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Job shadow narrative

For my job shadow I interviewed director Jan Owens, I decided to interview him because even though my path way is not theater I have always been amazed about how one person (the director) can make a script come to life with the help of others and how a play happens when everyone knows what they need to do. My job shadow with him happened in a two day period March 2nd and 3rd at the Lindsay community theater because they practice was for only 2 hours and he wanted me to see some more about how everything works I learned a lot about projecting and how that is one thing he pushes on his actors a lot.

The experience of actually seeing him work and talk to his actors up front was great he would tell them what part they would start on and assigned charters to each of the actors. That was the start as everyone arrived he began to talk about everything they have been doing well and thanked them for being on time and ready. As they went along he would give tips to them on how they could improve the scene they are on and one thing that he pointed out to me was that he was always open to suggestion and that's how a play can be made better with the help of everyone. I saw the play go on and was really impressed with everything how they all communicate well and get along.

I really enjoyed job shadowing him and I didn't dislike any part it was a great learning experience and I would do it again if I had to. I learned many things some I have mentioned but

one thing that I also learned was how he explained a play in his eyes “it’s like a painting, something that wasn’t there and we make together.” I also learned that to be a leader you have to also pay attention to what your peer would like to do or see. This experience is definitely something I will remember and learn from I plan on continuing to attend the practice of the melodrama he is directing right now because I will be helping with lights for it.

I would say I would enjoy directing as a part time thing here in the community theater not as a job because it doesn’t pay but as an activity it’s something I would really enjoy. This project has been an eye opener for me about how great something like theater can be and how it can bring people together. I will thank Jan for the time he let me spend watching him I won’t forget it.