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Interview with Tadd Mansfield, WRHS Senior

Q: “Tell me a little bit about yourself”

A: “My name is Tadd Mansfield. I’m a senior at Wood River High School. I like to listen to music and relax.”

Q: “You made a documentary titled “Days with Marley”. What is it about?”

A: “The documentary is about a little girl named Marley, who has a disability called Lissencephaly. Her disability is caused by a rare brain formation. Marley’s brain is completely smooth and not rough and bumpy.”

Q: “Why did you make this documentary?”

A: “I have known Marley’s mom, Natalie, for awhile. One day, Natalie brought Marley to the high school, so that Marley could meet my Quest class. My teacher, Jamie Ellison, and Natalie asked me to do a short video for the school news about Marley’s visit. After I made the short video, Mr. Ellison and Natalie thought it would be a good idea for me to make a longer video about Marley. I thought about it for a few days and I decided to make a longer version. This became my documentary.”

Q: “What did you learn from making this documentary?”

A: “Marley has a disability, but that doesn’t make her any different than anyone else. People like Marley are created for a reason. It doesn’t matter how tough a person is, if they meet Marley they can’t help but give her a hug.”

Q: “You have some exciting events coming up. Can you tell me about them?”

A: “I have a public event coming up on February 7th at 6 PM. It is free. The community is invited to come to the WRHS, Distance Learning Lab to see my documentary “Days with Marley” and also see a presentation about my work. In March, I am going to Wallace, Idaho for the Idaho Tools for Life Conference. I will present my film to other high school students with learning disabilities. I am so excited for that!”