

# Potter Pride Newspaper

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MJHS Presents....

## *The Music Man*

By Kessaley Mahr

Lights! Camera! Actually, cut the cameras because photos and videos weren't allowed! In the small town of River City, Iowa, The Music Man Jr. took months of preparation, hard work, and lots of laughs to become what we saw on January 31st and February 1st and 2nd. There were sadly lots of people who were sick, but they pushed through to put on an amazing production. The producers, Mr. Beutel, Mr. Rocke, Mrs. Graber, and Mrs. Fore, created this chance for the kids at the junior high to indulge in a wonderful experience, and even have a thought of what they want to do when they're older. I interviewed Mr. Beutel and asked him questions about the musical experience and these are his answers. "My favorite part of the musical was the month before the performance, seeing how much they improved"—Mr. Beutel "We had to fill in for the quartet because the kids who were supposed to be in it were out"—Mr. Beutel. One of his answers was that his favorite experience was the month before the musical, watching all the improvement throughout the show. One battle they struggled against was all the sickness and people out. There were some things that he regretted, but the biggest one they didn't have was a song, Marian the librarian, that they couldn't add. His favorite song was the 76 trombones. He stated that he thought the directors worked very well together. The barbershop quartet, or the school board, was filled in with me. Beutel and Mr. Rocke because those two kids were sick. That's the Music Man, and come visit the town of River City again!



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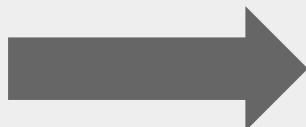
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### Upcoming Events



#### March

March 24-28: Spring Break

#### April

**April 2:** Leadership Academy

**7th Grade:** IAR Testing

**8th Grade:** P-ACT, IAR, and ISA testing

**April 18-21:** Easter Break

**April 25:** Grandparents day

Want to join Writing Club? Contact Mrs. Gianessi or stop by room 213 on Mondays after school.

# Happenings at MJHS...

## 2025 Talent Show

The 2025 Talent Show was held on Friday, March 7th at the Bertha Frank. There were eleven acts this year. It was an exciting time with two bands, a guitar solo, Godzilla playing the trombone, a dancer, singing, comedy, and much more. New this year were "Minute to Win it" games between acts. Teachers versus students. Not really sure who won, but it was a lot of fun seeing everyone participate in those.

Thank you to the Student Council for hosting this! Hopefully next year we will have even more acts!

## 2025 Game ball Dodgeball Tournament

By Isaac Gibbs

We all love dodgeball. So when MJHS announced that they were going to have a dodgeball tournament, we were all pumped! It would be for gameball run as a fundraiser. It would be a bracket type event where to get eliminated you had to lose three times. If you lose your first game you can still go to the championship. Lose your second game and you're in the toilet bowl bracket. Lose again? Sorry, You're out! The team "Ball of Duty" won the bracket championship by a intense battle for survival in the championship. I participated on a team that went 3-2 before we got eliminated. Maybe the funniest part was the teachers the students recruited to play on their team! Some made them dress the same as the team! (Poor Mr. Parrot). When the event ended, everyone was tired. Everyone filed out and went to bed.

# Clubs at MJHS

## Art Club

Art club is a magical place where you can express yourself. You are able to explore different aspects of art, so you can learn many new talents, hobbies, and just have some fun things to do. Art is just an overall way to say this is myself, this is my art, this is what I think is beautiful. The art teacher, Mrs. Du Pont is a very talented, hardworking, helpful, and relatable person. We always have a lot of fun there. It also gives us time to connect with our friends. We also learn a lot about each other on what our creative processes are by just observing. It's a beautiful thing just seeing everyone be passionate about their individual art piece. We usually do about four projects a year, sometimes five in seventh grade. Some of the favorite projects are seventh grade drawing, poetry, and painting is an overall favorite. Some people go into art thinking they are gonna hate it but a majority of the time they take it as their hobby even as their job. You may not think that could happen but who knows. We are all still learning about ourselves we can change and I could too.

## Cooking Club

Last cooking club we made different types of salad. We made Cesar salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, and a snickers salad. Since it was Gree's birthday he got to make the snickers salad. I also made the snickers salad, and Mrs. Hartzler's kids were there so they helped make the salads. Her son helped with the snickers salad. Izze, Emme, and two others made the fruit salad and Vivian and someone else made the pasta salad (don't know that for sure). It was fun and the salads were yummy (I only had the fruit salad and the snickers salad). My favorite was the fruit salad.

# Creative Writing By Isaac Gibbs

## Quest of the Amberjack Diamond

"Tell me that crazy diamond story!" says Leon. (I'm 75 now.) My wife, Sarah, smiles.

"Tell us all." she says. My grandson has a dog named Chloe. I've seen him and he looks like one of my old dogs. So I go on to tell the story of how my dog and I solved the biggest case in history...

Hi. I'm Isaac and I'm a detective under disguise. I work for the Pinkerton Eye. I was born in 1893. I was born with the power of being a detective. At age three I solved the case of the tower treasure. Which was a treasure hidden in 1586. I'm 17 now and am on a case to find the oldest diamond in history.

### **Headlines: Robber steals the Amberjack diamond!!!**

That was the newspaper title for the New York Times.

The Pinkerton officials put me to work to find the Amberjack Diamond.

That was 5 months ago when the Diamond was stolen. I'm now in Raleigh, North Carolina, the last known location of the getaway car.

I'm driving to an abandoned warehouse on 34th Street. **Crash!** My windshield shatters. I see someone running away behind the warehouse. A tire iron. Someone threw a tire iron into my windshield. I whip the wheel around and try to find him but he's gone. Disappeared to the unknown.

Later that night I got a phone call from an anonymous source telling me he'd give me the names of the criminals if he got \$2500. "Meet me at 3 am sharp with the money in a proper briefcase at the abandoned warehouse." He'd said. Then he hung up.

Just before 3 I arrive at the warehouse. Someone comes from behind me and steals the money and runs! I try to chase him but it is too dark. I hear a whimper from inside the warehouse. I investigate and find a little mutt in the corner. I pick him up and say,

"C'mon buddy let's go." He then licks me in the face. I brought the dog home.

About 2 days later I'm sitting with José, the little dog that has become my best friend ever. He is a little Boston terrier. Who knows how he ended up way down in North Carolina. I don't understand why it's hard to keep a dog you find. You know, I really don't know a lot about that legal pet adoption stuff.

José and I have spent 2 days searching the warehouse. José sniffing, me looking for tracks. We have come up empty handed until about 2 hours later I find a piece of paper! The thief must have dropped it! We search for other clues but find nothing. Late that night, we figured it out. It was a map. We studied the map. We figure out the map is of the east coast of the United States. From the map, we learn that the thieves are traveling from North Carolina to Pennsylvania to try and sell the diamond!

We head up to Pennsylvania as soon as we can. Since the map told us exactly where they are going to sell it, that's where we're headed. Sure enough there they are walking into the store. When they try to sell the diamond, I call the cops. They're finalizing the deal when the cops arrive. The cops bust into the store and arrest the thieves and the dealer. Officer Jake Riley says to me,

"Thanks, man. Those guys have evaded us for years."

"Cute dog by the way." Reaching down to pet José on the head. (His favorite place to be scratched.)

### **5 years later**

I've retired now and live with José in our apartment in Pennsylvania. Officer Riley and I have become best friends. José is as kind as ever, but the vet estimates he's about 13. He's older now and not as energetic as he was when I found him. I took him to the vet, but to no avail. The vet, Dr. Ben Russel, told me there was nothing he could do. Old age had caught up with José. We travel back home and snuggle together.

### **2 days later**

I'm very sad to say that José passed away yesterday. He would hardly eat a bite of food anymore. I knew he was going to go soon. I picked him up. He tried to lick my face, but was too weak. And then he was gone. So, I took his body and buried him in my backyard with a cross. I'll never forget our time together and our friendship.

### **5 months later**

I got a new dog today. I rescued it just like José. I named him Sherlock. As in, The world class detective?! Anyway, I love him with all my heart and we solve many cases after that, and together, we live happily ever after.

"The End." I say.

"But what happened to Sherlock?" Says Leon.

"Oh" I say.

"He lived a very happy life." Ding dong.

"Leon, it's time to go!" That was Penny, My Daughter. Leon runs into her arms.

"Love you Grandma and Grandpa!" He yells out the window of their car.

"Love you too." I say.

**The End**

# Winter Anagrams!

## What's an anagram?

An anagram is a kind of word puzzle. No adding extra letters, but there can be added spaces. In this case, there's only one word answers. For example, FORTS becomes FROST.

1. BOOST
2. CLOD
3. COULD
4. SMITTEN
5. RIFE
6. WHAT

# Anagram Answers

1. BOOTS
2. COLD
3. CLOUD
4. MITTENS
5. FIRE
6. THAW