



# ACT NEWSLETTER

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## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG THIRD EDITION

Play Written by: Henry  
Lewis, Jonathan Sayer  
& Henry Shields

Directed by Latisha Walker  
& Jerry Fushianes



### SYNOPSIS:

The story follows a performance of a murder mystery, where the ill-fated theatre company encounters numerous mishaps. Before the play starts the backstage staff is making last-minute adjustments to the set, including trying to mend a broken mantelpiece and find a dog that has run off. During the performance, a plethora of disasters befalls the actors, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls and failing in numerous ways, and floors collapsing. Cast members fall down, are struck by set pieces, misplace and break props, forget lines, miss cues, break character, drink white spirit instead of whisky, mispronounce words, step on fingers, are hidden in a grandfather clock, and are manhandled off stage. One cast member is knocked unconscious, and her replacement (the group's technician) refuses to yield when she returns. An actor repeats an earlier line of dialogue, cuing the other actors to repeat the whole dialogue sequence, ever more frenetically, several times. In the climax, virtually the whole of the remaining set collapses. Physical comedy at its finest!



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**Assistant Director: Jerry Fushianes**

### THE CAST:

Annie, Stage Manager.....Ashley Williford  
Tracey, Lighting & Sound Operator.....Ruby Glavin  
Chris, Head of the Drama Society, Play Director, Inspector  
Carter.....Joseph Refsland  
Johnathon, Charles Haversham.....Robert Forbush  
Robert, Thomas Colleymore.....Roger Jones  
Dennis, Perkins.....Jason Schmock  
Max, Cecil Haversham, Arthur.....Reyna Herold  
Sandra, Florence Colleymore.....Lydia Kruse  
Stage Crew.....Libby Berry, Rachel Von Der Eh,  
Cassie Sullivan

### Show Dates:

**Opening Night:**  
**May 8, 2025**

- Member tickets  
are half off on  
opening night!

**May 9-11 &  
15-18, 2025**

## From the Director-Latisha Walker:

Dear Friends of the Tomah Area Community Theatre,

I am thrilled to announce that rehearsals are officially in full swing for our upcoming production, “The Play That Goes Wrong”! The energy in the rehearsal room is electric as our talented cast and crew bring this hilariously chaotic comedy to life. Opening this May, “The Play That Goes Wrong” promises to keep you laughing from start to finish with its zany characters, outrageous mishaps, and perfectly imperfect performances. Our team has been hard at work mastering the art of comedic timing, physical humor, and, of course, making everything appear as though it’s “going wrong” without a hitch!

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating live theatre at its most unpredictable and entertaining. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to our theatre family, we can't wait to welcome you to the show and share this unforgettable experience together. Thank you for your continued support of the arts in our community. We'll see you in May—prepare for a night of laughter, surprises, and good old-fashioned fun!

## We would like to thank the following for donations from November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

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  
David Rezin  
Harry Wellenkotter

### Archangels (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

Richard, Jason & Lindsey Gerke  
Bernadette M. Otto Charitable Trust  
Pete & Elaine Reichardt

### Angels (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

The Berry Family  
Diana Gerke  
The Kindness Community, Inc.  
Susan Murphy  
Christine Schreier  
Top Dog Marketing

### Standing Ovation (\$500 - \$999)

Dr. Richard Ahn in Memory of Helen Ahn  
Wesley & Martha Klatt  
Dr. Michael & Tess Saunders  
Ann Thompson

### Super Stars (\$200 - \$499)

Chris & Myra Anderson  
Dean Blegen in Memory of David Schreier  
Pam Buchda  
Cardinal IG  
Fred & Kathy LeSavage  
Kay Mark  
Scott & Dorothy Nicol  
Kurt & Louise Olson  
Oakdale Electric Coop Federated Youth Foundation  
June Potter  
Eric & Mary Prise  
Pat Reis  
Rockland Flooring  
Mark & Kerry Rose  
John & Sandra Schindler  
Walmart DC 6085

### Show Stoppers (\$100 - \$199)

Active Health Chiropractic Center  
Bonnie Dana  
Amy Hedrick  
Kelly Larkin  
David & Bryanna Miller  
Karen Rapp  
Anna Mae Rudolph  
John Rusch  
Barb Sullivan

### Spot Lighters (\$50 - \$99)

Edward Grygleski  
John Haeberlin  
Lyda Lanier  
Sue Pergande  
Nancy VanderMeer & David Hall

### Curtain Pullers (\$25 - \$49)

Libby Berry  
Renee Fletcher  
Randy Pribbemow  
Lorna Rosenow  
Monica Stenerson



**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.**

**Check out our  
new QR Code to  
Donate Today!**



*Thank  
you*

**Thank you for donating to the  
Theatre Flooring Project:**

Frank Andres Grant  
Thomas B. Earle Grant  
Aleda Moseley  
Sue Murphy  
Ocean Spray  
Kurt & Louise Olson  
Marie Wiedl







## SEEKING HISTORIANS:

SOMEONE TO GO THOROUGH YEARS OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS & PHOTOS ARCHIVE INTO PHOTO AND DIGITAL ALBUMS.

HELP US FIGURE OUT WHO IS IN THE PHOTOS

ALONG THE WAY, WE WILL UNEARTH SOME OF ACT'S GREATEST MEMORIES FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY. CONTACT ACT OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT ACT OFFICE TO HELP!



## DO YOU LIKE TO READ PLAYS?

WE HAVE A LIBRARY FULL OF SCRIPTS THAT WE WOULD LOVE FOR SOMEONE TO HELP US READ THOUGH THEM AND DECIDE IF THEY ARE A GOOD FIT FOR A FUTURE ACT PRODUCTION. CONTACT THE ACT OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERSTED IN HELPING.

## Share ACT with your friends!

### Gift Certificates

**Tickets to a Show (\$20 Individual Ticket plus \$2 taxes & fees)**

Can be redeemed on any performance throughout the year!

**Flex Pass (\$100 for 6 Tickets plus \$6 taxes & fees)**

Can be used together or separately on any performance!

Can even be carried over to the next year! Save over \$4 a ticket!

Go to [www.tomahact.com](http://www.tomahact.com) or call 608-374-7469 for more information or stop in at the Box Office at 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah.



## ACT's 4th Annual Mr. Legs Contest and Taste of Tomah Thursday, April 3rd Murray's on Main

Doors Open at 5pm, Taste of Tomah at 5:30pm, Mr. Legs at 7pm

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW:  
\$45 in advance/\$50 at the door  
Limited Seats Available**

**An evening of food, fun & shenanigans!!**



3B's Charcueterie  
Culver's  
Evergreen's Supper Club  
Jac's Steakhouse  
Murray's on Main  
The Pines  
Pizones  
Taphouse Twenty

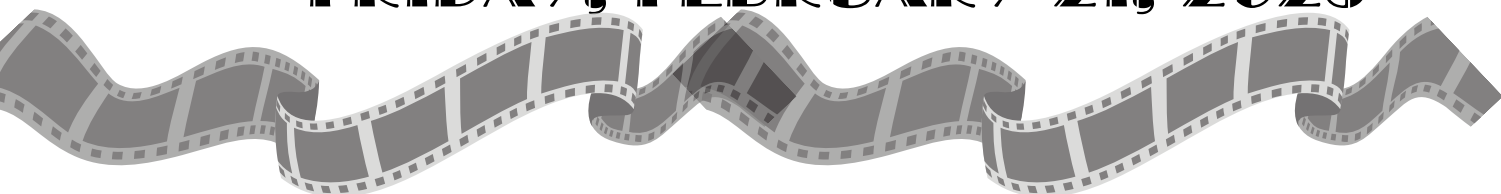


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# ACADEMY AWARDS



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025



Thank you to our many  
volunteers who helped put this  
1st time event together!



Spring  
CLEANING



Sunday, April 6

12:45-5pm

Cleaning Out the Basement & Garage  
Props, Costumes, Furniture

GARAGE  
Sale



Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3

7am-2pm

ACT Garage/Back Alley

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SORT & PRICE ITEMS FOR SALE**  
**CONTACT ACT OFFICE TO HELP!**



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**LISA McCORMICK, THEATRE MANAGER**  
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Cast & Directors

Tech Team

# DRIVING MISS DAISY

**A wonderful start to ACT's 50th season of live entertainment in the community!**



**Hoke and Miss Daisy were fantastic!  
Sure made our day!**



**This play was the best one yet!!**



**The entire cast was so good!  
Congratulations on a fabulous show!**



## **FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, SHARON LARKIN**

Spring is finally here. This is the time of year when we want to clean, inside and out, and it's time for us to organize things at the Area Community Theatre. We could use your help! We have light jobs for gals and some that will require men with some muscles. If you have a few hours to spare this month or next, please consider giving us a hand. We have a big, beautiful building and just like our homes, it needs some tender loving care. Please give Terry a call (608-343-8654) or call me (608-343-4899) if you can help. We would love to have you! We are always striving to improve the wonderful ACT building for your enjoyment. This past year, with several generous donations and a few grants, beautiful new flooring was installed in the theatre area. Project 2025 .....new seats for the theatre! When ACT was forced to leave their long-time home at Fort McCoy and move into Tomah, they received a much-needed donation from Volk Field, over one hundred used theatre seats! After 22 additional years of use, many desperately need replacement. Plans are to paint the theatre walls and install new seating, with cup holders!! The total cost for the project will be approximately \$50,000. You can be a part of this exciting improvement. Donations, in any amount, will be appreciated and can be mailed to Area Community Theatre, 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660. Please indicate "theatre seats" in the memo of your check. Thank You!



## **Volunteers Come in All Ages**

ACT volunteer, Natalie Divyak, brought in her grandsons to volunteer during their spring break to help clean the kitchen, dust the hallways and organize the garage with Terry & Sharon Larkin. This just goes to show that you can volunteer at ACT no matter what age you are, there is always something to do here! Thank you boys for helping us at ACT!



**Cale & Cade Divyak**





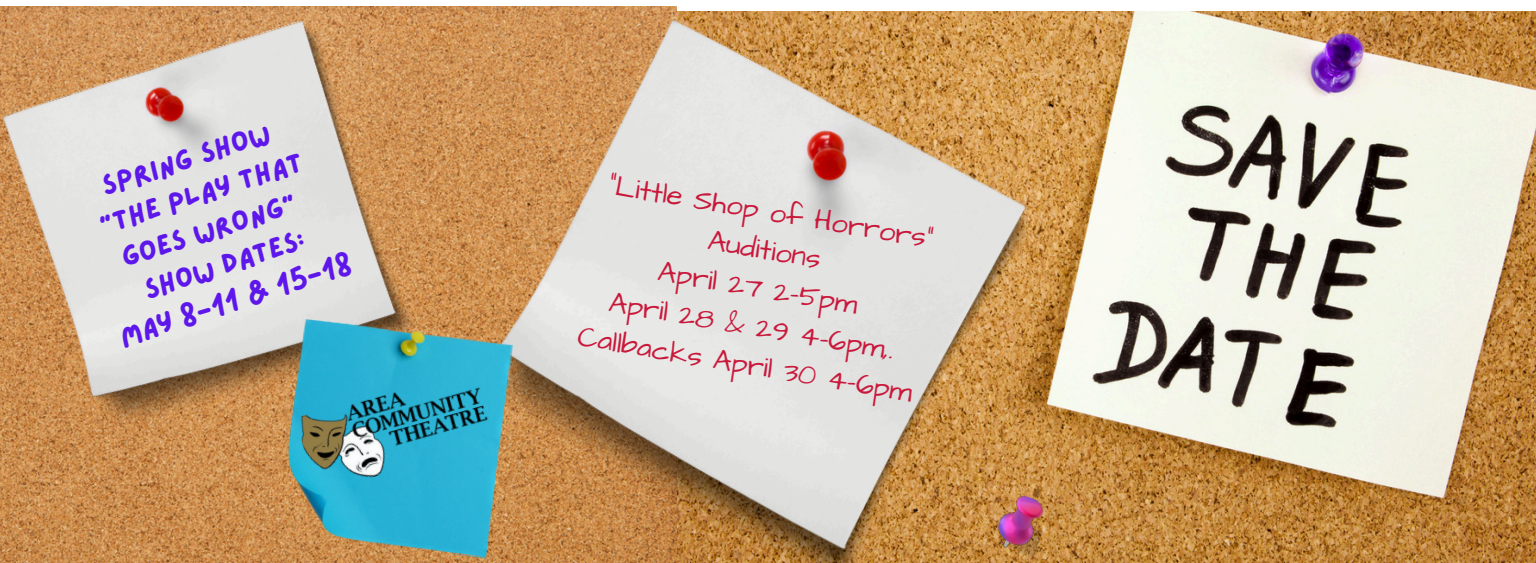
# ACT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Tomah Area Community Theatre is pleased to announce that we will be selecting two graduating seniors who have expressed an interest in the fine arts to receive a \$250 college scholarship. We will be presenting scholarship awards during your school's awards ceremony at the end of the year.

Applications are located in the Guidance Office at your High School.  
Please make sure that all applications are returned to the Area Community Theatre Business Office no later than April 18, 2025.  
Our committee will then process all applications and select two students who will be the recipients of the scholarships.

Please send all forms and attachments to the address below:  
Area Community Theatre  
% Scholarship Committee, Rocky Shutter: Chairperson  
901 Kilbourn Avenue  
Tomah, WI 54660

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us at (608) 374-7469.



## Little Shop of Horrors, ACT's Summer Musical Coming July 31, August 1-3 & 7-10



Little Shop of Horrors is a story about an unusual plant at a florist shop that seems to grow only when given blood. This plant is a large part of the cast in the show. The plant, Audrey II is a puppet, manned by a puppeteer. The puppet came to us in parts that we will have to put together and practice for several weeks in order to perfect the movements with the actor portraying Audrey II. There will be 2 separate people portraying the plant - 1 as the puppeteer and 1 as the voice. This show will also feature a small cast of 7 others.



## ACT Members

January 1 - December 31, 2025

Chelsea Brohaugh	Amy Hedrick	Lisa McCormick	Molly Shields
Liz Brown	Shannon Hogie	Joe Minney	Donna Shuck
Pam Buchda	Sandy Humphreys	Mara Mednis	John Shuck
Kristi Cossette	Nancy Jacob	Kim Miller	Brian Shutter
Mike Cossette	Steve Jones	Amanda Mills	Dan Smithburg
Bonnie Dana	Julie Kemnitz	Susan Murphy	Kelly Smithburg
Justin Derhammer	Lisa Kirschbaum	Dawn Pierce	Pam Steinmetz
Natalie Divyak	Amy Kleespies	Elaine Reichardt	Monica Stenerson
Bruce Fischer	Jeff Klonecki	Pete Reichardt	Rose Storkel
Kathy Fischer	Sandra Klonecki	Lori Ripley	Susan Stump
Renee Fletcher	Lyda Lanier	Pamela Rixie	Barb Sullivan
Rob Forbush	Sharon Larkin	Kerry Rose	Lynne Trainor
Melanie Frei	Terry Larkin	Mark Rose	Shelly Trowbridge
Tom Frei	Alice Leis-Murray	Michael Saunders	Brayden Tupper
America Fushianes	Fred LeSavage	Tess Saunders	Louise Urmanski
Jerry Fushianes	Kathy LeSavage	Ann Scheckel	Latisha Walker
Brent Garringer	Alta Leuthold	Larry Scheckel	Anne Wallus
Shelly Gasper	Mary Maas	Amanda Schmock	Shannon Wilcox
Diana Gerke	Carrie Martinez	Christine Schreier	Leland Wildes
Deb Gilles	Joe Martinez	Ginny Schroeder	

Use our new QR Code to  
become a Member of ACT!



Thank you!  
Your membership  
helps us to  
receive grants.



## "Que Sera, Sera"

During the ACT Academy Awards Trivia Night, we asked the teams to sing an award winning song to earn 40 bonus points. Jane Schave's team, The Envelope Please, sang the Doris Day hit, "Que Sera, Sera" but changed the words up a little bit! We thought her song was so cute we had to share it with everyone!

When I was just a little girl  
I asked my mother, what will I be?  
Will I be pretty?  
Will I be rich?  
Here's what she said to me

Que sera, sera  
Whatever will be, will be  
The future's not ours to see  
Que sera, sera  
What will be, will be



And then I moved to Tomah town  
I asked my friends here "What should I do?"  
Maybe the TeePee?  
Should I join clubs?  
Here's what they said to me

Go to ACT  
It has a history  
The best plays you'll ever see  
Que sera, sera  
Join the ACT