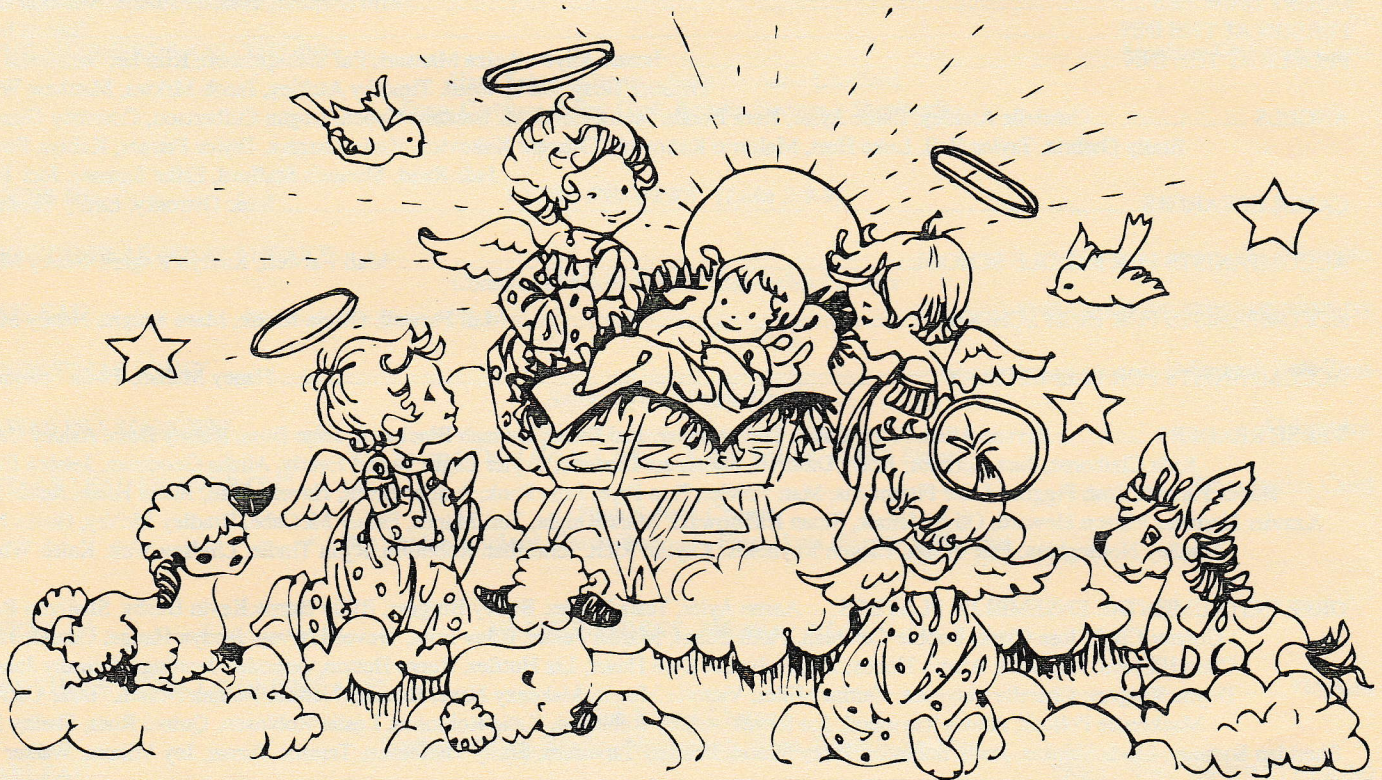


The Seventy-Fifth Annual Community Christmas Pageant

Wednesday • December 17, 2008 • 7:30 P.M.
Bateman Auditorium — Fredonia, Kansas



Sponsored by
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Thank You For Your Community Support!

*The warmest of holiday wishes are extended to each of you and may you have
a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful and Prosperous New Year*



THE TABLEAU CAST

MARY	Jordan Bever
JOSEPH	Andrew Strasburg
GABRIEL	Kayla Boss
INNKEEPER	Christian Fritz
MARTHA	Amy McVey
KING HEROD	Tyler Worcester
SCRIBE	Hannah McCabe
SHEPHERDS	Katelyn Lockhart, Rodger Long, Karsyn King, Brent Dugger
WISEMEN	Nick Glasgow, Teresa Siegele, Austin Farmer
KING'S GUARDS	Wyatt JuAire, Thomas Durham
COURT DANCERS	Erin Sommer, Hannah JuAire, Miranda Green
PERSON AT THE INN	Gaston Millar
PEOPLE AT THE INN	Ismail Aliyev, Aziza Mansuri, Pai Sathapitanon, Kim Le, Samantha Ball, Treasure Hoag, Libby Reed, Timothy Atchley, Jacob Mrkwa, Matthew Wright
ANGELS	Gabrielle Atchley, Caleb Aylor, Kera Booth, Janice Coleman, Breanne Couch, Logan Culbertson, Courtney Glasgow, Emily Guthrie, Taylor Hall, Luke Hurt, Malorrie Kukovich, Cammie Kukovich, Katie Lazzers, Taylor Palmer, Kaitlyn Powers, Jade Reed, Miranda Stafford, Erika Sumner, Joci Taylor
CANDLEBEARERS	Issac Ostrosky, Emily Thompson
ACCOMPANISTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL	Mali Farwell, Kaitlyn Rogers, Nancy Mahan
ACCOMPANISTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL	Mali Farwell, Olivia Jensik, Mara Knight, Nancy Mahan
ACCOMPANISTS FOR ELEMENTARY	Nancy Mahan, Twila Schoolcraft
VERSE READERS	Bryson Allen, Abby Baker, Devin Baker, Jaci Baker, Hannah Blackwell, John Boss, Kelsey Boss, Ashley Carver, Kyla Claiborne, Tara Cornett, Kelsy Damron, Samantha Davison, Skyler Eagle, Jarred Everly, Alisha Goodman, Jessica Everly, Hayes Farwell, Josh Figgins, Luke Fitzmorris, Matt Fowler, Erin Frye, Julia Funk, Amber Groth, Havenn Hall, Justin Haun, Jamie Hein, Xzavier Herman, Allison Howard, Olivia Jensik, Sloan Kalinowski, Mara Knight, Tori Mapes, Esther McCabe, Bradley McVey, Gavin Nave, Bradley Nottingham, Eric Preset, Lauren Reynolds, Kaytlin Rich, Johnathan Robinson, Ryan Tindle, Lindsey Wait, Kaleb Wheeler
ORFF INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES PLAYERS	Aaron Aylor, Tesla Bayles, Bailey Burgess, Billie Burris, Kevin Busby, Shailynn Busch, Gunner Clark, Jose Clark, Bobbie Coleman, Faith Edens, Mariah Fesler, Riley Fritz, Trevor Harvey, Jaedyn Hauge, Connor Hayes, Clara Hibbard, Josh Hite, Austin Hobbs, Zoe Holyoak, Kyle Huser, Liz Hutfles, Reese Hutton, Jeremiah Jennings, Emmily Johnson, Dayne Kingery, Charelle Mayeske, Caitlin Miller, Victoria Morris, Makenzy Nave, Brianne Nelsen, Nathan Nelsen, Isaac Ostrosky, Mackenzie Pollock, Alexis Raymond, Joe Reyes, Ashley Robinson, Katie Robinson, Leslie Robinson, Quinci Ross, Shelby Shay, Sheridan Sommer, Linda Shinkle, Justin Solander, Jacey Staton, Brittany Tarwaters, Emily Thompson, Trenton Turner, Joy Villarta, Walker Wise
PAGEANT BAND	Carl Abbey, Breck Adkins, Heath Adkins, Melissa Ashenfelter, Shelbey Baker, Wesley Beard, Shaila Claibourn, Hunter Cohee, Marcus Cohee, Amber Figgins, Joshua Figgins, Christian Fritz, Rebecca Hughes, Colby Lane, Howard Mahan, Kathryn Mahan, Shelby Mrkwa, Lindsey Oneal, Keaton Price, Shawn Reese, Amanda Reutlinger, Buddy Rickerson, Danya Schinstock, Joe Siegele, Sarah Thompson, Shannon Tindle, Brandon Voth, Matthew Walker, Krystal White, Ethan Wilson, Kaley Wilson, Bryant Worcester
ECHO CHOIR	Devin Baker, Jaci Baker, John Boss, Kelsey Boss, Hannah Blackwell, Kyla Claiborne, Riley Dark, Hayes Farwell, Mali Farwell, Amber Figgins, Josh Figgins, Luke Fitzmorris, Matt Fowler, Olivia Jensik, Ben Jordan, Bradley Nottingham, Deric Marr, Amy McVey, Bradley McVey, Lauren Reynolds, Kaitlyn Rogers, Clara Siegele, Ryan Tindle, Lindsey Wait



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

CHORAL FANFARE	Nelson
PROCESSIONAL	High School Chorus and Pageant Band
PROLOGUE	George Beggs — Conductor, Combined Choirs and Pageant Band
“THE LORD’S PRAYER”	Mara Knight—Author
“ANGEL CAROL”	High School Chorus
SCENE I:	Polish Folk Tune
“HAIL MARY”	Combined Elementary Choirs
SCENE I:	VERSE READERS (Luke 1:26-27)
“HAIL MARY”	Proctor

The following is an "unofficial" history of the Fredonia Pageant as told and recorded by Leah Hefner originally in 1962 and again published in 1982.

THE FREDONIA PAGEANT

When the curtain opens on the Annunciation Scene of the Christmas Pageant in Fredonia this December, 1982, it will mark the forty-eighth annual presentation of a most unique production. Back in 1935, school superintendent H. F. Wilson, together with teacher Mrs. Cora Ditto worked out an idea for a short nativity play to be given by a few grade school students. Today, far from being the usual make-shift Christmas "program", the Fredonia Pageant is near professional in all phases: stage settings, costumes, lighting, dialogue and music.

According to records at hand, the first nativity play in 1935* was only a part of the entire evenings' program at the school that year. The first three grades presented a "Winter Carnival", the junior high grades sang carols, Santa Claus also appeared. The music teacher, Miss Fowler was the director, with some assistance from women's clubs and others of the community.

However, that same year, the Fredonia Little Theatre Guild presented a Christmas play, "The Star Gleams" in the brand-new auditorium. In this performance, Joseph is played by Francis Cunningham, Mary by Ruth Coon (now Mrs. Cunningham), the shepherds were Bill Dunham, Warren Edmundson and Foster Davis. An adult choir under the direction of Fred Rettig provided the music.

It is not until 1938 that the first all-religious, all-school pageant was given with Mrs. Ditto's script and scenes. However, for several years more, until 1949, Fredonia's adult musicians assisted. Among them were Bill Dunham, Irene Akin, Faye Beal and Fred Retting. Helen Lutes (now Mrs. Dunham) who was then secretary to the Supt. Wilson. was pianist.

Each year it has grown in size, in beauty and in meaning. Now, today, the pageant cast includes nearly one thousand students, all proud to be a part of it: the verse-speaking choir, the choral groups, the brass choir, and especially the pageant itself. To be chosen to portray Mary or Joseph or Herod the King is a coveted honor; and many a little girl has shed tears over the chance to be in the Tableau of Angels. There have been but a few changes in the scenes, perhaps the most controversial being the removal of dancing girls from the court of King Herod. The music, prepared many weeks in advance, includes several songs heard nowhere else in the country, their true origin lost in the years. the "lines" as written by Mrs. Ditto are dearly familiar to all.

Each year, it is the same beautiful, never-to-be-forgotten experience bringing to Fredonians for a brief while, something apart from the jangle and tinsel of an hectic outside world. Once again the brass choir will strike up the processional "O Come All Ye Faithful". From then on, the doors of the auditorium will be closed, with no interruptions, no applause, only the smooth flow of the story, the songs, the six beautiful scenes; until the horns announce "Joy to the World".

And so the Fredonia tradition goes on, thanks to the vision of two teachers, and the dedicated labors of those who followed.

* According to published information obtained from a 1939 yearbook the actual year was 1933.

