

## A "NICE LAUGH"

By Michaela Forkenbrock and Brittani VanWinkle

In 1949, *The Man who Came to Dinner* was produced for CBS Radio; today, the play is being produced for the Lyndon community. Written about Sheridan Whiteside, a radio broadcaster, who is going on a lecture tour, the play features the events that take place after he has dinner at the Stanley's house. During his stay, he falls and injures himself, forcing him to remain at their house until he is well. While there, an abundance of comical commodities occur.

Mr. Gregory Baird has taken on the responsibility of being in charge of this play. Because he did plays and musicals in high school, he wanted to continue to work in theatrics and be a part of different productions. In fact, he chose this play because it was one he did while in high school. "It is also a good way to get to know students who I wouldn't normally get the opportunity to meet," added Mr. Baird.

With only 19 cast members, everyone in the play is extremely important. Because of the way the play is written, most students have hefty parts. Some students have lines on almost every page and others only appear a little bit throughout the play, but there is no such thing as an acute participation.

"This play is a lot longer than most, so we have to put a lot more time into not only the set, but memorizing lines," says Payton Dow. Payton, experienced cast member, states that having a new director this year has been something different to transition to, but he does know how everything is set up. While building relationships and spending time with friends, both Haley Brecheisen and Josie Crawford hope their hard work provides the community with a "nice laugh."

From a teacher's point of view, Mrs. Anne Bichel states, "I love to see my students enjoying themselves. I spend so much time with them academically that it's fun to see them in another light." She saw this play at another school she taught at, so she thinks it will be fun to see LHS's interpretation.

### Cast Members:

Mrs. Stanley played by Emma Kate Unruh  
Miss Preen played by Kenzie Hull  
Richard Stanley played by Haley Brecheisen  
June Stanley played by Meg Wendling  
John played by Annabelle Moore  
Sarah played by Meghan Newberry  
Mrs. Dexter, Westcott, and Banjo played by Gretchen Newberry  
Mrs. McCutcheon, Harriet Stanley, Ms. Baker, and Deputy played by Kaitlyn Moore

Mr. Stanley played by Jamie Reed  
Maggie Cutler played by Grace Spencer  
Sheridan Whiteside played by Payton Dow  
Bert Jefferson played by Trystan Pringle  
Metz played by Kenna McClain  
Luncheon Guest, Express Person, and Radio Operator played by Josie Crawford  
Lorraine Sheldon played by Ellie Fischer  
Sandy, Deputy, and Luncheon Guest played by Beau Brecheisen

Beverly Carlton played by Lainey Beyer  
Dr. Bradley played by Stephen Steggs

Express Person and Luncheon Guest played  
by Shaugn Reed

If you are looking for a “nice laugh” to experience with the family, head to Lyndon High School on November 12th at 7 p.m. and November 13th at 2:30 p.m.