



**ONSTAGE**, Nolan Henningson (above left) as the Scarecrow, Serena Stacy as Dorothy and Jacob Larue as the Tin Man practiced their lines and songs Thursday in the auditorium at the high school. Joe Hirsch (below) got help

getting his lion mane on from his mom, Anita Hirsch.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Students to perform 'The Wizard of Oz'

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

Students at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School are preparing for this weekend's performances of "The Wizard of Oz," directed by teachers Susan Nelson and Leigh Davis.

The large cast of 38 students has been practicing for opening night since the end of September.

It includes Serena Stacy as Dorothy, Joe Hirsch as the Cowardly Lion, Jacob Larue as the Tin Man, Nolan Henningson as the Scarecrow, Miki Dorshorst as the Good Witch Glenda, Amanda Marshall as the Wicked Witch of the West and Channing Fortin as the Wizard. Matt Glading plays the guard.

Tickets are on sale for \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens through any cast member, or at the door.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday at the high school auditorium.

For the past two months, Innovation from Denver has been working on new lighting in the auditorium and CIE Security and Sound out of Hastings on the sound system.

The school probably has one of the most modern auditoriums in the area now, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst. He said he thinks the teachers and students are excited about the new sound and light systems.

Those in the audience will probably notice the sound more than the lights, although the crew now is able to light up parts of the stage that they couldn't reach before.

The auditorium did lose a few seats for the sound box in the back, the superintendent said. Down the road, the auditorium needs a little more wiring for the house lights and a few repairs due to water damage a few years ago.

Prior to the show on Friday, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will have a pancake feed at St. John's Lutheran Church to raise money for the new bowling alley.

The supper will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.



**AMANDA MARSHALL** (above) as the Wicked Witch of the West threatened the other characters during practice. In the back of the auditorium, Jacob Helm (right) and Anthony Marshall worked in the sound booth.

