

Wildcat Echo

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Hillbillies Are in Town!

Toby, played by Bill Durey, is about to enter a poker game with Blackie, played by Adam Graybill.



by Jen Schooley

"Pioneer, Go Home!" is a comedy for the whole family. The Kwimpers are a family from Hazard County, Tennessee who just came to the state of Colombiana on vacation. The story starts off with Toby Kwimper as our narrator. Toby wears a disarming blank stare most of the time and speaks mostly in a halting monotone. Toby tells the story of how he and his family settled on a little piece of land. Toby's family consists of Pop, who is well on in years, Memphis, who is 20 and wears mostly black and writes poetry, and Nashville who is a voluptuous looking blonde who is 19, and she is totally unaware of her effects on the opposite sex. What she lacks in intelligence she more than makes up for in looks. Holly is the baby-sitter for the unidentical twins, Memphis and Nashville. Holly is a very sweet, pretty girl, she is very aware and bright, and has always been a little tender for Toby. Little by little the family builds up what they called Kwimperville. They have a few troubles in the beginning with H. Arthur King, who is an officious man of about fifty who is dressed similar to a British Colonel, who tries to do everything he can to legally get the Kwimpers off the land. Before they know it there are people all over who came to Kwimerville just to fish and their town grows and grows. It grows so much, it even brings in the gangs. Queen Bee leads her gangs into Kwimperville to try and start another one of her casinos. She does everything she can to convince Toby and his family to sell their

land. What will happen? Will Toby sell his land? Will Kwimperville survive? Come see for yourself on Saturday, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Student tickets are \$3 and adult tickets are \$4.

The Kwimper family consists of Chatanooga Kwimper, also known as Toby, played by Bill Durey, Pop Kwimper - Brian Schuster, Memphis- Andrea Palmersheim, Nashville- Jenny Schooley, and Holly the babysitter- Miranda Knake. The rest of the cast includes: Prop Girl #1- Holly Wilson, Prop Girl #2- Annie Ehls, Prop Girl #3- Amy Cummings, Prop Girl #4- Maggie Seibert, H. Arthur King- Aaron Dunham, Murph- Jeff Sands, Gas Station Attendant- Ethan Walton, State Trooper- Brando Hills, State Trooper #2- Brittney Mead, Dump Truck Driver- Zack Jones, Fisherman- Adam Koopmann, Miss Claypoole- Megan Besler, Mr. Brown- Adam Koopmann, Mrs. Brown-Kelly Freiburger, Mr. Jenkins- Cody Recker, Mrs. Jenkins- Laura Seibert, Al- Jeff Sands, Carmine- Adam Ries, Blackie- Adam Graybill, Queen Bee- Audrey Salow, The Stickman- Curtis Wolf, Sheriff- Zack Jones, Tax Collector- Brando Hills, Mercedes Juliani- Felicia Harbach, Wanda Murphy- Megan Sawyer, Sharon Green- Micaela Mesch, Carla Stakowski- Stefanie Brooks, Natasha Romano- Jackie Melchert, Marty Russo- Michelle Durey, Shawna Gianni- Melissa Schultes, Buggsie Rafferty- Jon Orr.

Music Department Fares Well at Contest

by Allison Offerman

This past Saturday, when the MV music department traveled to Cedar Falls High School for the Large Group Contest.

The band received an overall Division II rating from the judges; from the individual judges, the band received a I, II, and III.

Mr. Smith said he feels the band continues to grow musically with performing more difficult music. He stated, "The judging was quit tough on Saturday which is what I like. Except for a few minor problems in pitch the group had their very best performance of the year."

As for goals, Mr. Smith said he hopes to build group unity within the band program. "Band is not about music as much as it is about discipline, dedication, teamwork, problem solving and leadership. This are the traits that I haope my students will take on with them in the future."

The vocal groups performed exceptionally well as evidenced by their receiving straight I's from all three judges on the bass, mixed and treble choirs. The last time that the choir received Division I ratings with all three groups was in 2000.

Mrs. Mueller said she was pleased with the groups' performances. She has set high standards for her successful group. "We will continue to work on getting 100 percent participation and focus from everyone who is a member of the chorus."

This contest marked the end of both the band and choir's contests and competitions as the only event left on the schedules is graduation. Good job to all four groups!



A music instructor from Loras College helped prepare for the choir for large group contest last week.