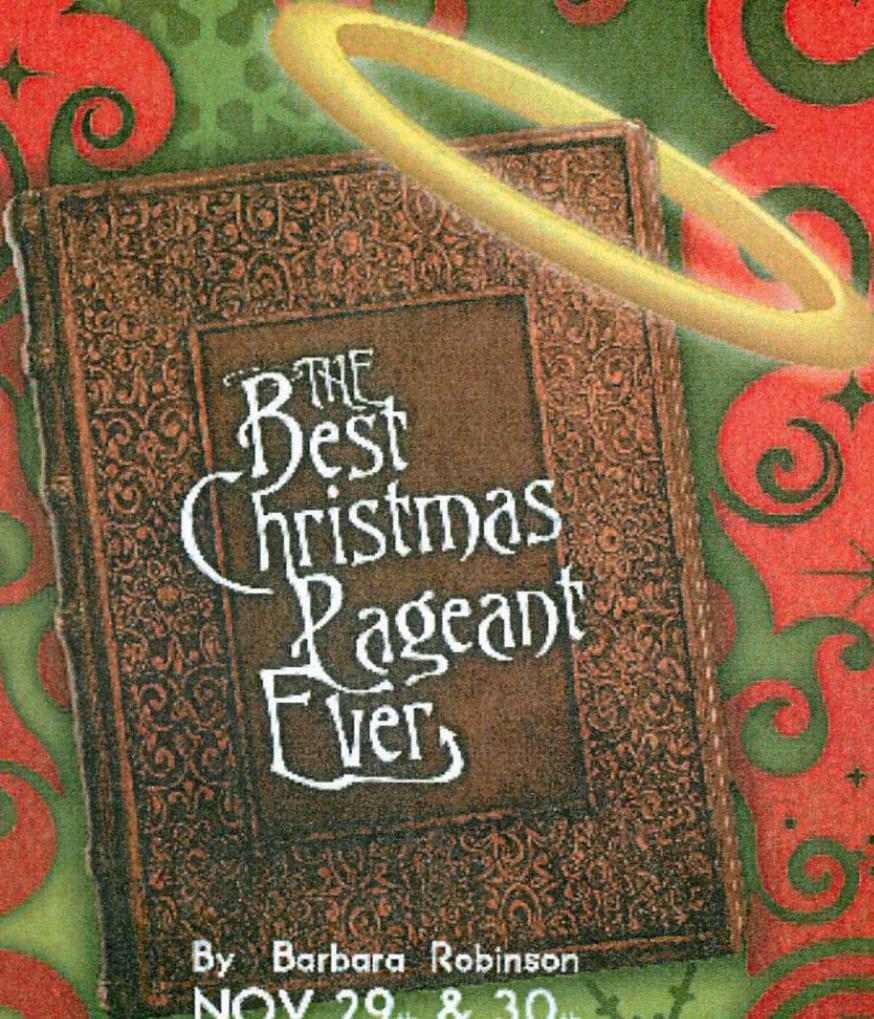


GINGERBREAD PLAYERS  
OF  
THEATRE GUILD VALDESTA  
PRESENTS



THE  
Best  
Christmas  
Pageant  
Ever

By Barbara Robinson

NOV 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Performances start @ 7PM

DEC 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Performances start @ 2:30PM

## A Word From Our Director

Just like Grace Bradley, the mother who inherits the community Christmas pageant in our show, I was a bit overwhelmed with the responsibility of directing a well-known story. What could I bring to this story, and the story within it, that would be fresh and new? It turns out, I didn't need to bring anything but an open mind and an open heart. I learned people aren't always as easily categorized as you think, and even a story as old as the birth of Jesus can hold new and exciting lessons for us.

I often joked during the past several weeks that I was living "the Grace Bradley experience" more and more every day. You will see a family missing out on home-cooked meals, a woman outnumbered by an extremely energetic group of children, concern that the show won't be ready on time, etc. What you won't see is the amazing support team I have had that Grace doesn't. Instead of gossiping busy-bodies, I had a cast and crew and their family members and friends who were willing to do whatever was needed whenever it was needed for however long it took. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to all of you.

To my awesome family (Jason, Parker, Catherine, and Kaitlyn), I love you and am grateful for all of your patience and long-suffering. I know you can empathize with the Bradleys as well.

Brenda Brunston (Queen of the May Totally Awesome, Esq.), "thank you" is inadequate to express my gratitude to you for dragging me (kicking and screaming though I was) into this experience and then staying by my side throughout. You are a true friend.

Speaking for myself and the cast and crew of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, enjoy the show and have a very merry Christmas!

*Lois Allbritton*

### **Special Thanks to:**

Dean Poling and the Valdosta Daily Times  
 Pepsi Cola  
 Atlanta Bread  
 The Puckett Family

## Our Cast

Father (Bob Bradley) . . . . .	Sommers Coleman
Mother (Grace Bradley) . . . . .	Catherine Allbritton
Beth Bradley . . . . .	Kalyn Cooper
Charlie Bradley . . . . .	Jackson Anderson
Ralph Herdman . . . . .	Carson Meaders
Imogene Herdman . . . . .	Kaitlyn Allbritton
Leroy Herdman . . . . .	David Bass
Claude Herdman . . . . .	Chase Cook
Ollie Herdman . . . . .	Connor Wilson
Gladys Herdman . . . . .	Cassie Doscher
Alice Wendleken . . . . .	Carragen Young
Maxine . . . . .	Lauren Lewis
Emma . . . . .	Charlly Young
Hobie . . . . .	John Laurent Dean
David . . . . .	Kayden Candelario
Beverly . . . . .	Saige Carpenter
Shirley . . . . .	Kelly Hazelhurst
Juanita . . . . .	Abbi Long
Doris . . . . .	Oya Denizman
Mrs. Armstrong . . . . .	Bethany Weller
Mrs. Slocum . . . . .	Parker Meadors
Mrs. Clark . . . . .	Katie Lancaster
Mrs. Clausing . . . . .	Katie Courson
Mrs. McCarthy . . . . .	Abby Cozart
Reverend Hopkins . . . . .	Dian Candelario
Firewoman Lucy . . . . .	Mary Catherine Burns
Firewoman Ethel . . . . .	Emma Hester
Janet . . . . .	Maggie Bishop
Roberta . . . . .	Anna Claire Price
Lizzy . . . . .	Claire Hannasch
Caroline . . . . .	Anna Cozart
Molly . . . . .	Laney Brooklynn Rice
Becky . . . . .	Rebecca Lancaster
Pianist . . . . .	Samantha Kassum



## Our Production Crew

Director ..... Lois Allbritton  
 Assistant Director ..... Brenda Brunston  
 Technical Director..... Lynnette Kenworthy  
 Stage Manager ..... Bethanie Bass  
 Assistant Stage Manager ..... Rosemary Coleman  
 Props Managers ..... Carol Anne Cooper, Teresa Doscher & Jen Wilson  
 Costume Manager ..... Pauline Owens  
 Costume Crew ..... Meredith Lancaster, Elaine McMillan & Wanda Rice  
 Sound & Light Crew ..... Parker Allbritton, PT Candelario, Samantha McLendon & Andrew Rodgers  
 Back Stage Crew ..... Elizabeth Bishop, Nathaniel Bishop, Lauren Swiney & Kaiden Wilson  
 Scenic Artists ..... Rosemary Coleman, Georgina Kassum & Lynnette Kenworthy  
 Program ..... Robin McLendon  
 Graphic Designer ..... Ryan Swaims  
 Front of House Manager ..... Brittney Long  
 Producer ..... Diane Brunston  
 Set Construction ..... Cast, Crew, Family and Friends

## Kids in the Crew



### Coming Soon:

#### From TGV: **TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL**

Auditions: December 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm at the 'Dosta Playhouse  
 Show Dates: January 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 2013

#### From GBP: **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH**

Auditions: January 21 and 22 at 6:00 pm at the Dosta Playhouse  
 Show Dates: March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 2013

## Meet the Cast



Hello! My name is Sommers Coleman and I play "Father". I have performed in exactly seven Gingerbread Player productions, and I'm happy to make "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" my eighth. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a fun and hardworking cast. Enjoy the show!



I'm Catherine Allbritton. Thank you for coming to our show! I hope you enjoy experiencing it as much as we enjoyed working on it. I am very excited to be in this play (my thirteenth!), and really enjoyed playing the part of Mother; backstage, they call me "Momma Bradley"! Merry Christmas; God bless!



Hello my name is Kaly Cooper. I am a sixth grader at LMS. This is my 4th performance with TGV. I have really enjoyed playing the part of Beth Bradley in this play. As well as acting, I also like to dance, sing and play soccer. Thanks for coming and I hope you enjoy the play!



I'm Jackson Anderson & have been in several plays with GBP, Little Actors and Missoula. I am in 5th grade at St. John's and play the French horn in the band. I play sports and love animals, theater, and being unique. Thanks to all of my supporters; I am available for movies!



My name is Carson Meadors and I am 11 years old. I am in 6th grade at Pine Grove Middle school. I have 2 little brothers, and a younger sister. I have done lights and sound before, but this is my first speaking role in a full length play.



My name is Kaitlyn Allbritton. This is my 17th play in 6 years, and I am still loving it! Like my character Imogene Herdman, I am twelve years old, bossy, sassy, and everything in between...as my cast members can tell you. It has been fun working with this cast. Enjoy the show!



David Bass is in the sixth grade at St. John School. He is on both the cross country and basketball teams for the school. David also enjoys reading, video games, and playing the trombone. David played Father Christmas in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and as one of the Wickersham Brothers in Seussical Jr.



My name is Chase Cook. I am 12 years old and homeschooled. I hope to be an actor when I grow up. I like to hang out with my friends and act crazy. My favorite actor is Jim Carrey. I like the Harry Potter books and movies. My favorite food is pizza and wings.

## Meet the Cast



Hi, I'm Connor Wilson. This is my first time in a community theater. I am a little nervous but alright. I wanted to be Ollie because he makes a lot of mischief. I also enjoy gymnastics. I hope you enjoy the show



I'm Cassie Doscher and I am a 5th grader at St. John School. This is my 2nd performance with TGV. I had a great time being a Who in Suessical last year. I love playing sports, playing the flute, running cross country and hanging with friends. Thanks to Ms. Lois, Ms. Brenda, my cast mates and crew.



Hi I'm Carragen Young and I'm Alice in the Best Christmas Pageant Ever. I'm ten years old and in the 5th grade. My favorite hobbies are drawing and being outside. This is my second performance with TGV. My first play was Seussical Jr. (the Musical).



Lauren Lewis is 13 and attends 8<sup>th</sup> grade at LMS. This is her 13<sup>th</sup> play. Lauren participates in band, chorus and theatre. She loves performing, making new friends and having fun. Lauren loves the stage because it was the first place where no one told her she was too loud.



Hi my name is Charly Saige Young. My favorite meal is steak and potatoes and for dessert....Ice cream! I'm 11 and in the 6th grade. I have a brother and a sister. This is my second TGV play. I was also in Suessical. I hope you enjoy the performance.



Hi! My name is John Laurent Dean. I am the seven year old son of John David and Kerri Dean of Valdosta, Georgia. I am in the first grade at Valwood School. I enjoy acting, modeling, tennis, gymnastics, football, and piano. This is my 2nd performance with The Gingerbread Players.



My name is Kayden (KD) Candelario. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I like to build things with cardboard, and I am an accomplished cello player. The last play I was in was "Slumber Party" August 2009. I enjoy acting. Thanks for reading about me.



Hi! My name is Saige. I am 7 years old and in 2nd grade. I like the color purple, singing, and I want to be a dentist or the first girl president.

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I am Kelly Hazelhurst. I am 8 years old. I like to dance, sing, and act. I have two older sisters who are 16 and 12 years old; they are ok I guess. I am in 2nd grade at Crossroads Baptist School. I love my school.



My name is Abbi Long and I am in fourth grade at Sallas Mahone. This is my second play with the Gingerbread Players. I have three dogs and a cat and I love to act and sing. I hope we can make this the best Christmas pageant you have ever seen!



Hi, my name is Oya Denizman. I am in 5th grade at St. John School. I have been in other plays including; The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Suessical Jr. the Musical. I would like to thank my mom, my dad, my other family members, all of you, Ms. Lois, and Ms. Brenda. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!!



Hello! First off, thank you for coming to our wonderful show. My name is Bethany Weller and this is my fourth production with TGV, the other shows were, "Little Women," "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," and "Seussical (the Musical.)" Besides theater, I enjoy archery and piano



I'm Parker Meadors and I am in 5th grade at Dewar Elementary. I have 3 brothers. I like to read and draw. This is my 5th play. I love acting!



Hi, my name is Katie Lancaster and I play Mrs. Clark. I go to Sallas Mahone Elementary and am in 5th grade. This is my first play but I have done many musicals. I have a sister named Rebecca. I am 10 years old. I hope you enjoy the show!



Katie Courson is twelve years old and she attends Hahira Middle School. This is her second play with the Gingerbread Players. Her other role was Beth in "Little Women". She says thanks to her family, friends, cast, crew, and directors for their support and help along the way!



My name is Abby Cozart; I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Lowndes Middle School. This play is based on one of my favorite books, so I am excited to be part of this production! In addition to theater, I love music, reading, the Florida Gators, anything Disney, and the BBC hit, "Dr. Who."

## Meet the Cast



Hi, I'm Dian (DN) Candelario. This is my second play with the Gingerbread Players. I am currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and home-educated. My hobbies include running, reading books, playing

soccer.



Hi, my name is Emma Hester. I am 12 years old. I love to run and play the clarinet. I have 2 sisters. I love to play outside and go on adventures. At school I love journal writing. It's when my mind

can go on paper. I love to meet new people and hang out with my friends.



My name is "Anna Claire" Price, and this is my first time acting in a play! I have a brother named Max (age 3). I love animals; I own two dogs, two cats, and four fish. I love to make people

laugh. I hope you enjoy the performance!



I am Anna Cozart, and I am 6 years old. I am in Kindergarten at Georgia Christian School. My favorite subject in school is math. My favorite things to do are play

games and watch television. I like spending the night with people, and I love my cousins.



I'm Mary Catherine Burns and I'm 11. I like to run cross country, play sports, read books, write stories, swim, and ride horses. I like to hang out with my brother a lot. I'm Christian and I love God. I

love smoothies and bagel bites. Go Gators and Jets! Bye!



Maggie Bishop is making her theater debut in this production. She is 12 years old, attends Dewar Elementary School and enjoys, music, dancing, gymnastics and dressing up. Maggie has aspirations

of one day performing with the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen in either the Dance Line or Color Guard.



My name is Claire Hannasch. I was born in Valdosta, GA and attend kindergarten at Pine Grove Elementary School. I love math, stuffed animals, and princesses. I want to be a

baker when I grow up. This is my first play with the theatre. I live with my Mom, Dad, and brother, Cole.



My name is Laney Brooklynn Rice. I'm in the 2nd grade at Berrien Primary School. This is my second performance with the Gingerbread Players. I play a member of the angel choir. In my

spare time I like to sing, dance, draw, do gymnastics, and I love the theatre. I hope you enjoy the show.

## Meet the Cast



My name is Rebecca Lancaster. I'm in kindergarten at Sallas Mahone Elementary. I love dressing up. I play Becky a baby angel in this play. This is my first play with the Gingerbread Players. I'm six years old.

Enjoy the show!



Hi everyone! My name is Samantha Kassum and I am 11 years old. I am performing in my second play with TGV and I am very excited. I have three pet cats, love to sing in the choir at St. Johns, play three instruments, and

have a blue belt in tae-kwon-do.

WE LOVE YOU CHASE . . . AND THAT  
OTHER BOY WAS GREAT!

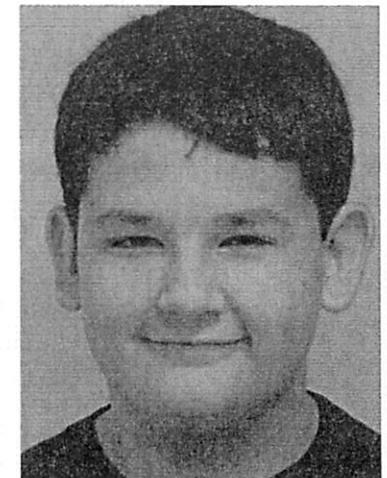
LOVE, CISSY AND CRITTER

We are so proud of our little  
angel! We admire your dedi-  
cation and perseverance!



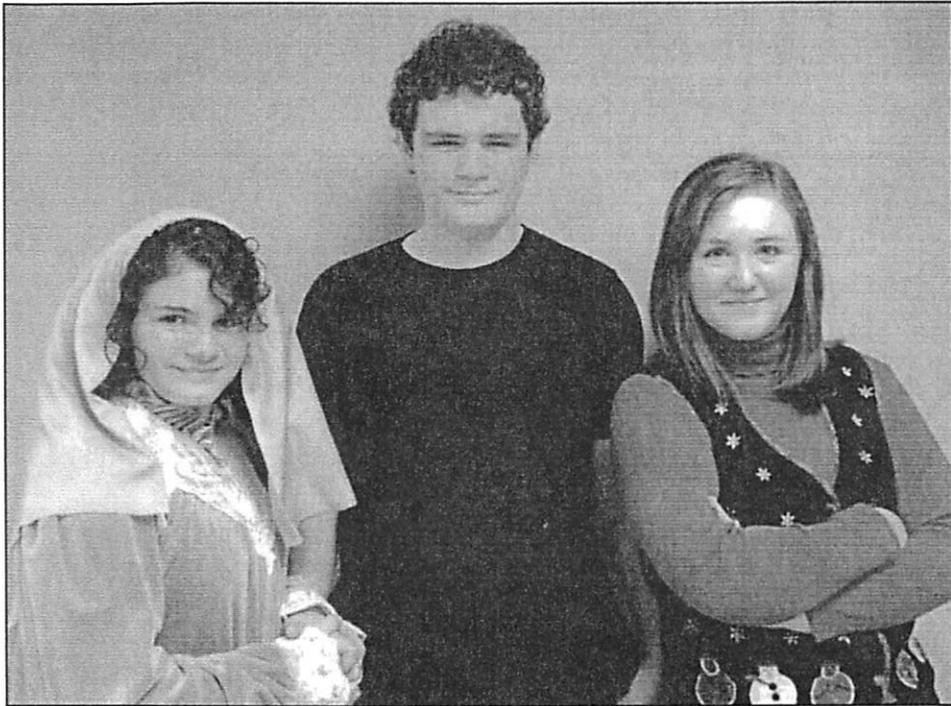
Mama, Daddy, and Max

**Break a Leg David!**  
(Just not someone else's!)



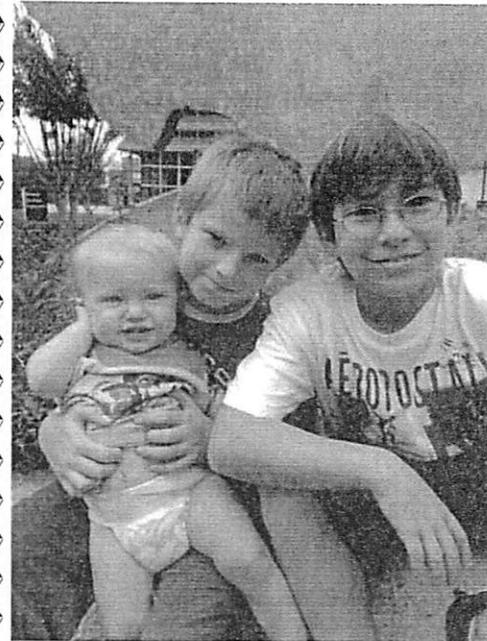
Love, Mom and Dad

*This is going to be the best  
Christmas pageant ever!!*



*And, we're going to do it  
with the  
Allbrittons!!!*

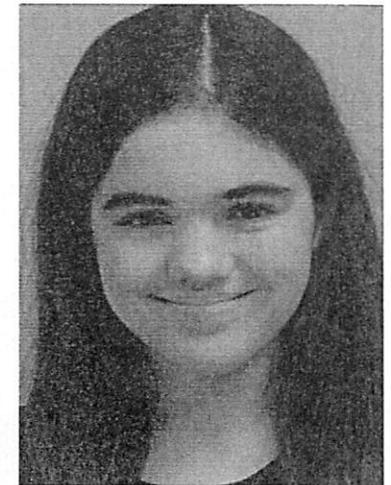
*Love, MeMa, PePa, MeMe, PaPa,  
Momma and Daddy*



**WE LOVE  
YOU  
CHASE!**

*Dad, Mom,  
Nana,  
Tucker & Bo*

*Anna Claire, Grandma and  
Grandfather love you and are  
so proud of you!*



*"Tis the season to have fun..."  
Congratulations Katie!  
Love, Mom & Dad*





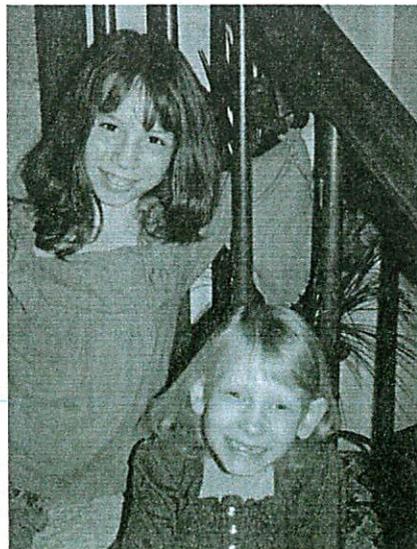
*Congrats  
Laney*

**From  
Daddy,  
Miss Debi,  
Kasen &  
Austin**

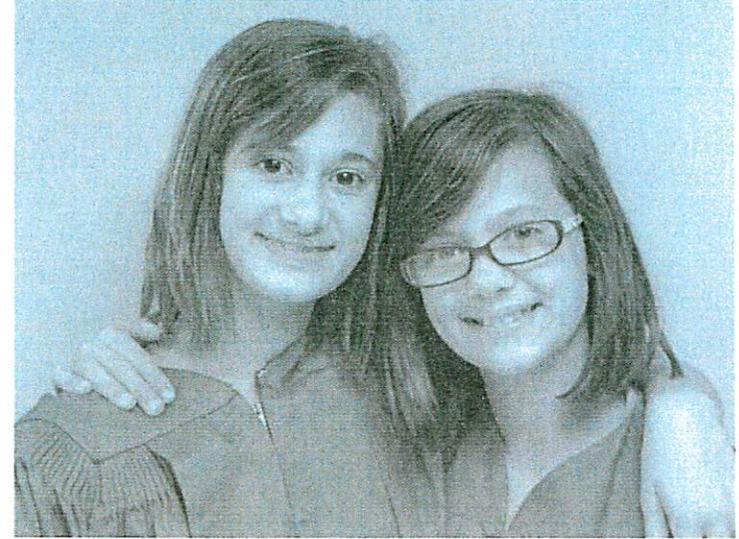


**Cassie, you have always  
been Gladys to us!  
Love, Mom, Dad and  
Dustin**

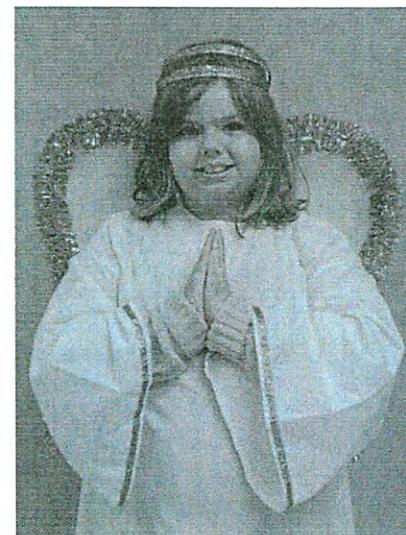
Great Performance Girls.  
I am so proud of you both,  
Love, Mimi



Congratulations to the "Best Actors Ever"!!



Love, Mama, Daddy, Corbin, Meme & Papa

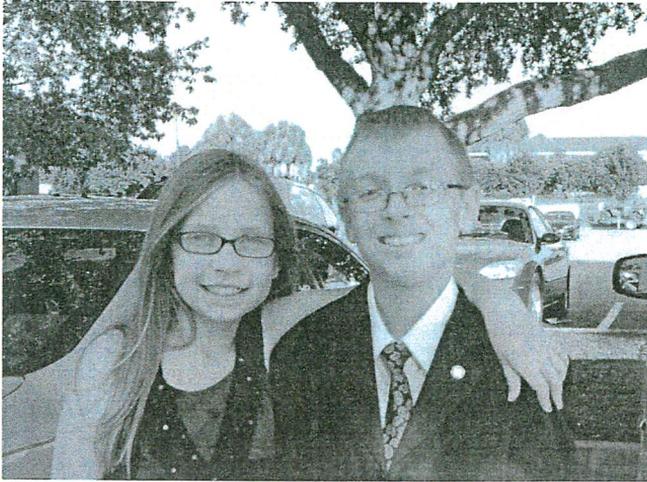


**Congratulations Abbi  
We love you. Mom, Dad  
and Bella**

Another great "Beth" performance!! We are so proud of you Kalyn! Love, Mom, Dad and Chase

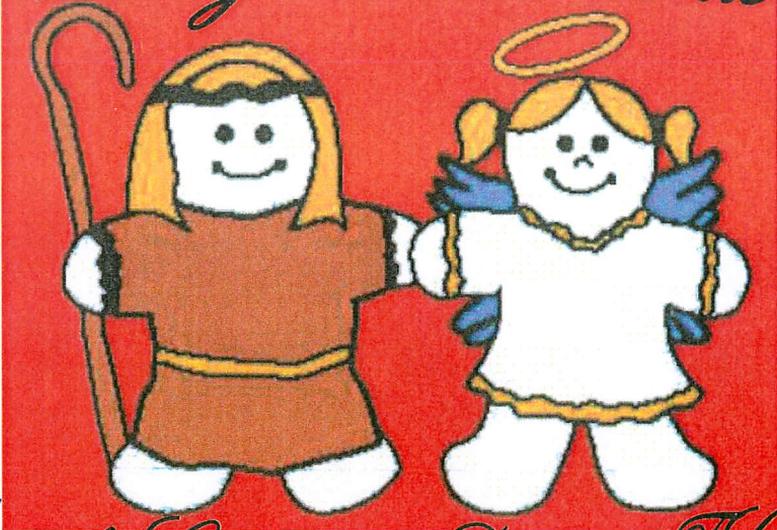


*We are so proud of you both, our Shining Stars!  
We love you, Mama, Daddy, Jack, and Drake*



*Way to go, Carson and Parker! Love, Nana*

*Merry Christmas*



*From the Gingerbread Players of TGV*