

# Once Upon A Time...

Once upon a time..., there was a musical called Into The Woods and it was performed at the Sycamore Junior High School on April 25, 26, and 27. This fairytale musical followed the storylines of Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, the Baker and his Wife, Rapunzel, and Little Red Ridinghood, but also capitalized on what happens when everyone lives "happily ever after."

The two act musical weaved the five fairytales together, and for all the characters to find happiness, the Baker and his Wife had to locate a cow as white as milk, hair as yellow as corn, a cape as red as blood and a shoe that was as pure as gold.

The musical was different from any other musical ever performed by the school, because there were only 22 cast members and a chorus of only 12, while the past musicals have had only a few main characters and a larger chorus. Student director and chorus member, Melissa McFadden said, "This year there were many more important characters and almost everyone in the musical had some sort of solo."

Another difference was that un-

derstudies were used in a performance. There were nine understudies which per-

formed at a children's matinee, which only consisted of the first act. Lynn Neuman, who understudied as Jack commented, "Being an understudy was a good stage experience and it gave some underclassmen the chance to perform, but we rarely had the chance to practice, which made us very stressed for the matinee."

Musicals are always remembered as a time when students

come together to work and have fun. Pamela Fox, who portrayed the witch commented, "Musicals are memorable because they take dedication, devotion, and concentration. I will always remember how the grueling rehearsals paid off during the actual show."

As the final show ended, the production was considered a success by McFadden and the rest of the cast. Little Red played by Leigh Ann Fibbe concludes, "This was the most difficult productions that I have ever been involved in. It was also one of the most exciting things I've ever done. Everyone's hard work paid off, and we had a show everyone could be proud of."

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The Baker's wife begs Cinderella to give her a gold slipper when they meet in the deep, dark woods.

The hungry wolf encounters Little Red Riding Hood on her way to her Grandmother's house.

