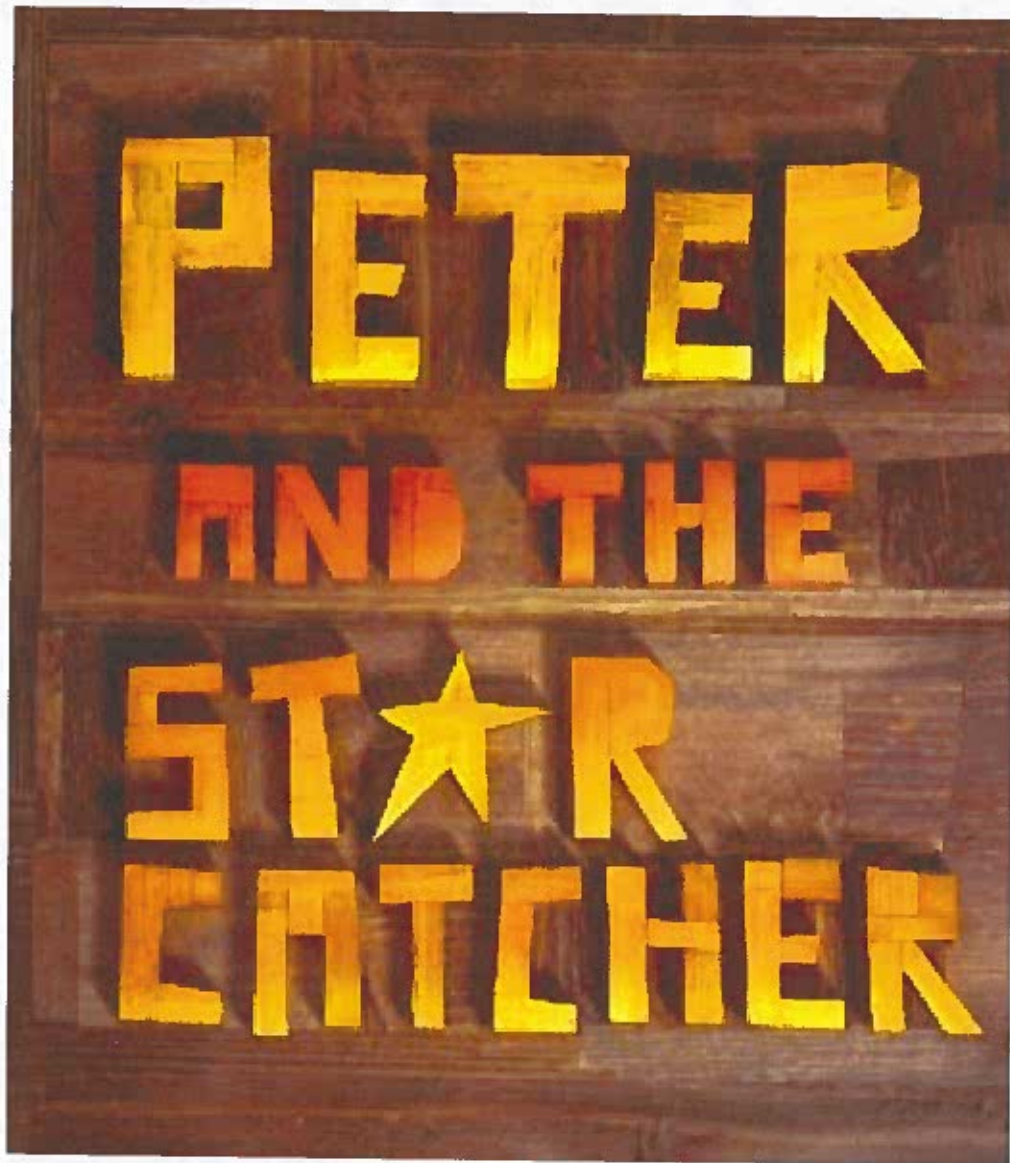




June, 2026

ACT NEWSLETTER



Directed by Lisa & Kaia McCormick

SHOW DATES:

JULY 30-AUGUST 2 & 6-9

Tickets at www.tomahact.com or call 608-374-7469



From the Director: Lisa McCormick

I have always wanted to direct this show, especially after having directed "Peter Pan" for the Tomah Middle School years ago. This show is considered a play with music versus a musical because it only contains 6 songs. "Peter and the Star Catcher" is a story of three orphan boys who live in St. Norbert's Orphanage for Boys in London, England. The headmaster, Mr. Gremppkins is rather mean and the children are treated so poorly that the boys dream up an imaginary land so that they can forget all about their troubles. The orphans: Boy, Ted and Prentiss imagine a land of ships sailing with the Queen's treasure only for them to be captured and sold as slaves aboard a ship. The Captains plan to take two ships to make the voyage in hopes of being able to divert the pirates attentions from trying to steal the treasure. Along the way, you will find out how Boy became Peter Pan-the hero for all of the Lost Boys, how Black Stache loses his hand and becomes Captain Hook, why does the crocodile sound like a clock, where did Tinkerbell come from and how can they fly? So many secrets behind the beloved story of "Peter Pan" are revealed in this fabulous play. I am also so excited to create a very simplistic set and costumes that look and feel like you are at the orphanage and they are creating and putting on a play right in front of you! This intergenerational cast is going to have you believing in miracles and on the adventure of your summer! We hope you can join us! Somewhere deep inside I think there is a part of all of us that never wants to grow up!

Show Dates:

Opening Night:

Thursday, July 30 at 7pm

Additional Show Dates:

July 31,

August 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7pm

August 2 & 9 at 1pm

SPONSORS:

Pine Cove Resort
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IN-KIND SPONSOR:

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2026 SEASON UNDERWRITERS:

**PETER
AND THE
STAR
CATCHER**

Julian Hutchinson
KARES-Just for You, Inc-Karen Dorn
Terry & Sharon Larkin
Murray's on Main-Mike Murray
John Shuck Plumbing
State Farm Insurance-Jeff & Kristi Holthaus
Stroh's Barber Shop - Jim Stroh
Taphouse Twenty-Tyson & Julia Koput
Top Dog Marketing-Steve Peterson
Torkelson Funeral Home - Todd Torkelson
Wetherby Cranberry Co - Jim & Nodji VanWychen



2026 ACT Scholarship Recipients!

**Ian Thompson,
Tomah High School**



**Brooklyn Lowe & Heidi Mathes,
New Lisbon High School**



Congratulations





THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Directed by Amanda & Jason Schmock



"The One That Got Away" performed to great audiences that enjoyed the humor of this play as well as the lack of actual fishing knowledge! Thank you to the sponsors, underwriters, actors, directors and crew for making this show possible and to you, the audience, for laughing and making this such a fun play to do!

UPCOMING PLAY READINGS

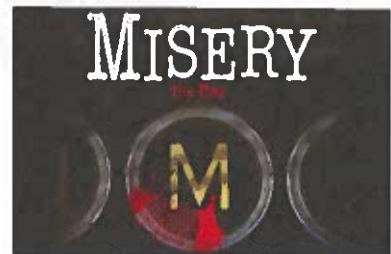
ACT conducts play readings to read potential plays and musicals for putting into the upcoming seasons. All play readings will now be on the 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the ACT Library unless otherwise noted. Come anytime! Call Lisa at the ACT office at 608-374-7469 or boxoffice@tomahact.com to get on the contact list!



**Sunday,
June 14
2pm
Cabaret**



**Wednesday,
June 17
5:30pm
Library**



**Wednesday,
June 24
5:30pm
Library**

Ho-Chunk Ahuco Head Start Visits ACT on Field Trip



Ahuco Head Start brought their 3 & 4 year olds to tour backstage at ACT. The kids got to sit in the new theatre chairs and learn about what it's like to be on stage. They toured the stage, played dress up with hats, wigs, scarves and glasses, got to see real stage props and then were able to go on the stage! They performed a couple of songs they learned at school with music and got to go backstage and see themselves on the monitors! Even the teachers got involved! Thank you to the volunteers from the cast and crew of "The Bunco Squad" who were on hand to help out! They sent us the cutest thank you card! A fun day was had by all and a bunch of new actors were born!



AUDITIONS

KEN LUDWIG'S

MOON OVER BUFFALO

Directors: Brian Shutter & Connie Hurd



Signup at
www.tomahact.com
click on QR code
or call 608-374-7469



July 26 2-4:30pm

July 27 & 28 6-8pm

Show Dates: September 17-20 & October 1-4

Volunteers Wanted to Mow Lawn, Build Sets, Paint, Run Tech & Event Greeter

ACT is always on the look out for volunteers but we know that sometimes that sounds like a huge commitment. It really isn't. We are hoping to find people with talents that would fit in well at ACT that we could call upon occasionally. We need someone to fill in when our regular person is out of town to mow our lawn. We are always looking for handy people to help with building sets. It's only takes a few days to transform the stage from one show to the next! You would work with a team of others - many hands make light work! If you can follow along in a script and push a button at the same time - you can run the sound or lights for a show! We will train you for all you need to know. We are looking for people to fill in so that the same people are not doing every single show! And our newest volunteer position is for an Event Greeter. This person would come in when we have rented out space at ACT and unlock the building and room they rented, turn on lights, welcome the group, and answer any questions they might have. Once the group is all setup and they know how to clean and lock up, you can go home!



We would like to invite you to ACT's

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10,
2026
5:30pm

Area Community Theatre
Cabaret Room

Agenda:

President's Report
Treasurer's Report
2025-2026 Review
Vote on 2026-2027 Budget
Future of ACT

We hope you can make it. If you have any questions,
please call the ACT Business Office at 608-374-7469.



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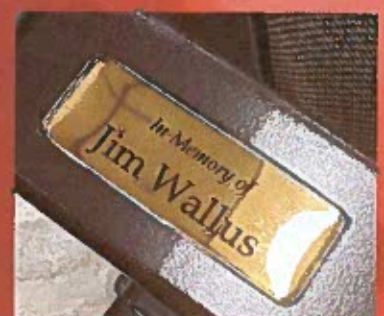
From the Director of Development: Sharon Larkin

This morning, I was looking over some articles that I have written for the newsletter, I came across the one from last August. I wrote about the need for new seating, paint and flooring in the theatre. I announced the proposed fundraising effort, with opportunities to name a seat with a five-hundred-dollar donation. Who would have believed that we could have the project finished and paid for by April!! You made it happen! Our patrons stepped up to the plate and together, we accomplished what we set out to do. The theatre looks incredible the seats are so comfortable, the cup holders are wonderful, and the new colors look so refreshing. Our board sends its deepest appreciation to those who supported the project. We just finished putting the names of the donors on the arms of the chairs and they are impressive.

As always, when we finish a project there is another waiting in the wings. If you did not get in on the seat project, please consider donating to a new outdoor digital message board for the north side of the theatre. It is dangerous for one to climb the high ladder to change the existing sign, especially in the winter. Together, we can eliminate the chance of someone getting hurt and increase our advertising options with a digital sign that we can program safely from inside the building. The entire project (sign and electrical) will cost about seventy thousand dollars. I know we can reach that goal. If you can help with this project, any amount will be appreciated, Checks can be mailed to ACT, 901 Kilbourn Avenue. Please mention "sign project" in the memo. Thank You!

Name a Chair-Leave a Legacy

The new brass plaques have arrived and are now in place! Each person who bought a chair had their name plaque placed into the right arm of the chair. Come see the new chairs at our next show and find your name!



MR. LEGS 2026 DR. JAIRUS HOUSTON



Thank you to all of our contestants for Mr. Legs 2026! What a fun event for everyone and a very successful fundraiser for ACT! We can't wait to see you next year!

We held the event at Cranberry Country Lodge this year and it was wonderful! We had so much more room. Thank you Tyson and staff!



Save the Date:
Thursday, April 1, 2027!



Delicious!
Taste of Tomah
2026 Winner
Jac's Steakhouse



Taste of Tomah Winner: Jac's Steakhouse with Smoked Salmon on a Wafer and Sweet & Fiery Bruschetta

ACT Members

January 1 - December 31, 2026

Sandra Ahlquist	Sandra Dresbrow	Sharon Larkin	Jason Schmock
Dr. Richard Ahn	Diane Field	Terry Larkin	Cheryl Schoeny
Patty Ambort	Bruce Fischer	Fred LeSavage	Mike Schoeny
Terry Amundson	Kathy Fischer	Kathy LeSavage	Christine Schreier
Tim Amundson	Bonny Fish	Alta Leuthold	Donna Shuck
Sharon Anderson	Kathy Flatoff	Mary Maas	John Shuck
Chris Baker	Renee Fletcher	Marian Martin	Charles Shields
Randy Ball	Robert Forbush	Carrie Martinez	Emily Shields
Tiffany Banaszakrawicz	Melanie Frei	Joe Martinez	Molly Shields
Wanda Barwald	Tom Frei	Lisa McCormick	Peter Shields
Richard Baumgarten	Lisa Frost	Mara Mednis	Brian Shutter
Dan Berg	Sue Geurkink	Peggy Meiners	Dan Smithburg
Joyce Billings	Deb Gilles	Joe Minney	Kelly Smithburg
Dean Blegen	Lynn Glancy	Susan Murphy	Colleen Springman
JoEllen Blegen	Linda Greeno	Katherine Nastachowski	Dave Stelter
Paulette Bolton	Ann Grygleski	Taz Noble	Monica Stenerson
Judy Bonn	Ed Grygleski	Lori Norquay	Nancy Storkel
Lavena Brady	Cindy Hansen	Bridget Owens	Melissa Strait
Chelsea Brohaugh	Deb Hanson	Cindy Parris-Owens	Renee Stroh
Stephanie Brookman	Lorna Harvey	Allen Pasch	Barbara Stump
Liz Brown	Barb Hendricks	Sue Pergande	Susan Stump
Jeanette Brownell	Nancy Jacob	Kathy Peterson	Barb Sullivan
Diane Buchda	Evanell Johnson	Keith Peterson	Chris Suzda
Pam Buchda	Gabby Johnson	Missy Peterson	JD Sydow
Daniel Burton	Julie Kenmitz	Dawn Pierce	Tina Thompson
Josh Buzbee	Dilynn Kiefer	Elaine Reichardt	Shelly Trowbridge
Mary Carney	Lamont Kiefer	Pete Reichardt	Tina Turner
Jerry Chaffee	Lisa Kirschbaum	Peggy Repp	Jim VanWychen
Lenna Chaffee	Martha Klatt	Lori Ripley	Nodji VanWychen
Deb Chesser	Wesley Klatt	Kerry Rose	Cheryl Weber
Lynda Clay Palmer	Amy Kleespies	Mark Rose	Mike Weber
Kristi Cossette	Jeanne Knapp	Darlene Rudolph	Shannon Wilcox
Mike Cossette	Dennis Koranda	Michael Saunders	Stephanie Woods
Bonnie Dana	Jan Koranda	Tess Saunders	Travis Woods
Megan Divyak	Denise Krofta	Jane Schave	Wendy Wright
Natalie Divyak	Kevin Krofta	Amanda Schmock	

2026 Memberships Still Available

Your membership is important to us. Many grants to improve the theatre ask for membership numbers to prove community engagement. We appreciate you. Get your 2026 ACT Membership today by calling 608-374-7469, go to our website at www.tomahact.com or stop by the Business Office at 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah. Office open Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm.

Member Benefits:

- Half Off Opening Nights on all 5 Shows in a Season (\$50 savings)
- Free Small Popcorn at every show you attend (5 shows/popcorns = \$20 savings)
- ACT Newsletters
- Voting privileges at ACT Annual Meeting
- Ability to be elected to ACT Board of Directors
- Recognition in all program booklets
- Plus additional surprise benefits throughout the year!



We would like to thank the following for donations from November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026

These donations will be put towards ACT's building fund and to help cover costs of putting on shows.

Saints (\$5,000 and Up)

Burnstad Family Foundation
Terry & Sharon Larkin*
Bernadette Otto Foundation*
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Archangels (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

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Dr. Richard Ahn in Memory of Helen Ahn*
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Thomas B. Earle Foundation*
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The Kindness Community
Oakdale Electric Cooperative*
Kurt & Louise Olson*
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Christine Schreier*
Jim & Nodji VanWychen*

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Deborah Antony*
John & Rose Berry*
Tammy Blanchard*
Chris & Sharon Borek*
Max Brohaugh*
The Carpenter's Touch-Mark Pierce*
Natalie Divyak
Stoney & Julie Felts*
Jerry & America Fushianes*
Deb Hanson*
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Julie Kenmitz*
Fred & Kathy LeSavage*
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Aleda Moseley*
Barbara Mundinger*
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Super Stars (\$200 - \$499)

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Ryan & Amanda Betcher
Brian & Debra Buswell
Nathan Gebhardt Cranberries
Amy Hedrick*
Mary Beth Leum*
Kurt & Louise Olson in Memory of Lyda Lanier
Scott & Dorothy Nicol
Cindy Parris-Owens
June Potter
Pat Reis
John & Sandra Schindler
Phyllis Snider
Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home

Show Stoppers (\$100 - \$199)

Bertram's Jewelry Studio
Scott & Stephanie Brookman
Dennis & Barbara Clinard
Joy Cunningham in Memory of Lyda Lanier
Freedom Automotive Group
Deb Hanson
Amy Kleespies
Lynxx Networks
Max Electric
Karen Rapp
Anna Mae Rudolph
Stroh's Barber Shop-Jim Stroh
Barb Sullivan
Summit Valley Farms in Memory of Lyda Lanier
Tomah Area Credit Union
Henry VanWychen
Barbara Westrate
Woodsmen Hockey

Spot Lighters (\$50 - \$99)

Belcher Construction & Main-Jim & Tracey Belcher
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Allen Pasch
Beverly Smith
Duane Spry
Monica Stenerson
Shawn & Amy Stoffregen
Jim & Cindy Suzda
Marie Wiedl*

Curtain Pullers (\$25 - \$49)

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Christine Miller
Lorna Rosenow
Brian Shutter
Lori Welcher

Thank you to everyone who donated to ACT's Name a Chair-Leave a Legacy Theatre Renovation Project! We could not have completed this project so quickly without your support! Donations will continue to fund this project as well as the many plans we have for 2026!

*Donated toward Chairs

Donations at any level are greatly appreciated and help to defray the operational costs of our theatre. If you would like the opportunity to have your name on our beautiful sculpture, a cumulative donation of \$3,000 through the past years is required.

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President -- John Shuck

Vice-President -- Shannon Wilcox

Secretary -- Amy Kleespies

Treasurer -- Barbara Sullivan



BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

**Sharon Larkin, Brian Shutter,
Lori Ripley, Amanda Schmock**

Save the Date!

June 10 - ACT Annual Meeting at 5:30pm

July 26 - 28 Moon Over Buffalo Auditions

July 30-Aug 9 Peter and the Star Catcher

September 13 & 14 Perfect Wedding Auditions

September 17-20 & October 1-4 Moon Over Buffalo

October 23 Halloween Bingo

November 5-15 Perfect Wedding

Lisa McCormick, Theatre Manager

Business Office Hours: 10am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

**All ACT Members are Invited to the ACT Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30pm in Cabaret Room**

Honoring the past 50 years of live theatre, embracing the future!

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