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## Glenwood students bring Seuss to life

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### GLENWOOD SPRINGS

— Kevin Atchison and Sadie Elliott, both 16, are sophomores at Yampah Mountain High School. They're also two of the dozens of students who came together to write and act in the Yampah Mountain Players latest original piece, "The Places You'll Go..." Directed by Kate McRaith, the piece draws upon three Dr. Seuss books. It tells the story of Mayzie, a spoiled girl who wanders into a dream — and emerges with life lessons.

### YMHS production

**WHAT:** "The Places You'll Go..." a student production, presented by the Yampah Mountain Players at Yampah Mountain High School and directed by Kate McRaith

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. tonight

**WHERE:** YMHS, 695 Red Mountain Dr. in Glenwood Springs

**WHY?** Written by students, performed by students, this grass-roots performance is one hot ticket.

**TICKETS:** \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They may be purchased at the door, but advance reservations are recommended. To reserve, call 945-9463, ext. 100.

Sadie Elliot and Kevin Atchison are two highly animated students at Yampah Mountain High School in Glenwood Springs.  
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While neither Kevin (Old Onceler, Boy #1) or Sadie (Mayzie) could say whether or not theater would play into their future, both were obviously proud of their work. Answering questions from their school's stage, they looked right at home.

What brought you to acting? Sadie: "My mom always told me I was such a drama queen, and I should be in theater and stuff like that. And Kate (McRaith) had a big part of that. I wasn't really interested in theater, and then Kate kind of drew me towards it."

Kevin: "Um, Kate. I don't know. I did the play last year, and it was a lot of fun, so I just decided to do it again this year."

For you, what's so great about drama? Sadie: "I like acting because it gives you an opportunity to pretend you're someone you're not, to express different personalities. It's really fun to get into character and bring your character to life."

Kevin: "I just like going somewhere else, because I've just got a lot of energy, and it just let's you get some of that out."

What's your favorite part of the play? Kevin: "My favorite part would be doing some of the set painting, and I like that we wrote it, so anything we want to change, we can."

Is there anything you want your audience to walk away with? Sadie: "I hope that the audience sees all the lessons that we try to put in there. I hope they walk away with the lessons we hope to get Mayzie to learn."

What's the purpose of drama? Sadie: "I think the purpose of drama is to get kids or adults out there, enjoying what acting has to offer. To be someone else, to see the beautiful finished product you never even imagined before."

Kevin: "I think it's a different way to express yourself."

What's the most important thing in your life? Sadie: "Focusing on my education and getting all my classes done and lines memorized, and everything I need to get done."

Kevin then held up his daughter, Alice McDilda, a cute, chubby-faced 5-month-old.

Kevin: "It's kind of obvious."

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