

# FEATURES 9



Seniors Cody Miller and Travis McClain react to finding a corpse in their bed. Photo by Martha Bourbon

## Thespians present tale of intrigue

by Martha Bourbon

A pair of boys who must overcome their fear of where they will be staying for the weekend, a “corpse” who orders breakfast, and a killer on the loose.

Those are some of the key parts of the play “Finders Creepers” that was presented Nov. 13 and 14 by the West Franklin High School drama department.

The production opened to a packed house during the final night of its two-day run. A matinee performance for middle-school students was given on Nov. 11.

The plot of the play involves the aunt and uncle of Hercules Nelson (played by senior Travis McClain) inviting he and his friend Lucas Maxwell (senior Cody Miller) to stay at their “house.” But when the boys arrived, they realized that Uncle Bob (junior Steven

Lemons) is a mortician, and a funeral is scheduled for the coming Monday.

Not long after they arrive, weird things start to happen. A corpse (senior Steven Slavens) was walking, reading the paper, and climbing into bed with people.

But Jason T. Quigley was no corpse. He was alive!

While the boys tried to solve the mystery of who tried to kill Quigley, Lucas was distracted by Celeste (senior Abigail Beasley) and Hercules fell for Nicholle (freshman Lexie Streeter), Quigley’s granddaughter.

The suspects included Quigley’s attorney Antwaan Shuster (junior Emma Brann) and his sister Madeline (sophomore Shelby Webb). Celeste’s young sister Stevie (junior Cheyenne Miller) used her sleuthing abilities to help the boys.

Other cast members included senior Kayla Hendershot as Aunt Mary, junior Kristine Hempel as Granny, freshman Austin Gilbert as Claude the caretaker junior Sami McMahon as Daphne the maid, and junior Cord Cunningham as the villainous Dr. Brown.

Freshman Kaylene Wray, prompter and understudy, stepped in to play the role of Granny during the Friday performance.

Stage manager was sophomore Megan Giffin, and set designer and sound engineer was junior Danielle Kenyon.

“This is the best year ever, because my part, Stevie, is utterly amazing!” said Cheyenne Miller.

“It’s really exciting to play a man in the play,” said Brann. “But it’s a good challenge. The play is so hilarious!”

## Student on the Street

*“What’s your favorite holiday tradition?”*



### “Staying home”

-Nate Snethen, freshman

### “Drinking Sparkling Cider on New Year’s”

-Shelby Webb, sophomore



### “Waking up and opening presents”

-Nathan Robertson, junior



### “Going shopping at Wal-Mart”

-Dustin Williams, senior

