



*Tahlequah Community Playhouse
presents*

The Best Christmas

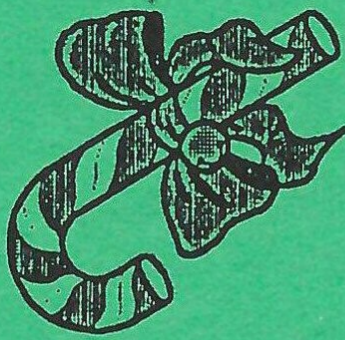
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by Barbara Robinson

December 3 - 6, 1998

First Presbyterian Church

315 E. Shawnee



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

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directed by Peggy Kaney

Musical Accompaniment by Sandra Laney

CAST

Father	Joe Sanders
Mother	Cathy Sanders
Beth Bradley	Amelia Young
Charlie Bradley	Chris DuVall
Ralph Herdman	Sam Manning
Imogene Herdman	Vanessa Warren
Leroy Herdman	Andrew Sanders
Claude Herdman	Matthew Kaney
Ollie Herdman	Jonathan Knox
Gladys Herdman	Molly Turner
Alice Wendleken	Allie Righthouse
Mrs. Armstrong	Cathy Turner
Mrs. Slocum	Cheryl Young
Mrs. Clark	Becky Knox
Mrs. Clausing	Buzzy Manning
Mrs. McCarthy	Angela Morgan
Maxine	Chandra West
Elmer Hopkins	Nick Young
Hobie	Simon Manning
David	Wesley Martin
Beverly	Elizabeth Johns
Shirley	Sarah Sanders
Juanita	Jamie Ugalde
Doris	Tiffany West
Reverend Hopkins	Robert Young
Firefighter	Georgie Drees
Firefighter	Linda West
Shepherd	Adam Kaney
Shepherd	Willy Righthouse

PRODUCTION STAFF

Set	Buzzy Manning & Brian Kaney
Lights	Brian Kaney
Costumes	Cathy Turner & Cast
Props	Becky Knox, Buzzy Manning, April Brizendine & Cast
Publicity	Peggy Kaney, Jonathan Brown & Diane Morgan
Programs	Diane Morgan
Box Office & Concessions	Sandra Becker, Jonathan Brown, Melissa Cast, Jeanette McQuitty, Diane Morgan & Renée Rae Ridge

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Craig Clifford

Jeanette McQuitty

Margaret E. Smith

First United Methodist Church, Tahlequah

produced by special arrangement with *Samuel French, Inc.*

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Cast & Crew Information

APRIL BRIZENDINE is a junior at NSU studying early childhood education. April is a student in Mrs. Kaney's Children's Theatre class and thought helping out with this play would be a good experience.

GEORGIE DREES is the Branch Manager of the Tahlequah Public Library. Georgie previously appeared as Eloise in *BONE-CHILLER!*. Georgie is married and has 2 children and 6 grandchildren and has lived in Tahlequah for 20 years.

CHRIS DuVALL is a 4th grade student at Greenwood Elementary. Chris studies piano and enjoys art.

ELIZABETH JOHNS is in Ms. Spears' 3rd grade class at Greenwood Elementary. Elizabeth is on A-B Team. She would like to be a singer-artist. She loves videos, art, singing, & dancing and is active at her church. She has lived in Tahlequah since age 1.

ADAM KANEY is in Transitional 1st grade at Greenwood Elementary. Adam has appeared for 3 years in Christmas pageants and will appear next weekend as a shepherd in the First United Methodist Church pageant. He is taking violin, enjoys building with Lego's and, according to his mother, enjoys expending lots of energy!!!

BRIAN KANEY is an Associate Professor of Physics at NSU. Brian entered theatre by marriage and has "endured" a variety of tech experiences and puppetry. He enjoys storm chasing and is a fanatical weather researcher and observer and enjoys astronomy. Brian is married to Peggy and has two sons, Matthew and Adam.

MATTHEW KANEY is in the 3rd grade at Greenwood Elementary. Matthew has 6 years of experience with Christmas pageants at the First United Methodist Church and appeared last season as Wilbur in TCP's production of *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*, as well as numerous homespun improvisational theatre creations. Matthew enjoys piano, cub scouts, swimming and bike riding.

PEGGY KANEY is the Children's Coordinator at the Tahlequah Public Library and is an Adjunct Instructor of Speech & Theatre at NSU. Peggy appeared as the narrator in *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* and was named BEST FEMALE NEWCOMER last season. She made her theatre debut as a "Red Fall Leaf" in a 1st grade play and has been involved in theatre, front and back stage, ever since. Most of her experience is in costume design, puppetry and storytelling. Peggy has a B.A. and M.F.A. in theatre. She is currently directing the Christmas pageant at the First United Methodist Church (without the Herdmans).

JONATHAN KNOX attends Greenwood Elementary where he is in the 3rd grade. Jonathan appeared in last season's TCP production *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* as an old sheep. Jonathan likes to sing and is taking dance lessons. He is also a Cub Scout-Bear and is in the soccer league as well as being a fast runner in track.

REBECCA KNOX is a part-time NSU student and does volunteer work around Tahlequah. She appeared as a reporter in *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* and appeared in plays at Oxnard College in California.

SANDRA LANEY retired from teaching at Greenwood Elementary after 25 years. She previously appeared as a nun in the Arts Council of Tahlequah production *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*. Sandra is enjoying her retirement with her husband, David (who is a retired NSU professor) and likes to spend time with their married son and daughter and three granddaughters.

BUZZY MANNING is self-employed doing graphics & sales and a full-time mother. She was actively involved with *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*, working mostly on sets & design, but had fun playing Mrs. Arable. The play was her first. Buzzy describes herself as a very active "mom" - church, scouts, soccer, hockey & homework! She enjoys creating- ANYTHING! and loves science, nature & art.

SAM MANNING is in the 9th grade at Tahlequah Jr. High. He appeared as Avery in *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* and says he really enjoyed the experience. Sam has been involved in school programs and was once the Assistant Director & Special Tech. Sam loves action sports and enjoys skateboarding, inline skating & hockey. He likes classic cars, trucks & motorcycles as well as competitive diving & swimming. He recently had the thrill of bungy jumping. He was captain of his academic team for 3 years and he enjoys chess.

SIMON MANNING is in the 3rd grade at Briggs and appeared as the Gander in *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* and says they called him "Zander the Gander." Following this play, Simon will be playing the role of a "DJ" in his school's Christmas play. Simon loves drawing, playing, acting, reading, collecting rocks & fossils as well as soccer, scouts & hockey.

WES MARTIN is in the 6th grade at Central. This is his 1st appearance with TCP but has appeared in a school production, circled the state with song for 3 years and participated in a violin recital. Wes has lived in Tahlequah all his life with his parents, Dean and Joy Martin. His hobbies are trumpet, biking, Star Trekking and Star Wars or any science fiction space movies and games. Wes is part of the "Circle the State with Song" choir.

ANGELA MORGAN is a graduate student in communications at NSU and has previously appeared in the TCP productions *RUMORS*, *WEB OF MURDER*, *THE UNINVITED*, and *MURDER AT THE UNIVERSITY*. Angela is on the National Dean's List and Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities. This past summer she anchored a television news show in Phoenix, Arizona. Angela is a member of the First General Baptist Church and a graduate fellowship recipient.

ALLIE RIGHTHOUSE is a 5th grader at St. Joseph Catholic School in Muskogee. This is Allie's 1st play. She enjoys soccer, girl scouts, Club BFF, art and piano. She has lived in Tahlequah since the age of 2 and has two brothers and one sister.

WILLY RIGHTHOUSE is in the 1st grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Muskogee and enjoys soccer, art and piano. Willy has lived in Tahlequah all his life and has one brother and two sisters.

ANDREW SANDERS is in the 5th grade at Central and appeared as Templeton, the rat, in CHARLOTTE'S WEB, as well as appearing as Napoleon and Father Time in school music productions while at Cherokee Elementary. Andrew is a 2nd year Webelos Scout. He loves to sing and is in the "Circle the State" chorus for the 2nd year. He loves to read and enjoys canoeing & camping.

CATHY SANDERS teaches transition at Cherokee Elementary and appeared as Mrs. Zuckerman in CHARLOTTE'S WEB. Cathy is the wife of Joe and the mother of Andrew & Sarah. She teaches Sunday School at First Christian Church and is a Brownie leader. Having lived in Tahlequah from 1972-1984, she returned to Tahlequah in 1994.

JOE SANDERS works in the Engineering Department at Lake Region. He played Homer Zuckerman in CHARLOTTE'S WEB. He is a CubMaster for Cub Scout Pack 730, a Chamber of Commerce Board member, and an NSU Alumni Association Board Member. Joe is an avid golfer and enjoys canoeing & camping. He was born & raised in Tahlequah and has lived here all his life except from 1984-1994.

SARAH SANDERS is in the 2nd grade at Cherokee Elementary. Sarah played the Little Lamb in CHARLOTTE'S WEB. Sarah is a Brownie Girl Scout and enjoys doing math.

CATHY TURNER has done costuming for the Arts Council of Tahlequah world premiere production MOUNTAIN WINDSONG, the TRAIL OF TEARS, the ACT/THS production of CINDERELLA and other community endeavors. Cathy is currently the president of Greenwood PTA, a member of the Tahlequah Public Schools Foundation, the Arts Council of Tahlequah and a Board Member of the Sequoyah Institute.

MOLLY CATHERINE TURNER is a 2nd grade student at Greenwood Elementary. Molly is a performer in Standing Ovation, dance, and American Kids. She is also a piano student, a Brownie, member of A-Team at Greenwood & an aspiring actress.

JAMIE UGALDE is in the 3rd grade at Greenwood Elementary. Jamie enjoys dancing (jazz, tap, ballet, and clogging), playing the piano, tumbling and taking art class. She loves to read and practice math.

VANESSA WARREN is in the 10th grade at Tahlequah High School. She has appeared in the ACT/THS productions of KING ARTHUR'S CALAMITY (as a villager) and CINDERELLA (as a villager and also part of the tech

crew). She has also been on the tech crew at Falls Creek. Vanessa is in her 2nd year of drama at THS and is a member of Southside Baptist Church.

CHANDRA WEST is a 4th grade student at Grand View Elementary. Chandra appeared in her 1st TCP production last season as The Goose in CHARLOTTE'S WEB. She also played Chicken Licken in 1st grade.

LINDA WEST is a Librarian at NSU and has been involved with TCP for a number of years. She has done costuming for OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG & GAY, JONAH, EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL, THE HOLLOW, GO BACK FOR MURDER and THE HEIRESS (set in 1848). She also appeared as "The Looker" in FORTY CARATS, Polly in PLAY ON, and as a photographer in CHARLOTTE'S WEB.

TIFFANY WEST is in the 1st grade at Grand View Elementary and attended her 1st TCP play (REX STAMPEDE) at the age of 6 months. This is her first appearance on the stage.

AMELIA YOUNG made her TCP debut last season as Charlotte in CHARLOTTE'S WEB and appeared earlier this season as Tess the maid in THE VAMPYRE (and was a very good sport.)

CHERYL YOUNG lists herself as the "keeper of the home" and appeared last season as an extra in CHARLOTTE'S WEB.

NICK YOUNG is making his TCP debut and is home schooled.

ROBERT YOUNG is a social worker with the Adair County Health Department. He is married with two teenagers (see above) and has lived in Tahlequah for sixteen years. Robert is an avid golfer and sings in the First United Methodist Church Choir. He states that he is an "NPR junkie."

AUDITIONS

Monday & Tuesday

December 7 & 8

7pm

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for

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

production dates, March 4-7, 1998

for more information

contact John Dameron

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