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## Young Rivertime Players to present Kody Korn and the Kiddos

The whole world is truly a stage and a group of young people in Decatur County are part of the world players who are influencing the community around them. Now, they are inviting you to be part of their adventure on June 12-13.

How many times have you heard someone complain that there is never anything for the young people to do in Decatur County? Well, there is something for them to do and a group of young people have taken advantage of the opportunity and are hoping that the public will come out and show their support.

The Young Rivertime

Players are in the process of getting ready to present "Kody Korn and the Kiddos: A (almost) Toby Show." For the people who have attended the annual Toby Shows under the tent during the Peavine Festival in Parsons, they definitely want to add this production to their agenda. For the people who have never attended a Toby Show, don't miss this chance!

The vaudeville style part of the Toby Shows was chocked full of singing, dancing, and lots of laughs. Now Kody Korn and the Kiddos will pick up the style and provide plenty of fun for the whole family to enjoy.

Morgan Kiehl (Cousin Sis) says, "I think the audience will really think the show is funny and I hope they enjoy it. I hope this will make me a better actress and become closer to the rest of the cast."

Mckayla Blackstock (Elsa) hopes "people will be laughing out of their seats." "I'm excited to be with this cast and I hope it makes me a better performer. It's a really good show!"

"The audience will have a good time and really enjoy it," related Emily Varnick (Maxine).

Anna Varnick (Anna) says it has and will be really busy for the cast as they put

in weeks of practicing. "We'll have fun and it will be

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This group of Decatur County young are ready to "tickle your funny bone." The Young Rivertime Players will be presenting "Kody Korn and the Kiddos: A (almost) Toby Show" on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at the Hangar Theater located at the old airport in Parsons. One moment this group can be completely normal and the next, they have transformed into "Toby Mode."



## Young Rivertime Players present

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hard not to laugh."

"I just hope we all do really good and everyone enjoys the show," confessed Hannah Miller (Hannah).

"Everyone in the cast will have a good time performing and I think everyone will have a good time watching," stated Jacob Blackstock, playing the part of Peter.

"I just hope I don't mess up or stutter," confided Landon Franks (Leo). "I hope the play turns out good. You don't have to worry about it not being funny. Everyone already knows it will be funny."

According to Sam Kiehl (Kody K. Korn) they are

working to get the laughs from the Toby Show in a kid's version. "Its kids friendly, but still as corny as ever and I hope to pull a big crowd."

Ryleigh Beecham (Sally) is expecting to get a "bunch of laughs." "I hope to remember the different style of acting this year and I want to get more people here."

"I expect to get more laughs this year than in previous years," confessed Cole Powers (Zeb). "At the Toby Shows, I laughed until I cried. This will be as good as the Toby Show or maybe even better!"

Jasper Brown (Pup) is also part of the cast of laugh-producing young actors and hopes everyone enjoys the show.

Director Shane Bridges, says this year's production is in Vaudeville style where the actors will be interacting with the audience and everyone gets in on the fun and enjoyment with the actors.

The (almost) Toby Show portrays Kody K. Korn as Toby T. Taylor's second cousin twice removed and like Toby, Kody has stars in his eyes. Kody and all his kinfolk and cohorts want to tag along with Toby to New

Orleans on a big showboat. That's when mayhem begins.

The show will be performed Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at the Hangar Theater located at the old airport in Parsons. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$7 for seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

Why would kids want to give up part of their summer and work hard to provide entertainment for others? First of all the group says they have fun. But there are several more benefits for their efforts and time. The kids build social and com-

munication skills, build self-esteem as well as confidence.

They are learning responsibility as they learn their lines and show up for rehearsals to practice their skills. They learn teamwork by everyone doing their part in the cast. They learn sociability by getting along with other cast members and leaders and they build long-term friendships. Then there is the constant increased confidence as they hone their acting skills and learn who they are and what they can achieve.

Now all they need is for the public to show their sup-

port of their efforts to make it all complete. It will be a great family night, not only for children who will definitely enjoy the show, but also for the adults who will be able to find their funny bones with all the slap stick laughter pouring out from the show.

Mark your calendars for June 12 and June 13 and get ready to laugh, clap, interact and have some good 'ole plain fun-all provided by Decatur County's finest young theater group.