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907 Kilbourn Ave
Tomah, WI 54660

NEWSLETTER



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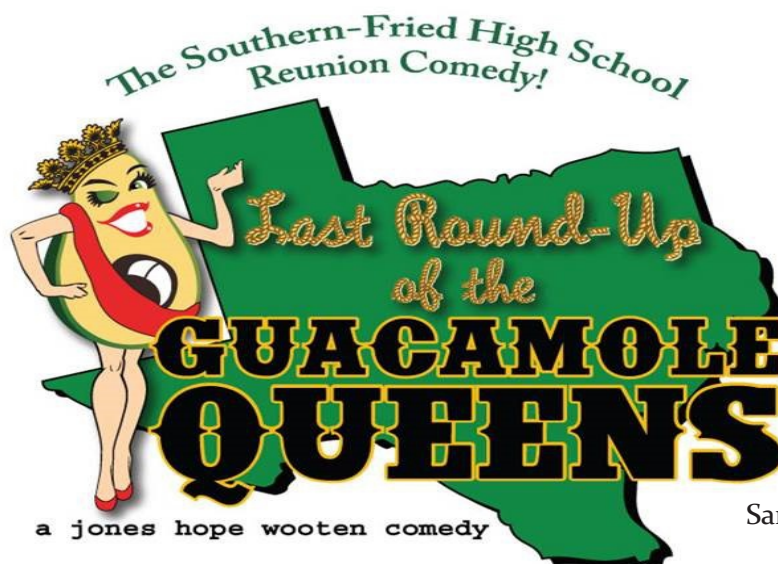
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Dr. Bridget Owens

April 12 - 15 & April 19-22

In this deliciously funny Southern-fried comedy, the Verdeen cousins of Sweetgum, Texas- Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette - are up against the clock as they frantically attempt to produce the ultimate high school reunion before the old building is demolished. But they've got a bushel of obstacles to overcome before they can pull off this miracle.

Thursday - Saturday 7:00pm

Sunday Matinee at 1:00pm

Season Ticket holders - tickets on sale March 26, 2018

No online tickets available for season tickets

Box office opens April 2, 2018

Monday - Friday 2:00 - 5:00pm

One hour before each performance

Adults \$20

Students \$10

Reach Us

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Phone: 608-374-SHOW(7469)
Email: boxoffice@tomahact.com

Website:
TomahAct.com



Permission by Dramatists PlayService

Coming March 23 & 24



Matt will be performing and hosting a family friendly comedy/variety event. Matt will be introducing some local businesses and their talent.

With Special Guests:

Tina Thompson
Chris Pokela
Mike Murray
Alan Komay
Chloe Gorman
Laura Bergh
Joe Minney
Mel Carroll
Courtney Hale

Bring your family and friends to this unique show. You will enjoy it!!

**Show starts
at 7:00 p.m**

Members \$15

Non-members \$20

Students \$10

Tickets available online at tickets.tomahact.com or by calling the box office at 608-374-7469.

From the Director...Dr. Bridget Owens



Greetings ACT lovers and supporters! Have we got a treat for ya all!! "Last Round up of the Guacamole Queens" is the final in a trilogy of shows that started with "Red Velvet Cake Wars",

"Rex's Exes". Each show is written by the same clever playwrights (J. Jones, N. Hope, J. Wooten). Each show stands alone. However, if you have been following the antics of the Verdeen cousins and their family, you will enjoy it just a little bit more!!

"Last Round up of the Guacamole Queens" is a funny (hilarious!) Southern-fried comedy that takes place in Sweetgum, Texas and cousins, Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette are up against the clock as they frantically attempt to produce the ultimate high school reunion before the old building is demolished. But they have a bushel of obstacles to overcome before they can pull off this miracle: Gaynelle is reeling from the humiliating demise of her loathed ex-husband; Peaches' romantic life has tanked because the older her dates get, the more horrified they are by her job as a mortuarial cosmetologist; and Jimmie Wyvette is trying to live down her on-camera catfight with a local televangelist. There is much more to the tale that makes this all so entertaining! Uncle Aubrey and his skirt chasing ways, Aunt LaMerle and her quest to be crowned the final Guacamole Queen as well as mayor of Sweetgum. Raynerd Chisom, from "X-mas Belles", even joins in on the reunion preparations. But nothing

tops the former classmate who shows up with a hand puppet with a score to settle or Sheriff Lout getting hog-tied.

Sit back and join us in Sweetgum, Texas and try to keep up ! You will never look at high school reunions the same again!

In closing, I want to thank our cast who has been such a joy to work with! Everyone has been on our ACT stage before except our new-comer, Lanie Reichardt. Lanie was uncertain about auditioning but she nailed her part and we were so pleased when she accepted her role as Ennis (one of Uncle Aubrey's love interests): Everyone has been respectful and professional and such a pleasure to share the stage with. We have had so much fun rehearsing for this show! At the time of this writing we are still trying HARD not to giggle onstage because this so is such a hoot! We hope you get as big a giggle out of this show as we are!! And I MUST say something to my co-director Sam Komay. When our original director could not make this show fit into her schedule, Sam and I knew the show MUST go on!! So, without even discussing it, we both agreed to co-direct. It has been easier than I thought it would be! That is because Sam is such a delight to work with and has such a passion for ACT. Sam will be moving this summer and she will leave a void at ACT that will be so so hard to fill!! Sam, we love and appreciate everything you have brought to ACT!!! XOXO

Brynn Rowan....Volunteering for A.C.T.



I love the theatre. I also love helping out in anyway I can, to help our community theatre grow. I personally enjoy building the set. Watching the empty stage transform into a whole new room is fascinating.

Volunteers are needed and very

much appreciated. There are lots of things you could do! For example there is tech, (lights and sound) building set, hair and make-up, box office, music, small cleaning, and of course acting! If you have an interest in any of these things I highly recommend volunteering here.

ACT Donation Levels

Saints	\$5,000 & up	Super Star	\$200 - \$ 499
Archangels	\$3,000 - \$4,999	Show Stoppers	\$100 - \$199
Angels	\$1,000 - \$2,999	Spot Lighters	\$ 50 - \$ 99
Standing Ovation	\$ 500 - \$ 999	Curtain Pullers	\$ 25 - \$ 49

**ACT
Summer
production
held at
Tomah High
School
August 2-5**



**Director
Samantha Komay**

**Auditions held
May 30 & 31
6:00 - 8:30pm
at ACT**

With a wink and a nod to Lewis Carroll, the new kid in town discovers that Wonderland High is not your typical high school in this buoyant new musical.

Filled with jokes, puns and portmanteau, *Wonderland High* celebrates the writing and wit of Lewis Carroll, as his characters are reimagined to be students in a contemporary high school.

From The Director of Development....Sharon Larkin



Planning ahead for 2018

Progress..... that is the keyword at ACT. It is in our minds at all times, as we continue moving forward.

2018 has arrived and we are busy with plans to redecorate the two large

banquet/meeting rooms on first and second floor. Your Board of Directors has voted to install badly needed new carpeting in both rooms, starting with the one on the second floor. At this time walls on the east side of the room, where small offices were partitioned off, have been removed, exposing four windows and letting more light into the room. The result is a much larger area for our use and for rental space. After the new carpeting is installed, the whole room will utilize a 1920's Great Gatsby theme! Beautiful pictures and accessories are being donated for the walls. Do you have anything that we could make use of? We can't wait to finish it and show it off! Monetary donations to offset the expenses involved with the remodeling would be most appreciated. Donations of any kind can be dropped off at the box office any weekday.

When we are able to remodel the first floor room, it will have an entertainment theme, with instruments and pictures on the walls and accessories on shelves, as well as new carpeting. Your ACT membership will help us make this possible, so if you haven't purchased a membership to support your theatre, DO IT NOW!! Once again, the box office is open most weekdays. Also, we would be happy to take that old band instrument in your closet that you haven't played in several years off your hands. What better home could you find for that forgotten piece? We would LOVE to display it!

You play an important part in the success of the Area Community Theatre. Your membership, your season tickets, your support at our fundraisers and other events are vital to keeping our doors open and plays on stage. You are a part of our ACT family and we love to see you here, enjoying every aspect of this wonderful building. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!!

Theatre Growth vs. Volunteer Base

ACT has grown through the years. Your theatre is a busy place, with people attending various plays, events and meetings. We now occupy a HUGE building where something is going on every day. Often times several rooms are being used by one group or another on the same afternoon or evening. With that being said, it is inevitable that light housekeeping and light duty maintenance is a top priority. Now is the time where your time and your skills are badly needed. Can you spare a few hours a week or once a month to help us out? Call 608-374-7469 and join our happy family of volunteers. You will be glad that you did!

Besides additional help now and then ACT is in need of the following items, either new or in good working condition:

- Vacuum cleaner
- Self-propelled Lawn Mower
- Self-propelled Snow Blower
- Weed Eater
- Furniture in good condition

Please keep ACT in mind when you redecorate, or have an estate sale. Pick up can be arranged by calling the number above.

Steve Jones - Education

This summer we plan to start a workshop for grades 2-4, 5-8 and 9-12. We are working on the dates and times of the classes. Each class will be about 2-3 hours in length and each week we will be doing a short skit, monologues or play. We are proposing having 2 classes each of the following:

Using Your Imagination: Grades 2-4 - a two hour class; using your very own imagination, voice and body, learn how to tell a story or make up a story.

What is Acting: Grades 5-8 - a two hour class; This class focuses on beginning acting skills, how to project your voice, learning to convey your emotions. Learn basic stage direction.

To The Stage: Grades 9-12 - a two and half hour class; Learn advanced stage direction and stage movement. Develop your character and voice through improvisational games and skits.

Once all the details are finalized we will have the information on the radio, in the paper, on our website and in our newsletters.

Steve Jones, President

Tomah Arts Guild Gallery

on the 2nd floor of the
ACT building
New hours

Open by Appointment only!

Call 608-344-8128 or 608-343-5867

**TAG will be open during ACT shows
and special occasions**

If you are looking for a unique gift
or a personalized gift made to order, make sure to
visit the gallery and talk to one of the artists!

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