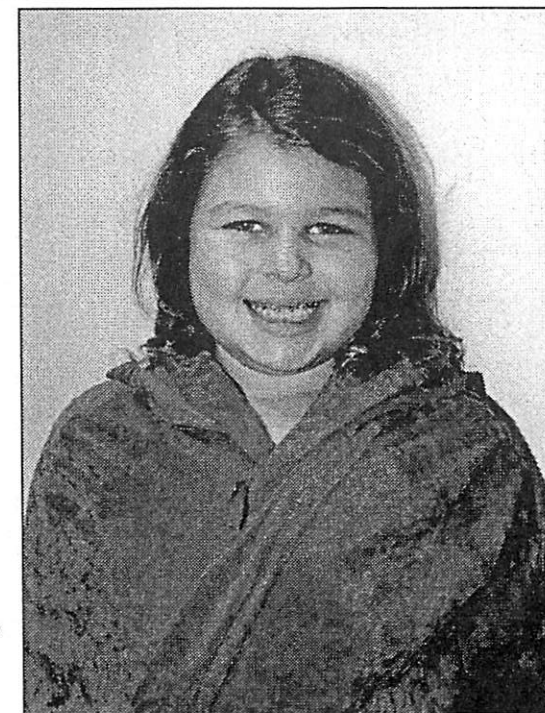
**SHINE EMILY  
SHINE!**



**YOU'LL  
ALWAYS BE A  
STAR TO US.**

**WE ARE SO  
PROUD OF  
YOU!**

**LOVE, ★  
MAMA,  
DADDY, DAVID,  
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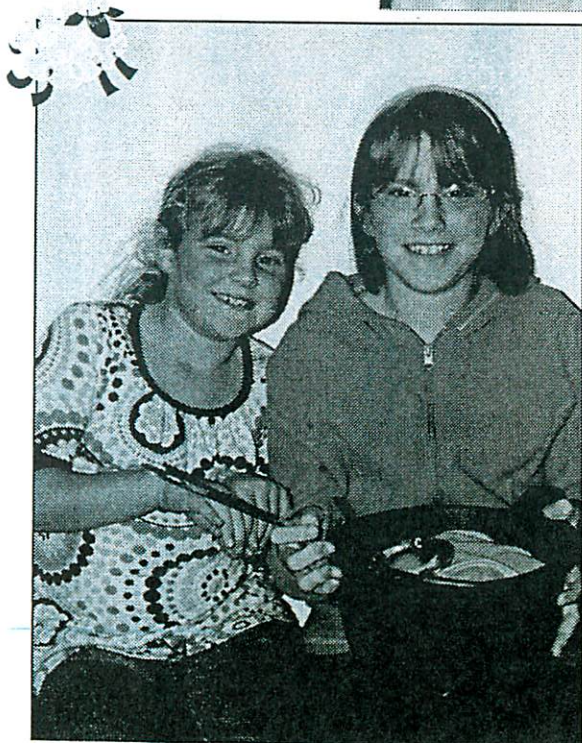
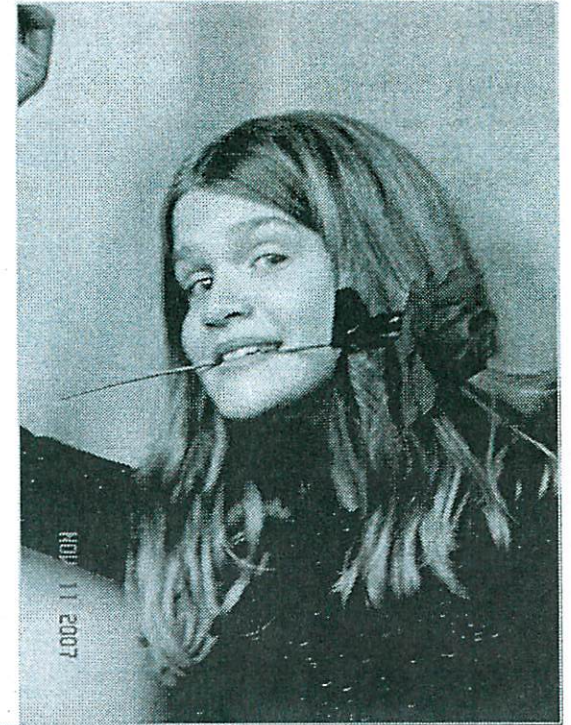
*We love you  
Elizabeth*

*Mom, Dad,  
Jimmy &  
Ryan*



Great job,  
you  
Bumbling  
Ruffian!

Love, Mom,  
Dad, Billy  
& the  
Grandma's



Break a leg  
Goldilocks  
and my little  
sheep! Your  
family is very  
proud of you.

Love,  
Mommy and  
Daddy



To our little  
duckie Katelynn  
You're our sugar  
sweet, and  
that's  
not stretching it  
a bit.

Break a Leg,  
XOXO,  
Mimmy &  
Diddy



Congratulations, Hank!



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# Captain Bree and Her Lady Pirates

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*Shiver your timbers with this swashbuckling comedy! Captain Jennings' crew jumps ship, leaving him with only a handful of prisoners and Fergus, a sailor who can't swim, to protect his wealthy passengers from a pirate attack. Captain Bree and her lady pirates demand gold in exchange for the lives of the pretentious Madam Prescott; her nephew Samuel, who is masquerading as a girl to avoid becoming shark bait; and her niece Julia, bursting with desire to join the lady pirates—much to her aunt's dismay! While waiting for a response from the English, the pirates entertain themselves by teaching Julia the ropes of pirating, such as threatening their prisoners with the plank. But what is in store when a British fleet arrives, set on both hanging the pirates for their deeds and punishing Captain Jennings for not fighting them off more effectively? With catchy sea shanties and other rousing musical numbers, you will be humming along all the way to the exciting surprise ending!*



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