

# Iconic play roars into Ken Collins auditorium



# GREASE



By **MATT RAWLINGS**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Last year, the McNary High School theatre department put on a production of *The Wizard of Oz* for their annual winter musical.

This year, director Tom Cavanaugh wanted to be intentional about putting on a show that involved less “fantasy.”

Even though that is the case, the setting of California in the 1950’s is pretty far from reality for high school students.

Over the next two weekends, the McNary theatre department will transport their audience back to a time of hand-jiving and poodle skirts with their production of the famous musical and major motion-picture *Grease*.

The play opened on Thursday, Jan. 10, but there will be showings on Friday Jan. 11 and Saturday Jan. 12, as well as Jan. 17 through 19 at 7 p.m. There will also be matinee showings on the 12th and 19th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for students.

Greaser Danny (played by Steven Cummings) and nice girl Sandy (played by Ingrid Dunn) fall in love over the

course of a summer and try to create that same magic when they head back to school and discover that they are both enrolled at Rydell High.

“Keizer should be really proud of its kids and the commitment they have to making a great work of art”

— Joshua Rist,  
Vocal Director

The classic story, along with the traditional outfits, singing and dancing that defined a generation will be sure to provide high-quality entertainment for all ages.

“It’s a fun, light-hearted musical, but it has enough depth to keep you interested,” said Kennadi Joy Thomas, who will be playing the character of Marty. “It really provides a moment to just watch and enjoy a bunch of McNary high schoolers having a ton a fun, but also see how much work

we put in.”  
“There are a ton of sets and costumes, so there won’t be a second where they aren’t entertained.”

“We have been thinking about this show for five months now,” Cavanaugh said. “It can be hard to focus on

into to new roles were ready to go and they have all done whatever it takes to give the show what it needs.”

This production will feature



Ingrid Dunn (left) and Steven Cummings (right) perform sing and dance to the song *You’re the One That I Want* during a dress rehearsal on Jan. 7.

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The props and the costumes, the well choreographed dances, plus the singing and dialogue reveal the hours put in on this project — students have been preparing for the musical since September.

something for that long, but the cast has been great to work with.”

“We have had some people drop out of the show, so we needed some people to step up. And the people stepping

several classical numbers from the movie, such as; *Summer Nights*, *Greased Lightning*, *It’s Raining on Prom Night* and *Alone at the Drive-In Movie*.

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## Grease

**Directed by**  
Tom Cavanaugh

**Vocal Director**  
Joshua Rist

**Choreographer**  
Zoe Banton

**Stage Managers**  
Kaylee Unwin  
Kristel Thornton  
Katherine Beebe

**Production Assistants**  
Kaela Williams  
Mercedes Feinauer  
Logan Boga

**Tech**  
Jonah Davidson  
Micah Lehman  
Ethan Schra

### CAST

Sandy: Ingrid Dunn

Danny: Steven Cummings

Rizzo: Veronica Reyes

Kenickie: Jacob Fritts

Frenchy: Rachel Herriges

Doody: Layton Thurlow

Marty: Kennadi Joy Thomas

Sonny: Crash Dourmit

Jan: Alix Anderson

Roger: Ricky Galvin

Vince Fontaine: Dylan Lopez

Cha-Cha: Iesha Brown

Eugene: Jonathan Echavarria

Ms. Lynch: Andrea James

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