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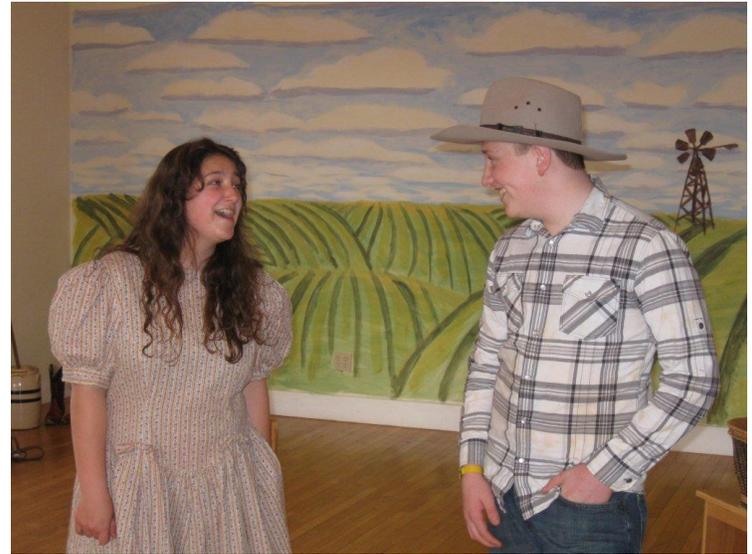


Art at Belle Meade School

Ever had to ask your kids not to draw on the wall? Not at Belle Meade! We have been painting a wheat field background for our musical Oklahoma. Davette and Victor started the outline of the fields and the clouds, the high school painted the wheat and the details of some parts, and the middle school painted more wheat and a windmill. We have finished the painting and soon we will be adding the paper fences and making the surrey. The surrey is a small carriage and will be used for our song "The Surrey with the Fringe on the Top." The painting has been fun, we have all enjoyed painting on the wall, and it really does look lovely!

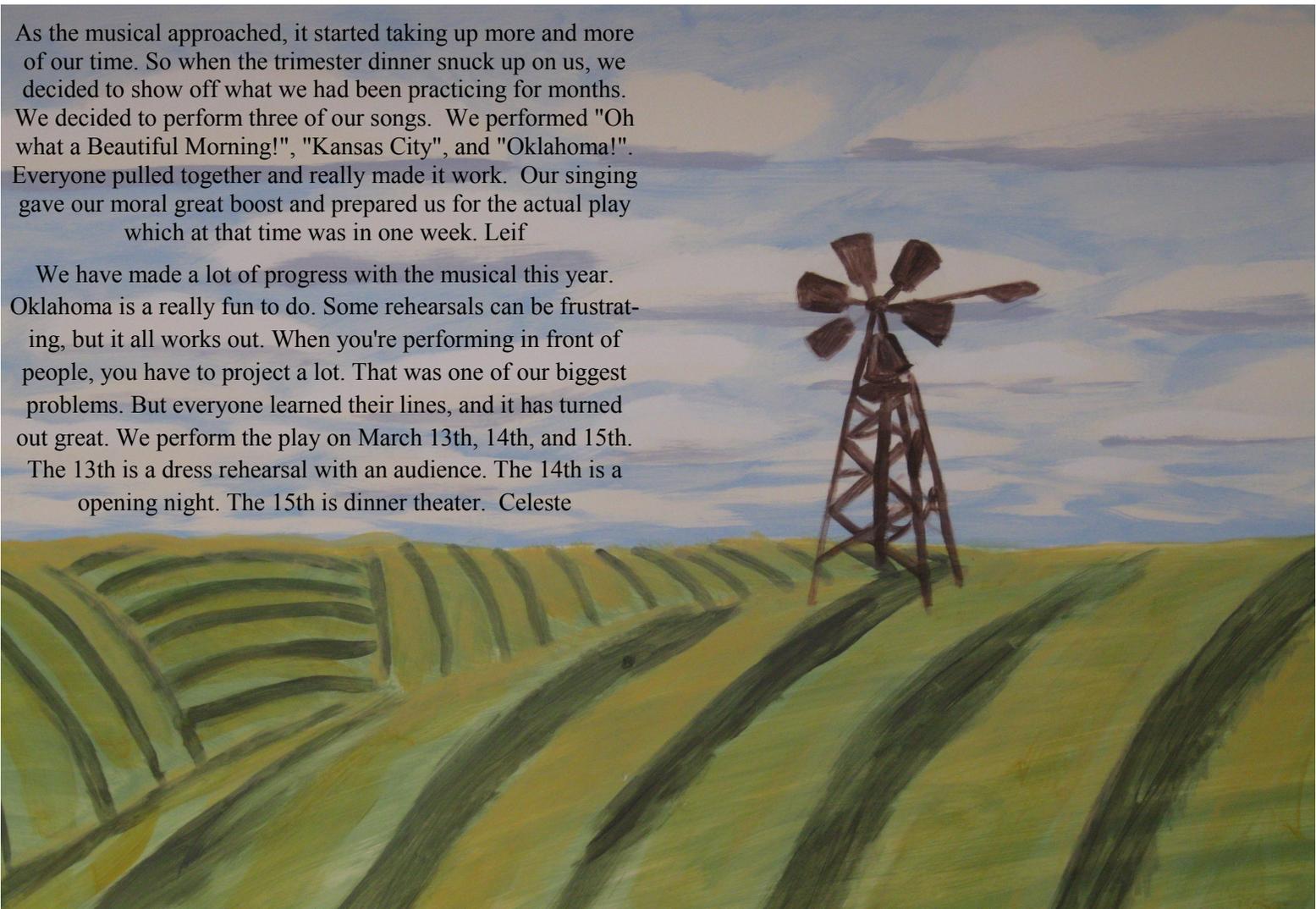
Ava

Oklahoma



As the musical approached, it started taking up more and more of our time. So when the trimester dinner snuck up on us, we decided to show off what we had been practicing for months. We decided to perform three of our songs. We performed "Oh what a Beautiful Morning!", "Kansas City", and "Oklahoma!". Everyone pulled together and really made it work. Our singing gave our moral great boost and prepared us for the actual play which at that time was in one week. Leif

We have made a lot of progress with the musical this year. Oklahoma is a really fun to do. Some rehearsals can be frustrating, but it all works out. When you're performing in front of people, you have to project a lot. That was one of our biggest problems. But everyone learned their lines, and it has turned out great. We perform the play on March 13th, 14th, and 15th. The 13th is a dress rehearsal with an audience. The 14th is a opening night. The 15th is dinner theater. Celeste



Additions to the Farm

Last month Mike brought three rabbits to the farm. Two female and one male, the female rabbits both arrived pregnant so in a few weeks we probably have about eight more rabbits. These rabbits are being bread for meat. The mommies are probably here to stay but the babies, when they are of age, will be made into a stew. Now fortunately we intend on using all parts of the rabbits, including the droppings. We have already started using them in the biodynamic compost piles we have running next to the garden. In just a short time it will be rich in nitrogen and nutrients, ready to nourish the plants. David



Bunnies

Two weeks ago there was a big surprise by the greenhouse. There were three rabbits sitting outside the greenhouse. One is all white, one is gray and white, and the last one is white with grey ears. We spent a whole hour holding them. The white rabbit with red eyes loved Emily and would not let anyone else hold him. The other two let everyone hold them. The bad thing about holding rabbits for an hour is that some of us were late for class. Odie



Chemistry

With the quick change in staff about mid year, we had to find someone to teach the high school chemistry class. We looked around for willing teachers and realized we had a scientist amongst us. His name is Kimber Herron. His son Oliver goes school with us and is in eighth grade. Kimber comes to help in the garden on Wednesday and Friday and also teaches chemistry. So far it has been a great experience, and I hear great things from other students on what they are learning. Elliott



Recording And Observation Elective

In this interesting elective taught by Victor, we all enjoy time in nature. We track, find, and catch animals such as raccoons, chickens, deer, salamanders, and much more. We also observe the weather and exact temperature. Then we compare it with the real temperature and see which is more realistic. We use binoculars to spy on animals. This elective is enjoyable but not yet as much fun as Victor's last elective when we built shelters in the woods.

Phillip

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What happened to Leif. He got very wet. How? It was my fault and Lauren, Ethan, and Phillip's fault. It started when Leif threw a cup of dirt on Lauren. She looked at me. I looked at her, and she nodded her head. It was on! First I chased Leif back to the school. I threw a cup of water on Leif. Then Lauren came up behind me and poured water on my head. I spun around chased her around the school. Phillip snuck up behind Leif and poured a bucket of water on his head! Then Ethan threw water at Lauren and hid in the van. It had to end for afternoon circle. But, it is not over! Oliver

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