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The Greatest Show

By Carrie Jennings
The Greatest Showman, having been airing in theaters for just over a month now, has been thus far a major success at the box office. It has grossed \$232 million at the time of writing this article and is sure to gross more in the weeks to come.

The movie, based on a true story, chronicles the life of P.T. Barnum and the creation of his circus of "freaks." Throughout the movie, he works hard to overcome the obstacles set before him and the potential success of his circus.

Though he loses sight of the important things many times along the way, he learns from his mistakes and also learns about the power of both family and friendship.

Though the plot may sound a little cheesy (probably because it is), it is a wonderful movie that tells an intriguing story about a man, his circus, and the less-than-great lives of his performers before coming to work at the Barnum Circus.

Mere days after The Greatest Showman premiered for its first night,

my sibling and I ventured to the cinema to see what all the hype was about.

I had not seen any trailers or promos for the movie prior to seeing it, nor had I any information about what the plot was or who the characters were. Because of this, I went in without knowing what to expect; of course, this made it all the more exciting when the movie began to play.

In the first few seconds that the movie started, I became knowledgeable of one thing: this was a musical. Being a bit of a musical fanatic personally, I was pleasantly surprised at this. The couple directly behind me, however, seemed less than pleased as I overheard them question, "A musical? Ugh."

The opening scene of the movie did its job at drawing everyone in. The opening song "The Greatest Show," with its beautiful choreography and high energy, does its job at pumping all the viewers up and getting them excited to see the rest of the show.

The rest of the soundtrack was amaz-

ing with no one song sounding exactly alike aside from a handful of reprises, though the opening song is and always will be my favorite.

The way the story is presented is quite interesting. The main plot revolves around Barnum rising up from nothing, losing everything after he becomes greedy, and then gaining it all back towards the end of the movie when he realizes that money is not everything.

There is a romantic subplot with Anne, a trapeze artist who works for the circus, and Phillip, Barnum's partner for running the circus. This subplot, in my opinion, was mostly forgettable and occasionally took away focus from the much more interesting main plot. This, however, was the only real issue I had with the movie.

Overall, with excellent music and amazing acting, I would rate this movie a solid 8.5/10, even with all the sappiness and romance. Be sure to go and see The Greatest Showman before it stops playing in theaters as it truly is the greatest show.

A Yearbook in Review

By Chase Talbert
You are all probably aware that the Montezuma High School newspaper staff has been hard at work on the newspaper, but what about the yearbook staff?

You may have seen or heard about them going around, along with the newspaper staff and selling ads to the businesses of Poweshiek county.

The yearbook staff has been hard at work on this year's yearbook as well.

The theme that they have come up with for this year is "Be Brave," they considered other themes like, abstract art, superhero, and glitter.

Although they threw out the abstract art theme, they did impart some aspects of the glitter and superheroes themes.

Their reasoning for selecting the theme was because they really wanted to make an impact on the yearbook and doing something different, by highlighting everyone more equally, instead of just those in sports and extracurriculars.

The meaning of the theme to one member of the yearbook staff is

that you should stand out, be yourself, and not listening to the negativity of others, when you're trying your best.

"Be Brave," also carries with it the connotations that regardless of the situation as long as you wish to, you will make it through.

The theme is a large part of the yearbook, but the yearbook itself has also been steadily making progress towards completion.

Thus far, the yearbook staff has been completing their pages by their deadlines, and making them look fantastic at the same time.

Kennedy Dye, one of the yearbook editors

also has a few thoughts on the year so far.

"Everyone is working together well, we have a new setup that is working better than in the past and everyone is doing their jobs well, so far."

The yearbooks will be on sale at the end of the school year.

Then on February 10th, at the alumni basketball tournament, the yearbook staff will also begin selling our vintage yearbooks.

The 80s and 90s yearbook will be sold for \$5, the 00s books will be \$2, and the little kids yearbooks will be on sale for one dollar.

The Blue and White Staff



Calendar of Events

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
JV BB vs. North Tama: Here - TBD	Donuts W/ Dad - 7:30 - 8:30am	JH Boys BB vs. Sigourney: Here - 4:15pm	JV/V Boys BB vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck: @ Gladbrook-Reinbeck - 6:00pm	No Activities	V Girls BB Tourney @ TBA - 7:00pm
V BB vs. North Tama: Here - 6:00pm	Saturday Large Group S&D @ Linn-Mar V Wrestling @ TBA - 12:00pm	JV Girls BB vs. Mount Vernon: Here - 6:00pm- V Girls BB vs. Mount Vernon: Here - 7:30pm			