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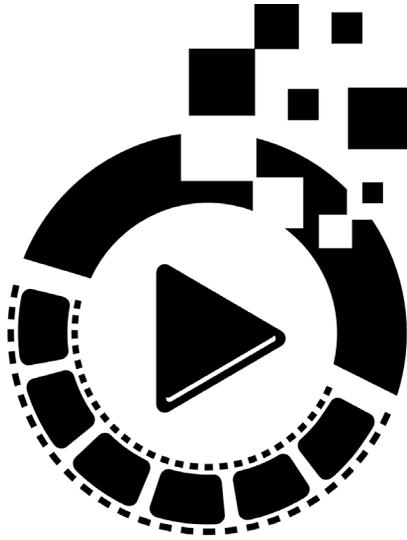
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**Book and Lyrics by  
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**Music by  
Zina Goldrich**

**Adapted from the JUNIE B. JONES Series of books  
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**Directed by:**

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**Assistant Director:** Elizabeth Pechota  
**Music Direction:** Katie Maynard, Tiyi Schippers  
**Choreographer:** Mia Kadwell  
**Set Design:** Jennifer Neff, Heidi Pechota  
**Set Construction:** Shawn Kadwell  
**Costume Design:** Jennifer Neff  
**Producer:** Beth Rzepka-Alto  
**Lights:** Cole Ingleright  
**Sound/Projections:** Jacob Mayle

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McBain High School

# CAST

<b>Junie B. Jones</b>	Quinn Godfrey
<b>Lucille</b>	Natalie Londrico*
<b>Camille</b>	McKynley Swanson
<b>Chenille</b>	Hallie Mattiuzzo
<b>Herb</b>	Caleb Benzenburg
<b>Sheldon</b>	Reed Johnston*
<b>Jacques</b>	Tanis Felsk
<b>Lennie</b>	Sam Gaffke
<b>Bobbi Jean Piper</b>	Mollie Morse
<b>May</b>	Lexi Alto
<b>Grace</b>	Mary Desmond
<b>Shirley</b>	Lily Ball
<b>Mother</b>	Betty Cordner
<b>Daddy</b>	Max McKinley*
<b>Ms. Scary</b>	Vivienne McMahon
<b>Ms. Woo</b>	Kylee Batistoni
<b>Mrs. Gutzman</b>	Megan Jesweak
<b>Tickle the Dog</b>	Waylon Snyder*
<b>Lunch Server</b>	Jolene Callsen
<b>Lunch Student #1</b>	McKenzie Gray*
<b>Student #1</b>	Charlee Bain
<b>Student #2</b>	Harper Brinks
<b>Student #3</b>	Amelia Philburn*
<b>Student #4</b>	Emma Kramer*
<b>Student #5</b>	Charlie Kendell

## **Cheerleaders**

Addison Ladd  
Addy Baas\*  
Azira Dunn\*  
Bristol Kuhn\*  
Chloe Baas\*  
Hailey Kuhn\*

## **Lunch Ladies**

Ayla Brown  
Emma Johnson  
Emmalynn Baney  
Kendra Card\*  
Leah Johnson  
Lillian Dontje\*  
Madisyn Liddy\*  
Olivia Elsholz\*

## **Ensemble**

Amelia Anderson  
Bryce Trembley\*  
Charles Mosher\*  
Charlotte Thomas\*  
Clara Bain\*  
Coleson Mattiuzzo\*  
Edith Phillips\*  
Evelyn Stagg  
Kevin Stagg\*  
Layla Brookout  
Leslie Morin\*  
Maple Cordner  
Sadie Bodnar\*  
Scarlett House\*

*\* new to the Footliters stage!*

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

<b>Top Secret Personal Beeswax</b>	JUNIE B., COMPANY
<b>Lucille, Camille, Chenille</b>	LUCILLE, CAMILLE, CHENILLE
<b>You Can Be My Friend</b>	JUNIE B. HERB, BOBBI JEAN, GRACE, MS. WOO
<b>Time To Make a Drawing</b>	JUNIE B. MS. SCARY, MAY, HERB, JACQUES, LENNIE
<b>You Need Glasses</b>	COMPANY
<b>Show and Tell</b>	COMPANY
<b>Lunch Box</b>	JUNIE B., COMPANY
<b>Gladys Gutzman</b>	JUNIE B., SHELDON, JACQUES, MAY, HERB, MRS. GUTZMAN
<b>Top Secret Personal Beeswax</b>	JUNIE B. HERB, LENNIE, COM-
<b>(Cookie Reprise)</b>	PANY
<b>Kickball Tournament</b>	LENNIE, HERB, JACQUES
<b>Sheldon Potts' Halftime Show</b>	SHELDON
<b>When Life Gives You Lemons</b>	DADDY, MOTHER, JUNIE B.
<b>Kickball Tournament (Reprise)</b>	LUCILLE, CAMILLE, CHENILLE
<b>Superstar</b>	COMPANY
<b>Writing Down the Story of My</b>	JUNIE B., COMPANY
<b>Life</b>	

## Director's Note

Welcome to the Cadillac Footliters Youth production of *Junie B. Jones, Jr. The Musical!* We are thrilled to bring this delightful adaptation of Barbara Park's best-selling book series to the stage! This cast of young actors are a magnificent combination of talent, energy, and fun! Their dedication and love for performing is evident throughout this production and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

It goes without saying that we could have never created this production alone and would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our directorial team. Elizabeth Pechota, our Assistant Director, for always noticing the details. You make every actor feel seen and heard and that is a special gift. Mia Kadwell, our choreographer and technical guru, for keeping us organized and somehow getting 50+ kids to move in the right direction on cue. Your patience and commitment (even when you are hundreds of miles away) to our community theatre is unmatched. Katie Maynard, our Co-Music Director, for your quiet calm and talent. Your efforts have elevated this youth production to new levels. Tiyi Schippers, our Co-Music Director, for cheerfully joining this chaos and sharing your years of experience with the team.

Most importantly, thank you to our audiences, theatre families and friends for supporting us and these young thespians. A show this size could not happen without everyone's support and cooperation.

Watching young actors be uniquely them is the magic of our youth productions. This story beautifully explores topics of friendship, family, honesty, kindness, courage, diversity, and self-acceptance through the eyes of Junie B., and we found ourselves a bit inspired by her. It takes bravery to own your individuality, to think your own thoughts, and make decisions that are right for you, and we hope you find a little inspiration from Junie B. as well. The goal of Footliters is to engage, enrich and entertain our community. We have no doubt that these young people will do just that.

With gratitude,

**Jennifer Neff and Heidi Pechota**

# BIOS



**Addi Ladd** (Cheerleader): Addi is almost 12-years-old and in 6th grade. She has been dancing at The Landing for 9 years and also enjoys reading, swimming and math class. Addi was also cast in Lion King and Frozen Jr., and she really enjoys being a part of Footliters!



**Addy Baas** (Cheerleader): Addy is a 3rd grader at Lincoln Elementary. She loves to play soccer and loves to dance. She loves her puppy, Wrangler, and enjoys drawing. This is Addy's first musical and she is excited to perform for everyone tonight.



**Alexis Alto** (May): Alexis is a ten-year-old girl who goes to Franklin Elementary and this is her sixth production. She enjoys soccer, dance, gymnastics, volleyball and basketball as well as staring at pictures of pigs and babies. Alexis loves money and monkeys and enjoys making friends. Alexis loves playing and arguing with her sisters (especially her sister Hailey). She also loves making faces and theater. She would like to thank Footliters for this opportunity and that's it.



**Amelia Anderson** (Ensemble): This is Amelia's second Cadillac Footliters Jr. production. She is thrilled to be part of this amazing group of young actors. Besides theater, Amelia enjoys swimming, dancing, drawing and spending time with her cat Winnifred.



**Amelia Philburn** (Student #3): This is Amelia's first play and while Amelia may be new to the stage, she is no stranger to performing. Amelia often sings, dances and enjoys acting out short skits with her siblings. She is enthusiastic about this new experience, and hopes to participate in more theater shows in the future!



**Ayla Brown** (Lunch Lady): Ayla has been a part of Footliters and theater for about two years. She loves performing and is so excited to bring this show to life!



**Betty Cordner** (Mother): Betty is the oldest of 4 siblings & is new to Michigan, previously living in AK, GA, ME & VT. This is her 2nd show with Footliters (her 1st being *Matilda* where she played Matilda Wormwood) & she has had so much fun with her fellow castmates - especially her sister Maple as they've never been in a play together before. Betty loves to act, sing, dance, & stay very busy. She would love to thank the directors and team for all their hard work, care, and flexibility.



**Bristol Kuhn** (Cheerleader): Bristol is new to Footliters and *Junie B Jones* will be her first performance. Bristol loves crafts, playing soccer, dancing and gymnastics. She can't wait to be a cheerleader in the *Junie B Jones* play!



**Bryce Trembley** (Ensemble): Bryce is a fourth grade student at Lincoln Elementary in Cadillac. After watching a couple Footliters productions, he wanted to audition and try taking the stage. Bryce has loved being a part of the cast for *Junie B. Jones* and looks forward to being a part of future productions.



**Caleb Benzenberg** (Herb): Caleb is thankful and excited to be in his 3rd Footliters production. He has previously been in *Frozen Jr* as the King and *Matilda* as Tommy. Caleb has loved expanding his knowledge of the theater and meeting a great group of friends. Caleb also does dance (Hip-Hop & Musical Theater), cross country, soccer, basketball and choir. In his limited spare time, he enjoys playing with his dogs and his brother Caden, camping and his favorite spring break trip is going on cruises. He would like to thank everyone for coming to support him and the rest of the cast!



**Charlee Bain** (Student #1): Charlee is excited for this opportunity to be back on stage! She loves music, dance and theater. This performance was uniquely special because she got to share it with her sister, Clara.



**Charles Mosher** (Ensemble): Charles is making his Footliters debut, but he has been on the stage before in several school performances. He has very much enjoyed his experience with this musical and is already excited to do it again. Outside of performing, Charles enjoys playing soccer and video games, especially Minecraft. His favorite part of this experience has been meeting and getting to know all the cast and he hopes to stay friends with a lot of them even after the show wraps. Charles is so thankful for this opportunity and for everyone who supported him along the way.



**Charlie Kendell** (Student #5): Charlie is a 4th grader at St. Ann School in Cadillac. This is his fifth onstage performance, having performed at Interlochen and Old Town Playhouse summer camps. *Junie B. Jones* will mark his second show with the Cadillac Footliters. Charlie's favorite role was as Christopher Robin in the Old Town Playhouse summer production of *Winnie the Pooh*. He has had the "best time ever" with his friends in *Junie B. Jones* and hopes you enjoy the show!



**Charlotte Thomas** (Ensemble): This is Charlotte's first year participating in Footliters Youth. She is a 6th grader at McBain Middle School, and she enjoys art, Irish dance, piano, singing, percussion, softball, and turtles.



**Chloe Baas** (Cheerleader): Chloe is a 5th grader at Lincoln Elementary. She loves to play soccer and loves to go to volleyball practice with her mom. She also loves her dog Wrangler and hanging out with her sister. This is Chloe's first musical and she is looking forward to doing another one in the future.



**Clara Bain** (Ensemble): This is Clara's Footliters debut and she is thrilled to be a part of this cast! She loves every opportunity to perform and highlight her passion for song and dance.



**Coleson Mattiuzzo** (Ensemble): Coleson is very excited to join Footliters this year. This is his first play after watching his sister, Hallie participate in two previous plays. He is grateful for the opportunity to be on stage singing and dancing.



**Edith Phillips** (Ensemble): Edith is eight years old and is performing with Footliters for the first time. She is an old soul and an avid reader. She loves to sing and is learning to play the dulcimer. She is a big Disney fan and loves musicals. The first live show she ever attended was *Hamilton*. She loves rocks and insects, especially spiders, and is a friend to all animals. When she's not performing, she's busy organizing events. Edith runs the Cancer Succs Plant Stand and is on the Relay For Life committee. Her parents describe her as kind, witty, industrious, and exuberant. She's so happy to see all of you!



**Emma C. Johnson** (Lunch Lady): Emma is now a seventh grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. She's been on the stage many times, making her debut as a five-year-old in *Music Man*, and most recently playing parts in *Matilda*, *Shrek Junior*, *Frozen Junior*, and the ill-fated *Lion King Junior*. She's an avid dancer and loves cheese. She would like to thank her father for helping her with songs, and her mom for reviewing lines.



**Emma Kramer** (Student #4): Emma is a 4th grader at Forest View Elementary. She has enjoyed reading *Junie B. Jones* books and has enjoyed being a part of this production. Emma has many interests including playing travel soccer and racing motocross.



**Emmalynn Baney** (Lunch Lady): Emmalynn is thankful for the fun opportunity to be part of the *Junie B Jones* cast. This is Emmalynn's third performance with Footliters. She was also in *Shrek Jr* and *Frozen Jr*. Emmalynn hopes to participate in many shows to come.



**Evelyn Stagg** (Ensemble): Evelyn is a sixth-grader at McBain. This is her second show with Footliters, the first being *Frozen, Jr.* She's performed with the Landing Dance Academy, and when not on a stage, she loves softball. She wants to thank Grandma Throop for all the rides to and from rehearsal.



**Hailey Kuhn** (Cheerleader): Hailey is new to Footliters and *Junie B Jones* will be her first performance. Hailey loves soccer, art, volleyball and dancing. She can't wait to be a cheerleader in the *Junie B Jones* play!



**Hallie Mattiuzzo** (Chenille): Hallie is happy to return to the Footliters stage for her third performance. She is grateful for another opportunity to work with a great cast.



**Harper Brinks** (Student #2): This is Harper's 2nd Footlitter production. She was in *Frozen Jr.* and enjoyed the experience so she came back for *Junie B Jones*. In her spare time she loves to ride horses and read. She's already looking forward to the next Footlitter Youth production.



**Izzi Dunn** (Cheerleader): Izzi is thankful to be a part of this great cast and is enjoying her first Footliters play experience. She is looking forward to performing along with her friends.



**Jolene Callsen** (Lunch Lady): This is Jolene's third show with Footliters. She is a 7th grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle school. Off the stage she enjoys reading, building birdhouses and biking. She would like to thank Meagan (Mrs. Gutzman) for being an amazing friend on and off stage. She would also like to thank her mom and her amazing directors Jen and Heidi for supporting her in all of her shows.



**Kendra Card** (Lunch Lady): A sixth-grader at Mesick, Kendra enjoys art, singing, and listening to music. While she's been in school plays, this is her first show with Footliters. She wants to thank her Aunt Tara and Cousin Keiana for getting her to and from rehearsals.



**Kevin Stagg** (Ensemble): Kevin is a fourth-grader at McBain Elementary. *Junie B. Jones* is his first show with Footliters. He loves sports, especially soccer and football. He's thankful to his Grandma Throop for her help getting him to practices. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**Kylee Batistoni** (Ms. Woo): This is Kylee's second year with Footliters. Kylee is so thankful to be a part of this musical and experience. She loves being able to share her love for theater and arts with Cadillac. Most of her work has been putting her all into the show, dances, and songs.



**Layla Bookout** (Ensemble): Layla is so excited to be in another Junior musical. She has been a *Junie B. Jones* book fan for years. She was also in *Frozen Jr.* and absolutely loved it! Layla is looking forward to more musicals in the future.



**Leah C. Johnson** (Lunch Lady): Leah, not to be confused with her identical twin Emma, is ALSO now a seventh grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. She's been in many theatrical productions through the Footliters Juniors and is excited to be a part of *Junie B. Jones*! She would like to thank her future husband, Tom Holland who is currently making *Spider-Man 4* and won't be able to see her perform.



**Leslie Morin** (Ensemble): Leslie has read every *Junie B. Jones* book so she was very excited to join this cast for her first theater production. She is in third grade and enjoys playing soccer and spending time with family and friends.



**Lilian Ball** (Shirley): Lilian is so excited to be part of Footliters! This is her second production. She performed in *Frozen Jr.* last year and fell in love with the theater. In her free time she enjoys playing piano and eukelele and singing. She also loves to spend time with her family, friends and three dogs.



**Lilla Dontje** (Lunch Lady): Lilla is glad for the chance to do this musical. It has been a lesson for sure. Thanks to all the adults who drove her around at the time.



**Madisyn Liddy** (Lunch Lady): Madisyn is currently in 7th grade at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. She is the youngest sibling with all brothers (who she says are all nerds). Madisyn loves drawing, reading, the color yellow, and dinosaurs.



**Maple Cordner** (Ensemble): Maple is 9 years old and new to Michigan, previously living in Vermont and Maine. This is her very first show and she's so happy it is with Footliters! Maple enjoys spending time with fluffy animals and her big sister Betty. She is the 2nd of 4 siblings. She loves acting and singing and being outside at the beach. She's obsessed with the color teal and foxes. She's so grateful to the Footliters team for putting on this show and helping her learn. Thank you!



**Mary Lynn Desmond** (Grace): Mary loves being a part of Footliters Youth. Mary has always loved to act and sing. Her first time on stage was **Frozen Jr** as Townsperson #5. Mary likes to roller skate, read graphic novels, create digital art, and invent new games. She is grateful for all the producers and appreciates their kindness and effort.



**Max McKinley** (Daddy): Max is an 8th grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle School and has played flute as a member of the middle school band since 6th grade. This is his first play; he is really excited to perform with his friends and looking forward to sharing this production with the community. He's been a theater admirer for years and is happy and eager to finally have the opportunity to perform.



**McKenzie Gray** (Lunch Student #1): McKenzie is new to the stage and is very excited for her opening role. She has always loved drama and wanted to audition after seeing the Cadillac Footliters put on *Matilda*.



**McKynley Swanson** (Camille): This is McKynley's second Footliters production and she has fallen in love with the stage! She has enjoyed the new friendships this show has given her and appreciates the guidance of the directors!



**Megan Jesweak** (Mrs. Gutzman): Megan is an eighth grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. She loves singing and acting. Megan performed as Anna in the Footliters Jr. production of *Frozen*. She also performed in the *Footliters Teen Karaoke* production this summer at The Greenhouse. Megan is also a soccer player and works at Culver's.



**Mollie Morse** (Bobbi Jean Piper): Mollie loves music, dance, and reading. This is her 2nd time on the Footlitter's Junior stage (*Frozen Jr. - Young Elsa*) and she is thrilled to be a part of the musical version of one of her favorite literary series.



**Natalie Londrico** (Lucille Richie): Natalie sang before she could talk. Her first debut was being in her aunt's music video in NYC. She is 10 years old and she has a passion for entertaining people. Her favorite thing to do is sing and dance ever since she was a year and a half old. She has been very excited for this play working hard all the time at home for it. She loves acting too. She said when she's older she wants to be an actress. Being part of Footliters helps her live out her dreams.



**Olivia Elsholz** (Lunch Lady): Olivia is a 5th grader at Franklin and this is her first musical. Her favorite hobbies are crafting, playing a variety of sports and hanging out with her family. Olivia's favorite part of the musical is making new friends! She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Quinn Raelynn Godfrey** (Junie B. Jones): Quinn feels she was made for the role of *Junie B. Jones*! Spunky, one-of-a-kind and full of personality, Quinn's many similarities with Junie B. originally drew her to the book series when her first grade teacher raved about them being her personal favorites. Quinn's passion for performance art led her to pursue theatre at a young age - starring in roles such as: Berlioz and Rafiki in the Old Town Playhouse Young Company productions of *Aristocats* and *The Lion King*, as well as an Oaken in the Cadillac Footliters Junior production of *Frozen Jr.* She also loves hanging with her cat Max!



**Reed Johnston** (Sheldon Potts): Reed is excited to make his acting debut in *Junie B. Jones Jr.* He is currently a 7th grader at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. When he isn't at school or acting, Reed also enjoys playing hockey, tennis, and pickleball as well as arts and crafts. He loves watching movies and having fun with family and friends. Reed is a proud founding member of the "Kрабо Tribe". He has definitely caught the acting bug and is looking forward to participating in future productions.



**Sadie Bodnar** (Ensemble): Sadie is 8 years old and is currently a third grader at Franklin Elementary. Her favorite activities are drawing, soccer and downhill skiing. Sadie loves reading *Junie B. Jones* books and wants to be a teacher when she grows up. This is her first play and she is excited to be part of the Footliters cast!



**Sam Gaffke** (Lennie): Sam is in the 8th grade at Northern Michigan Christian School. This is Sam's 5th Footliters production as he was previously cast in *Shrek Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.* and *Matilda the Musical*. He would like to thank his family for their encouragement and love. Sam also extends a huge thanks to Footliters for giving him this opportunity to do something he loves.



**Scarlett Houle** (Ensemble): Scarlett is a fourth grader at CAPS. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, drawing, and riding her bike. This is Scarlett's first time performing with Footliters, and she is very excited to be a part of the *Junie B. Jones* cast!



**Tanis May Felsk** (Jacques): Tanis loves being part of the *Junie B. Jones* cast family!! Having an outside of school experience with new people is spectacular. Tanis feels they are improving talents due to the fantastic leadership support of the Footliters community. This is Tanis's fifth show and definitely not the last. Tanis wants to thank their family for the support and the adults and teens that have helped along the way. Tanis wants to encourage everyone to try new things and put yourself out there and do what you love!



**Vivienne McMahon** (Ms. Scary): Vivienne had her acting debut summer of 2022 as a supporting role in *Frozen Jr the Musical*. Her older sister Ella has been a huge encouragement to her. She was thrilled at the opportunity to expand her acting talents this year.



**Waylon James Snyder** (Tickle the Dog): *Junie B Jones* is Waylon's first show with the Footliters but he has starred in many a Snyder Family Living Room production. He loves performing and making people laugh (yes he is the one who auditioned with 'You'll Be a Dentist' from *Little Shop of Horrors*.) His favorite color is pink and his favorite food is nachos. His secret talent is that he can "armpit fart" with his knees. Waylon would like to send a shout to his seven brothers and sisters and tell them to behave during the show.

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- **Creative Embroidery** – for accommodating our rush t-shirt order.

## PRODUCTION TEAM



**Mia Kadwell** (Choreographer): Mia is a Junior at DePaul University majoring in Directing. This is the 7th show she has choreographed and her 27th production she has been involved with overall. She would like to thank the cast for being so incredible to work with and her directorial team for being an incredible bunch of women.



**Katie Maynard** (Music Direction): Katie has been a member of Footliters for over five years. She has filled various roles off stage and on. She is absolutely joyful to work with such talented kids. The future of theater is bright in Cadillac!



**Jennifer Neff** (Co-Director): Jen got involved with Footliters when her daughter auditioned for *The Little Mermaid* during Season 51. Since then, Jen has been involved in every Footliters' season in some way shape or form, ranging from director, stage manager, set design, costume design or just overall production support. She is extremely excited to be co-directing the youth production again this season with Heidi Pechota and to introduce another cast of young people to our community theatre family. Jen serves as the Footliters Board Vice President.



**Heidi Pechota** (Co-Director): Heidi's journey began in Footliters when her daughters were both actors in the Footlitter Jr production of *Disney's Little Mermaid Jr* back in 2014. She fell in love with the theater program and since then has been involved in every Jr production. She also has served as a board trustee and has volunteered in several other productions. Her true passion lies with the youth program and the importance of theater. It teaches our youth confidence, socializing, patience and teamwork. Seeing these young actors grow and work together to create amazing productions is what drives her to remain involved.



**Elizabeth Pechota** (Assistant Director): Elizabeth recently graduated from Alma College with Bachelor degrees in both Psychology and Theatre. She is passionate about all things theatre: performing, directing, writing, design, you name it. She is excited to be back in her home theatre, sharing this passion with these talented young actors. She hopes that you enjoy *Junie B Jones Jr.*



**Tiyi Schippers** (Music Direction): Ms. Tiyi is a musician, writer, storyteller, performer, and retired music teacher. One of her greatest loves is working with children, to help them find their voice, and unique place in the arts. She has enjoyed being a part of the *Junie B. Jones* community, watching this amazingly talented cast and directors shine.



Footliters would like to thank **First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac** for their community partnership providing a rehearsal space for our productions.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**8:30am**

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# A Message From Our President, Joseph Baumann

Who would have thought? In 1964, when a group of community members wanted to get together to do some theatre, who would have thought that group would be alive and thriving SIXTY years later? Well, here we are. Honoring their legacy. Building our future.

And so it begins. Season 60. 60 years engaging, enriching, and entertaining the Cadillac area. It hardly seems possible that we're still here doing what we love most after this many years.

And if a 60-year celebration wasn't enough, our Board of Directors recently renewed our strategic vision, rebranded our visual and graphical identity, and scheduled a special season of shows that will knock your socks off. We hope you like it, because we can't do it without YOU.

As you will see in our special pre-show video this season, Footliters must honor where we came from in order to chart a path to our NEXT 60 years. And YOU are a key part of it. Join us. Audition for a show, share a talent, learn a new skill, find a new tribe.

Footliters' responsibility is simple - #engage new people in the arts, #enrich our community through balanced show offerings and charitable partnerships, and #entertain by producing quality that YOU want to see. Succeeding here is our only path to another 60 years.

Our first 60 years are worthy of celebration. Join us and be part of our NEXT 60 years.



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## Footliters Remembers...



# Jean Nicholas

In January, the Cadillac arts community lost a friend and member who had given of herself for nearly three decades in a variety of ways.

Jean Nicholas joined Footliters in 1990 and was a member for more than 25 years, serving in myriad ways that patrons rarely see – behind the scenes. A director, stage manager, and historian, what was perhaps Jean's favorite role was what first drew her to help out with the Footliters – costumer.

Mary Kibbe, who first met Jean through Footliters and enjoyed a close friendship with her offstage, recalls being costumed specifically by Jean in several shows.

"I was in awe of some of those costumes," Mary remembers.

Past Footliters president Laura Porter recalls not only Jean's creativity in costuming, but her prolificness.

"I will never forget when she made Oompa Loompa white overall costumes for 40-50 kids," Laura said. "The last pair was finished on opening night, but she made it!"

Laura and Jean planned and worked the Footliters' summer drama camps together, and in 2007 they, along with Mike Galloway, co-developed the Juniors program, now the Cadillac Footliters Youth.

"She was the artistic and creative contributor, and I was the kid wrangler," Laura remembers.

Jean enjoyed using rehearsal photographs to create poster boards for display outside the theater doors, as well as utilizing those same photos to create cards for cast members as thank you gifts.

"She was the one who never forgot a birthday and sent the most beautiful homemade cards," said Laura.

Laura and Mary both remember Jean as a quiet but thoughtful and hard-working presence on the shows with which she was involved.

"She wasn't afraid to express her thoughts when she really believed in something," Laura recalls. "She was always the 'go-to' person when you needed anything.

"She either knew where it was, would find it, or make it."

Though she never chose to grace the stage as an actor, Jean's impact on the Footliters won't soon be forgotten.

"I am going to miss Jean," said Laura. "She contributed so much to the Footliters, but always preferred to stay in the background."



Costumes from "Little Red Riding Wolf," all created by Jean Nicholas. Photos courtesy Mary Kibbe.

