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April, 2026

ACT NEWSLETTER

**THE ONE
THAT
GOT AWAY**

**FISHING...
ROMANCE...
AND HOW TO GET BOTH WRONG!**



WRITTEN BY EDDIE MCPHERSON

Produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Directed by Amanda & Jason Schmock

SHOW DATES:
MAY 7, 8, 14, 15, & 16 AT 7PM
MAY 9, 10, & 17 AT 1PM

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

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THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Show Dates:

Opening Night:
Thursday, May 7
at 7pm

Additional
Show Dates:
May 8, 14, 15, & 16
at 7pm
May 9, 10 & 17
at 1pm

****NOTE****
Matinees are different
each weekend



From the Director: Amanda Schmock

Someone once said, "Fishing is a jerk at one end of the line, waiting for a jerk on the other."

In the upcoming comedy "The One That Got Away" you'll meet four women looking for the jerks of successful fishing but meeting misguided men acting like jerks.

When Annie, Blair, Donna and Madeline (played by Loren Sauter, Sue Paulis, Jordyn Price and Emily Shields) rent a lakeside cabin, they want nothing more than to enjoy fishing a tournament and escape their man problems. But when the same cabin is seemingly double booked, by the scheming Brad and his friends (played by Shannon Wilcox, Christian Bauer, Jason Schmock) who are there to "pick up chicks" among the record number of female fishing tournament participants the hilarity casts off!

With quick-witted classic comedy stylings, a good amount of physical antics and plenty of plot twists, ACT audiences are sure to reel in a good time. The rest of the cast is rounded out with the quirky Harold, the mysterious Clive, and the innocent-hearted Carol. (played by Christopher Suzda, Charles A. Shields and Rachel Von Der Ehe.)

Director Amanda Schmock adds, "I'm most excited that this show features a balance of seasoned ACT actors and some fresh faces, and they all have great talent. So please don't miss it!"

Tickets on Sale Now at www.tomahact.com

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.

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Belcher Construction & Main-Jim & Tracey Belcher
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THANK
YOU!

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

Donate Today!

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.



ACT Members

January 1 - December 31, 2026

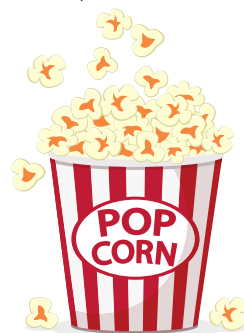
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Sharon Anderson	Kathy Flatoff	Mary Maas	John Shuck
Chris Baker	Renee Fletcher	Marian Martin	Charles Shields
Randy Ball	Robert Forbush	Carrie Martinez	Emily Shields
Tiffany Banaszakrawicz	Melanie Frei	Joe Martinez	Molly Shields
Wanda Barwald	Tom Frei	Lisa McCormick	Peter Shields
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Joyce Billings	Sue Geurkink	Peggy Meiners	Dan Smithburg
Dean Blegen	Deb Gilles	Joe Minney	Kelly Smithburg
JoEllen Blegen	Lynn Glancy	Katherine Nastachowski	Colleen Springman
Paulette Bolton	Linda Greeno	Taz Noble	Dave Stelter
Judy Bonn	Ann Grygleski	Lori Norquay	Monica Stenerson
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Chelsea Brohaugh	Deb Hanson	Cindy Parris-Owens	Melissa Strait
Stephanie Brookman	Lorna Harvey	Allen Pasch	Renee Stroh
Liz Brown	Nancy Jacob	Sue Pergande	Susan Stump
Diane Buchda	Gabby Johnson	Kathy Peterson	Barb Sullivan
Pam Buchda	Julie Kenmitz	Keith Peterson	Chris Suzda
Daniel Burton	Dilynn Kiefer	Missy Peterson	JD Sydow
Josh Buzbee	Lamont Kiefer	Dawn Pierce	Shelly Trowbridge
Mary Carney	Lisa Kirschbaum	Elaine Reichardt	Tina Turner
Jerry Chaffee	Martha Klatt	Pete Reichardt	Jim VanWychen
Lenna Chaffee	Wesley Klatt	Lori Ripley	Nodji VanWychen
Deb Chesser	Amy Kleespies	Kerry Rose	Cheryl Weber
Lynda Clay Palmer	Jeanne Knapp	Mark Rose	Mike Weber
Kristi Cossette	Dennis Koranda	Darlene Rudolph	Shannon Wilcox
Mike Cossette	Jan Koranda	Michael Saunders	Stephanie Woods
Bonnie Dana	Denise Krofta	Tess Saunders	Travis Woods
Natalie Divyak	Kevin Krofta	Jane Schave	Wendy Wright
		Amanda Schmock	

2026 Memberships 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 privledges 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!



Sponsors:

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In-Kind Sponsor:
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What is a Sponsor or Underwriter?

A **sponsor** is a business or individual who has a desire to support the specific show or event occuring at ACT. Most show sponsors pay \$250 to become a sponsor. This donation goes toward the director's budget for paint, building supplies, props, costumes, etc. in order to bring the show to life! Sponsors logos or names are placed on all posters, on the website, social media, newspaper ads and any other media created to promote the show or event. Sponsors are allowed to bring in any brochures or materials to have on display during the show they are sponsoring. Sponsors also receive 2 tickets to a performance date of their choice!

Underwriters can also be a business or individual who believes in the work that ACT is creating in its shows. An underwriter pays \$1000 and will be listed as such on all media for the entire season. The underwriter donation goes toward the publicity for the show, pays for the licenses and fees to do a performance, pays the directors and tech crew and any other overhead costs related to putting on a show. Underwriters are listed on all publicity for the entire season and receive 2 tickets to every show that season!

Would you be interested in sponsoring a show or a season? Contact the ACT office and let us know. We can find the perfect show to pair you with!



“What a joy it was to direct my first play at ACT” said director, Lisa McCormick. “The Bunco Squad” had sold out shows almost every night of its run thanks to you, our patrons! Not even a snowstorm was going to slow you down! This very talented cast brought so much life into each of their characters. Many people said you could watch this show multiple times and watch a different character and see a different show! Each woman reacted to the same line differently which made it so much fun to watch! Five members of the cast are experienced actors and have been on the ACT stage many times (Bridget Owens, Sam Komay, Lenna Chaffee, Lori Ripley and Elaine Reichardt) and the other three are newcomers (Ann Clark, Danielle Davis & Mary Ortner Neve) but you would never have known. They are amazing and did a fabulous job bringing this show to life! Thank you again to our sponsors: All American Do It Center, Family Vision Center, Pete & Elaine Reichardt, Safe Ship, T-Town Nutrition, and Walmart Distribution Center! It was fun bringing Tomah, Wisconsin from 2009 to the stage!



**Cheers to the Bunco Squad!
on a wonderful show!**



1st Place: The Brunch Club

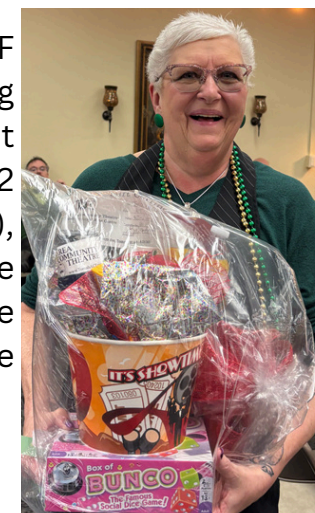


2nd Place: Quiz Pro Quo



3rd Place: The Wet Bandits

Thank you to our event sponsors: Culvers and CCF Bank. Also a big thank you to Connie Hurd for creating the beautiful gift baskets for all the winners! Basket winners are Lori Ripley (ACT basket filled with 2 tickets to see a play, movie treats and a Bunco Game), Joe Minney (Culver's basket filled with lots of ice cream goodies and a Culver's gift card) and the Huneke's (CCF Bank basket filled with lots of game night goodies)! Congratulations to all of our winners!



Lori Ripley: ACT Basket



Joe Minney: Culver's Basket



Huneke's: CCF Basket

PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER

Directors:
Lisa McCormick
& Caitlin Elenteny

Cast:
1-3 Females
Ages 13-25
&
15 Males
Ages 13-65

SUNDAY, MAY 10 2-5PM
MONDAY, MAY 11 4-6PM
TUESDAY, MAY 12 6-8PM

Synopsis: The story of a miserable group of orphan boys who create a magical world of their own with pirate ships, mermaids and treasure! They explore a make believe world and vow to never grow up (Peter Pan)!

SHOW DATES:

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2 & 6 - 9

Go to www.tomahact.com to signup for an audition time. Once you have signed up, we will send you the audition details. If you have additional questions, please call 608-374-7469.



Peter and the Starcatcher is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre

UPCOMING PLAY READINGS

ACT does two play readings a month to read potential plays and musicals to put 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! Want to join us? Call Lisa at the ACT office at 608-374-7469 or boxoffice@tomahact.com to get on the contact list!



April 15



April 22

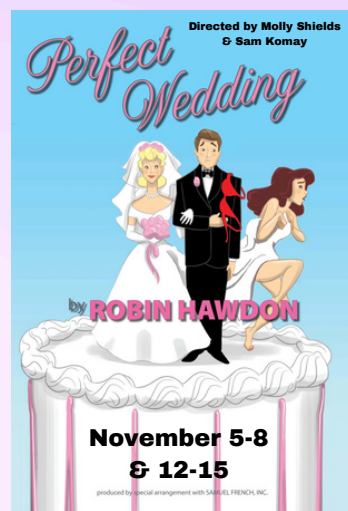
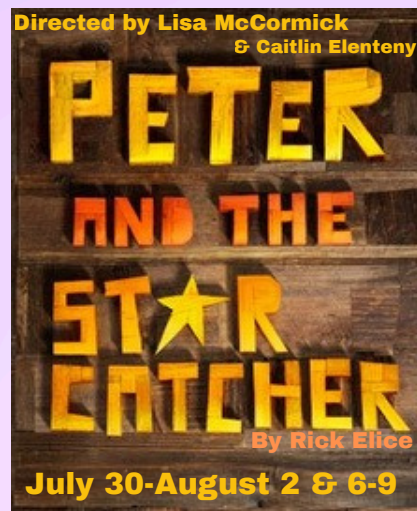


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NEW...ACT GIFT CARDS!



With our updated website, we now can sell electronic gift cards! Sold in increments of \$20, \$40, \$60, \$80 and \$100. Go to www.tomahact.com and click on the tab labeled: Gift Card. A great gift for the theatre lover who is hard to shop for!



From Your Director of Development, Sharon Larkin

Time goes fast when you're busy....and everyone at ACT has been very busy these past few months! We just held the 5th year of our largest fundraising event, Taste of Tomah and Mr. Legs. What a great time for all who participated. I want to extend a special thank you to the restaurants who served delicious food, Tyson and Julia Koput and the Cranberry Country Lodge for hosting the event and everyone who supported it.

On to the next important thing; For several years we have been concerned about the issue of our outside message board on the north wall of our building. For eighteen years Terry has been changing the message each month by climbing a tall ladder. It becomes very dangerous, especially in the slippery winter months. Our ACT board members have decided it is time to purchase a digital message board that can be safely controlled by a computer within the building. This month, we received a permit from the city planning commission to replace the existing sign with a new digital one, however, they are very expensive. With deep appreciation, we thank those who generously donated to the beautiful new theatre seats. Yet, there will always be other things that become necessary over time. The profits from the Mr. Legs event and any new donations will be put toward the message board. We will continue to hold fundraisers and write grants until we are able to purchase it. Let's get Terry off that ladder as soon as possible!!

Thank you all for the support you have given to our local theatre throughout the years.



UPDATE ON NEW TICKETING PROGRAM & FLEX TICKETS

Once ACT closed out the 2025 season we began the process of changing over to our new ticketing program. In the process we had quite a few learning curves and hope that they are all worked out now! Thank you so much for your patience through the process!

We no longer will be printing out actual tickets. Your tickets will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not see them right away, please check your spam folder. You can choose to print that ticket out at home and bring with you to the theatre, if you have your email on your phone you can also show your ticket to the ushers when you arrive on your phone, and the last option is to just arrive at the theatre and we will have your name on a list at the door and will check you off when you arrive.

If you are a 2026 Member of ACT, you should have received an email or a letter with a code to redeem your 50% off discount off of opening night.

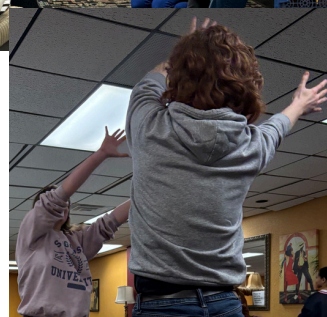
We have also had a few struggles with the Flex package but we think we have all of the kinks now worked out. If you have an email, using your flex tickets is rather simple. If you do not have an email it can be a little more challenging but not impossible!

If you have old flex tickets laying around at home and haven't told us how many you have, please do so soon. We will turn those tickets into a flex gift card. You will receive an email with a code on it. You will use that code to reserve your seats.

If you do not have an email or have one but don't ever really use it, don't fret, we can still redeem your flex tickets in a different way. Just call Lisa at the ACT Office and she will help you figure out your tickets.



Local youth gathered over their spring break to learn techniques that will help them grow as an actor in their futures. Sessions included Voice and Movement, Improv, Creating a Story and Bringing it to Life, Auditions and Behind the Scenes. 13 youth participated in this 2 day camp led by Caitlin Elenteny and Wriley Hoffner. Both graduated from UW-LaCrosse with degrees in Theatre and have both been in ACT plays in the past year! Everyone had a great time and deepened their love for the theatre! Thank you Caitlin & Wriley for all you do! Also, thank you to our volunteers who came in to do lunch coverage: Jason & Amanda Schmock and Brian Shutter!



Everyone made lots of new friends & had a tons of fun!