



AT THE HIGH SCHOOL on Saturday, Molly Jansonius (above) as Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of "Little House on the Prairie," sat dressed as Anne Sullivan, the "Miracle Worker" who taught Helen Keller to read, worked at a large desk. Grace Randel (below), dressed in the back of a covered wagon.

History comes to life in high school gym

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History came to life in the high school gym on Saturday as J.D. Johnson's eighth-grade history classes presented the second annual wax museum, "A Walk Through Time."

Students were dressed as Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Clara Barton, Pocahontas, and other historical figures.

Mr. Johnson said the students each chose an historical figure to research. The students then wrote and memorized the biography of their character. Before the high school play on Saturday, the students, dressed as their historical characters, gave the history of the person they were portraying. Parents, grandparents, teachers

and community members walked around the gym and listened to the students recite their biographies.

The project consisted of four parts: The students had to create a timeline and a biography of their historical figure, who had to be someone from American history.

They also had to dress up in costume, memorize their biography and have some sort of prop to make their presentations more interesting.

The eighth graders (and their historical choices) included: Gabe Anderson (John Deere), Jordan Baker (Benjamin Franklin), Shawn Baker (Isabella Boyd), Logan Berry (Abraham Lincoln), Kelden Breth (John Brown), Kariah Castle (Lowell girl), Aaron Cressler (Wild Bill Hickok), Regent Erickson (Henry

"Box" Brown), Kaine Fredrickson (Buffalo Bill Cody), Andrew Heller (Thomas Jefferson), Timothy Helm (Thomas Edison), Austin Hendrickson (Wyatt Earp), Ganon Henningson (John Wilkes Booth), Elizabeth Hollars (Clara Barton), Molly Jansonius (Anne Sullivan), Morgan Jansonius (Carrie Nation), Troy Juenemann (Paul Revere), Austin Kyte (Jim Bowie), Demi Murray (Annie Oakley), Dallas Paul (Pocahontas), Winter Polivka (Sacagawea), Grace Randel (Laura Ingalls Wilder), Daisy Rhein (Elizabeth Cady Stanton), Garrett Scott (Robert Fulton), Caitlin Shields (Dolly Madison), Dakota Tate (Jebediah Smith), Rebecca Wentz (Amelia Earhart) and Whitney Witt (Molly Pitcher).



DRESSED AS FIRST LADY Dolly Madison, Caitlin Shields (left) talked to several people about the role she played in history. Austin Hendrickson (above) portrayed frontier marshal Wyatt Earp.