

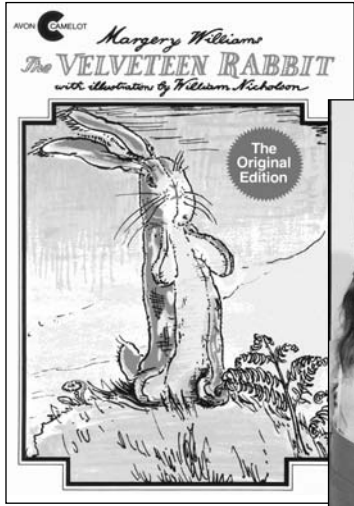
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MC drama students bring *The Velveteen Rabbit* to life through MCT's Thinking Cap Theatre



This fall the students in MC's Rehearsal & Performance Drama class are discovering, just like the Velveteen Rabbit, what it means to become real. The classic children's story, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, has

been adapted for the stage by Midland Community Theatre's (MCT) Pickwick Players Director Bill Williams. The play is directed by MCT Education Director Judith Giebler, who is helping 10 Midland College Drama students bring this beloved story to life through MCT's Thinking Cap Theatre program. The mission



Back row, from left: Evelyn Armstrong, Paula Fritz, Megan Therwanger, Jimmy Contreras, Laurel Hill, Liz McLellan and William Nagy; Front, from left: Kelita Bryand, Alli Phillips and Lacie LaForge

of the program is to take children's theatre productions into area elementary schools, which the students will do over the next few months, most likely to rave reviews. "The kids just lock into it. They love the live presentation," said Ms. Giebler.

But, it's not just the elementary school audiences who are getting a thrill from this play, but the MC student-actors, as well. "I read this book when I was a little girl, and as a child I always wanted this story to come to life," said MC student Laurel Hill, "and now, here it is ... come to life." The performance clearly helps the students understand the story a lot better. "And now in performing it, I can tie this experience back to my own childhood when I first read the book," Ms. Hill continued.



Limburger the Lion, played by Jimmy Contreras counsels the Velveteen Rabbit, played by Lacie LaForge

The MC students are also providing drama workshops after their performances and a copy of *The Velveteen Rabbit* is being donated to each school with a study guide. "Our goal is not just to entertain," said Ms. Giebler, "but we want to encourage literacy as well." A bookmark with the image of *The Velveteen Rabbit* is also being given to every child who sees the play.

MCT and the MC students wish to thank Parallel Petroleum for partial funding of this program. For information regarding the MC Drama program, please call (432) 686-4205. For information about MCT, please call (432) 682-2544.

MC's Medical Assistant students celebrate National Medical Assistants Week



Back row, from left: Rhonda Duke, Hillary Young, Nathan Wormington, Tavarrah Russell and Jackie Halphen; front: Brenda Sanchez-Romero, Lydia Hernandez, Mariam Perez and Jamie Swing.

October 15 - 19 is National Medical Assistants Week. This year's theme is "Medical Assistants: The Heartbeat of Healthcare." For 20 years now, this week has been set aside to honor and acknowledge the 350,000 medical assistants working in the field and the thousands of medical assisting students currently attending programs.

The students pictured at left began MC's **Job Track Medical Assistant** program this past September. They will become certified upon completion of the program in just nine months.

For more information about the MC Medical Assistant program, please call (432) 699-3016.

Cogdell to host 4th annual "Quinceañera-themed" Fall Fair on October 27

A quinceañera theme will be used as Cogdell Learning Center celebrates its 15th anniversary. There will be mariachis, free burritos, birthday cake, and many children's activities. In keeping with the 15th Anniversary and the quinceañera theme, Cogdell is hosting an essay contest open to young women planning their quinceañera in the next year. The winner will receive a quinceañera package valued at \$950. Participants may pick up a packet with essay questions at Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida. This event is free, open to the public, and will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 27, outside, next to the 200 block of West Florida. Please call (432) 684-4100 for details.

Session II of College Classics begins October 22

College Classics includes a series of courses designed especially for local residents who are 50 and older. Classes are offered through a semi-annual registration fee of just \$25 per semester which entitles students to enroll in as many classes as they choose. The second session begins October 22 and offers the following classes: Restorative Yoga, The American Indian, Pilates Reformer, Basics of Investing, Yoga, Critics Guide to the Movies, Identity Theft and Fraud, Classic Greece, Astronomy and Computer Basics. Please call (432) 685-4518 to register.

"Negotiation Skills" course begins October 30

Students in this class will explore how good negotiation skills can promote long-term business relationships, resolve disputes, and help in decision-making. The course costs \$99 and will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., October 30 - November 8 at the Midland College Advanced Technology Center. Registration is available by calling (432) 681-6326.

"Calming the Upset Customer" is the next topic for the Lunch-n-Learn series

The Workforce Continuing Education "Lunch-n-Learn" series is perfect for the nine-to-five business person, and these popular classes continue with "Calming the Upset Customer." This session will show participants the best way to resolve a customer's complaint by using effective listening and communication skills. The session costs \$10 and meets from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 at the Advanced Technology Center. Registration is available by calling (432) 681-6326.

Microsoft Access course begins October 30

This course offers instruction in the skills required to design relational databases, including the design of data tables, forms, reports, and queries. The course costs \$125 and will meet at the Advanced Technology Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 - 9:15 p.m., October 30 - November 15. Registration is available online at www.midland.edu/workforce or by calling (432) 681-6330.

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