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Using her wand to shoot fire, senior Ava Miller plays the Wicked Witch of the West. "I like playing the villain more than the hero," Miller said. "I haven't played a good character since my sophomore year and I've been in every single theater production." Miller successfully embodied the Wicked Witch for her last spring musical. Photo by B. Hart

CAST OF "THE WIZARD OF OZ" EXPERIENCES PROP MALFUNCTION DURING PERFORMANCE

Whoosh! Hot sizzling fire shoots out of a wand and burns cast members left and right.

While stage props were usually consistent, senior **AVA MILLER** experienced a technical difficulty during the first show of the spring musical.

Miller had the role of the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz." One of the props used in the play was a wand that shot fire. The wand used paper and a heat sensor to shoot fire out of the wand.

"I did in fact hit Nolan, who plays the Scarecrow, right in the face with fire," Miller said. "I didn't break character. I just started evil laughing and then tried to get off the stage as fast as possible."

Sophomore **NOLAN WEMHOFF** had prepared himself for this mishap.

"You always have to be ready for something going wrong because you never know what could happen in a show with many props," he said. "The fire did end up hitting me and I didn't really know if I was on fire or not. It was the realest stop, drop and roll I've ever had in my life."

Playing the role of Toto, freshman **SAMUEL BRANDL** witnessed the fire hitting Wemhoff's face.

"When the fire actually hit him, everyone on stage was actually reacting," Brandl said. "I was really nervous and we kind of just showed worry at that moment, so I just barked."

Ultimately, the Scarecrow was completely fine. The prop mishap during the performance shocked the actors and reminded them to prepare for possible accidents in future productions.

The rest of the productions throughout the week ran according to plan.



In a floating bubble, senior Lydia Koperski performs as Glinda. "It was a lot different than any role that I've had the opportunity to perform," Koperski said. "I got a lot of positive feedback and I had a lot of fun." Koperski finished out her senior year strong in the spring musical. Photo by F. Nebel



Senior Emma Asmus greets a student from Villa Marie. "The kids were so sweet," Asmus said. "Everyone has such big reactions." Children with special needs were the first people to watch the musical. Photo by B. Hart

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