

Hardin County Schools

Performing Arts Center

## PAC KID SPOTLIGHT

Catch Benjamin at the PAC in Hello Dolly this summer!

## **Benjamin Shockley**

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What have you participated in at the PAC?

This summer I will be performing as "Horace Vandergelder" in Hello Dolly. In years past I have had parts in: Mamma Mia, Lion King Jr., Mary Poppins, Jr., Missoula Children's Theatre productions of Pinocchio, Alice in Wonderland and Peter and Wendy, Peter Pan Jr., Mary Poppins, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Footloose, Seussical, UrineTown, Radium Girls, multiple band and choir concerts, and I ran tech for Allegro Dance Theatre recitals.

What did you learn from your experiences?

I learned how to work well as part of a team, how to learn from my mistakes, and how to be a better person overall.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a restaurateur and a chef and maintain some type of active presence in the arts.

How has the PAC helped you toward that goal? I've learned fantastic team skills and how much every single part of a team is essential for success.

Why is the PAC important to you?

The PAC is my refuge. I've made countless lifelong friends here, and it's a community that I will always remember – specifically Aaron Taylor, Carol Zagar, and Bart Lovins. The PAC has had a huge impact on my personality and my life choices.

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