



# The Weeping Willow

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- Middle School Players Perform *Big Bad*
- A Winning Season for the Soccer Team

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## Middle School Play a Resounding Success

By Leanara Considine and Erin Manna

The Willow Hill Players had an awesome performance at the Winter Gathering. There was standing room only as family, friends, and teachers watched the performance.

Everyone laughed at the performance; it was that funny! Some of the funniest moments include when Sidney Grimm claims, "This may prove more of a battle for Miss Fairy Godmother than she had planned" and how the wise old judge fell asleep during each witness' testimony only to wake up with a start. The judge also shared some words of wisdom: "Justice is blind, and bats are blind. Therefore, justice is a

bat."

Neither the audience nor the cast knew what the outcome of the trial would be. The cast had to learn endings for both guilty and not guilty. The verdict was decided by audience applause, since the audience played the role of the jury. Last night, Miss Big B. Wolf was declared innocent and all charges against her were dropped. She

was free to pursue her dreams.

The play closed with thunderous applause. The cast is thankful that everyone really liked the play. They worked so hard in rehearsals and were happy to see it all come together. They would like to thank Margot and the crew for making them so successful.

**Clare, Patrick, and Oliver as the three little pigs.**



## Willow Hill School Charity Drives

By Ben Jacobs

Willow Hill is currently having three charity drives: Coats for Kids, a food drive, and gift cards for RFK. The food drive ran until December 12th, and students and faculty helped by bringing in 140 pounds of

food.

The Coats for Kids drive encourages Willow Hill students to give their old coats in good condition to those who need them. The coats will be taken to Anton's Cleaners and be cleaned for free. The coats will then be given out to needy

people.

Finally, Willow Hill is giving gift cards to RFK. These cards will be given to students. The school is also in need of magazine subscriptions.

It's never too late to help others, so get involved now.

# Soccer Team Finishes with Successful Season

By Fotini Regan

The soccer team won all the games except the teachers' game this year. The first soccer game was against the Brand School, and Willow Hill won 4-1. The second game the team played a Sudbury team. They played the Brand School again for the third game. The student teacher game was close, but it was 14-12 in favor of the teacher.

A total of twelve goals

were scored during the regular season, and Cody scored the most with five goals. Other players who scored are: Pat (2), Sam F. (1), Nathan (1), Stephen (1), Colleen (1), and Fotini (1). Alex and Oliver contributed to the wins with their assists. The two goalies, Samuel and Brian, had a combined total of thirteen saves.

**A team huddle with Rob during a game.**



*“They could see for miles around... The group could see Wachusett Mountain.”*

## Inside Project F.E.A.T.

By Devin Burke

The B Group, which includes Devin, Ben, Fotini, and Leanara, had a fun time going up to the top of Crow Hill in Leominster State Forest. Crow Hill stretches up high out of the ground and is very steep.

The Army has used Crow Hill to practice rappelling but usually regular people go there for

rock climbing. It took a long time to get there, but when they arrived it was amazing. They could see for miles around.

Climbing to the top requires a scramble across a scree field or a scary hike up a wooded trail. At some parts, the cliff is 100 feet tall. The B groupers were safe and stayed on top of the rock. From the top, the group could see Wachusett Mountain. The view was picturesque and serene.

Jay and David choose some great places for F.E.A.T. trips and students are always excited to see where they will go and what they will do for their next adventure.



**Photo courtesy of Clark University**

## Some Comic Relief...



Courtesy of ArcaMax Publishing

# Astounding Middle School Field Trip

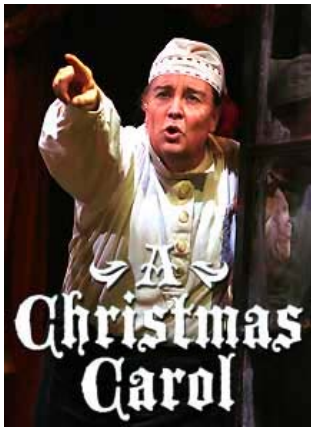


Photo courtesy of North Shore Music Theatre

By Katie Gallagher

On Thursday November 30, Groups B, C, D missed school to go to the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly to see *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The students had first and second row seats, so they could all the action up close. The students liked it a lot.

It was very interesting and the effects were great, too. Some of the best special effects include Marley flying through the air and the

pyrotechnics. The music and dancing were also very professional.

Teachers felt the same way, but of course, a couple of the teachers have seen it before. After that, the group ate at Prince Pizza where they got to enjoy each others' company and discuss the play. It helped that the pizza was great, too.

They had a great time and adventure. It may have been the best day of school yet!

**Feel free to write your answers on your own sheet of paper. Turn your entry into Erin by January 4th!**

## Contest of the Issue

See how many words that are at least three letters long you can create from the following phrase:

New Year's Resolution

Submit your responses to Erin in M104. There will be a prize for the student(s) with the most words.

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Don't stop with just twenty!

# Middle School Players Practice *Big Bad*

By Leanara Considine

This year's middle school production was *Big Bad* by Alec Strum. The play tells the story of the big bad wolf's trial. The key witnesses are the three little pigs, the boy who cried wolf, the wood cutter, Granny, and Little Red.

The director of the play, Margot Law selected *Big Bad* to "poke fun at our obsession with

the show *Law and Order*." She liked how the play takes a story that everyone knows and turns it into a trial that people can laugh at.

Margot was very proud of her cast and crew. She was impressed that people were memorized so early on. Margot added that rehearsals are "a blast"; it helped that the play was funny and the cast members got along really well.



The cast rehearses on stage.

# WHS Senior Reflects on Attending MCC

By Robert Wilson

For this past semester, I have been taking two classes at Middlesex Community College (English Composition II/Honors and Introduction to American Music). MCC has two campuses, one in Bedford and another in Lowell.

I like taking college classes at Middlesex Community College during the school year, but the price I have to pay here is a huge homework load. As the semester goes by, the homework loads for each class increase to where you find yourself having to do not only Willow Hill assignments for Barbara, Jim, Paul, Erin, Rob, Peter, or Pete but also from your college courses as well.

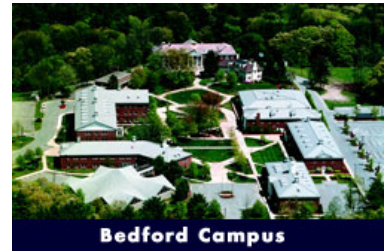
These assignments range from essays and tests/quizzes to researching different people and musical eras and genres. It also includes writing questions and answers to go along with them, as well as seeing

plays and/or musicals and writing five-paragraph critiques or essays on them.

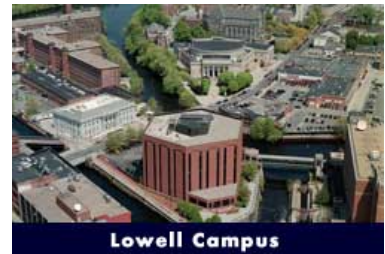
I have had to do all of this for this semester so far, and thus have been behind on numerous occasions for my Willow Hill classes due

Each of my teachers from Willow Hill understand that I have a lot of homework from MCC and has been very helpful in extending my due dates. However, for MCC, I have to finish the assignments by the given due dates or else I get a bad grade on that essay (the essay would go from an A to a B or lower as the days go by for that assignment).

As the weeks for the semester go by, the homework loads keep on increasing. Remember my best advice is one class and not two. Have fun and take that class, it's a great experience.



Bedford Campus



Lowell Campus

Courtesy of Middlesex  
Community College

## Weeping Willow Advice Column

By Ben Jacobs

There is a new advice column coming out for the school's newspaper. It is not fully complete, so we do not have an advice column in this issue. The people writing the column are good at giving advice, and they are not teachers.

Please submit your problem anonymously or with a code name, like "Confused in Calculus". The submission box will be located in the library.

