**Don’t Miss WCCT’s Classic Family Holiday Play!**

The horrible Herdman are the meanest kids around. They lie, steal, cuss, and smoke cigars -- even the girls. The last place anyone expected to see them is in church. So when the Herdman storm Sunday school and take over the annual Christmas pageant, everyone braces for the worst. But no one is prepared for what really happens when the rottenest kids in the world take over the greatest story ever told. It's a pageant full of surprises for everyone -- including the Herdman themselves.

WCCT brings back this family holiday favorite for the 4th time. The story, written by Barbara Robinson, has previously been performed in 1995, 1998 and 2006.

The box office opens Monday, December 2. Tickets are $5 for students through high school and $10 for adults. All seats are reserved.

**Performances are slatted for:**
- Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 7, 2:00 pm matinee
- Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm matinee
- Friday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 15, 2:00 pm matinee

Al Yunglas, director, assistant director Donna Foster, and producer Karin Yunglas are pleased to be working with the cast and crew.

Ray Hutchinson  
Charity Hayes  
Katie Greenfield  
Daniel Blankenship  
Mikey Paisley  
Kaitlyn Wagner  
Aaron Halbach  
Dylan McCoskey  
Ryley Jergens  
Delaney Kopriva  
Nicole Boyd  
Emma Bailey  
Tammy Rottenborg  
Michaela Dora  
Cathy Oswald  
Tammy Greenfield  
Morgan Shannon  
Jeff Pingel  
Noah O’Connell  
Sam Halbach  
Jesslyn Messerly  
Shepherds  
Angel Choir  
Accompanist  
Baby Angels  
Firemen

Willy Groves, Kevin Sweet, & Hunter Hesler have tech duties, Stephanie Hill is the stage manager, and Dan & Donna Ryherd are box office managers.

**WCCT Calendar of Events**

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**“HOUSE GUESTS CAN BE MURDER”**

They can also entertain. WCCT’s production of the comedy written and directed by our own Sally Evans was a hit with the audiences and lots of fun for the cast and crew. Our “newbies” - Cheri Daya, Linda Williams, and Jeff Pingel - are welcome additions to our theatre family. 592 patrons attended the show which ran October 11-13 & 18-20. Thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success!
Cast Selected for the February Comedy, “THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB”

Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina’s Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other’s lives.

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years.

The self-deprecating and acerbic Vernadette, acutely aware of the dark cloud that hovers over her life, has decided to just give in and embrace the chaos.

And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise.

As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them.

And when fate throws a wrench into one of their lives in the second act, these friends, proving the enduring power of “teamwork,” rally round their own with the strength and love that takes this comedy in a poignant and surprising direction.

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB is the story of these five unforgettable women--a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

Auditions were held November 17 and 18 for the February 2014 production of THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. Angela Rottering is happy to announce the cast for her directorial debut:

Stephanie Hill as Sheree Hill
Kayleen Kehoe as Lexie Richards
Cathy Olson as Dinah Grayson
Mel Mayberry as Vernadette Simms
Linda Conaway as Jeri Neal McFeeley

They had their first read through and will begin rehearsals in earnest after the holidays.

The “Dixie” crew consists of
Sue Heerema, assistant director
Loween Getter, producer
Sally Evans, tech director
Stage Manager/Prop Master, Mark Dohms
Costumes, JoAnn Robb and Karin Yungclas
House Manager, Shelley and Seth Clausen

Director Abby Sharp will hold auditions Sunday, December 1 and Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at the theatre. You need not attend both nights unless you wish.

Roles are available for three men and one woman:
David O Selznick, producer of Gone with the Wind, 36-45
Victor Fleming, director of Gone with the Wind, 46-55
Ben Hecht, screenwriter of Gone with the Wind, 41-50
Miss Poppenghul, Selznick’s assistant, 20-40

Over the course of five madcap days - sustained by bananas and peanuts - Selznick and Fleming act out the book for Hecht as they frantically craft the screenplay. The play is written as a farce, but the characters also deal with serious questions about race and the tenuous power of Jewish executives in Hollywood.

Rehearsals for Moonlight and Magnolias will begin in late January 2014. Show dates are April 4-6 and 11-13, 2014. Direct questions to Abby at sturtegal@hotmail.com
November’s Readers Theatre perusal of “Almost, Maine” was attended by 17 people who had a hard time reading because of all the laughter and good food. The eight vignettes were hilarious. It is sure to be considered in March for an upcoming season. Thanks to Mark Andrew for “directing”.

There will NOT be a Readers Theatre in December. Watch the December newsletter for information on the January 12th selection.

Phil Chiles of Wild Man Vintage in Lawrence, KS paid us a visit recently and purchased $525 worth of women’s and men’s vintage clothing items. He will return when we have more costumes for him to look at.

Progress on our addition continues... your help is needed with these tasks to speed us toward completion!

- Finish mudding & texturing walls in hall and bathroom
- Prime and paint hall & bath
- Lay carpet tiles
- Install bathroom floor
- Install cabinets in makeup area and west wing
- Move makeup, wigs, purses
- Move totes of fabric to old attic
- Install lockers
- Complete moving and organizing women’s costumes
- Sort and organize props
- Clean!

Sounds like a lot of work...but it also will be a lot of fun and a great way to get acquainted with your theatre family.

The two dressing rooms and the wall of the makeup area in the northwest corner of the new basement have been built, dry walled, mudded, textured, primed and painted. Angela Rottering, Doug and Loween Getter, and Mark Dohm are shown putting on the first coat of paint in the women’s dressing room. Fifteen cans of paint we had on hand were combined to create the three shades used in the project.

Quintin Rottering is shown installing carpet tiles in the new men’s dressing room. The same product, a donation from Gilbert Flooring and Paint, was also installed in the other dressing room and will be used in the hallway and makeup area. He will also be installing mirrors. A $5,000 grant from the Enhance Hamilton County Foundation is being used to purchase materials for this project.

Al Yungclas installs the makeup counter with lots of “advise” from Wil Groves, Doug Getter, and Karin Yungclas. Al has done an amazing amount of work to bring the addition along. Others have also been putting in lots of hours. But there are lots of tasks to be completed. Check out the list below and let Bill or Loween know when you are available to lend your time and talents.

ICTA Awards L.K. Boutin Grants

Loween Getter attended the Iowa Community Theatre Association board meeting in Glenwood on November 2. $500 L.K. Boutin Grants were awarded to community theatre in Ankeny (supplies for their children’s theatre camp), Marshalltown, (audio equipment) Newton (stage combat workshop), and Sioux City (Spotlight on Literacy project with local schools).

Watch for word of a new look to the ICTA website. Like us on Facebook (Iowa Community Theatre Association)

New members are being sought in “The Great Iowa Theatre Hunt.”

SAVE THE DATE The state convention will be held Saturday, June 21. The host is the Wilson Performing Arts Center in Red Oak. There will be workshops and they will entertain us with their production of “Guys and Dolls”
If you shop online this holiday season...

If you do any shopping online this holiday season or any time, you can help WCCT out by taking this step first:

Go to the WCCT website www.wcctonline.org and click on “Merchant Links”

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Encourage your family and friends to do the same.

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• Gardener’s Supply Company
• Walmart
• Plow & Hearth
• Christianbooks.com

Or give a WCCT gift certificate! Also available on line.

The hobby we all support and enjoy has so much benefit to our communities.

• We provide opportunities for creative artists to express themselves.
• We provide economic benefits to our communities.
• We positively impact the lives of old and young in so many ways.