

The Village Players
presents



Death & Taxes\$

murder mystery comedy

by Pat Cook

Directed by Cate Poole Co-Directed by Carol Bense

In Hendricks, they're looking for a murderer. At the small-town city council meeting, Mayor Kathleen Lyles boldly announces that the agenda will include an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the murder of a stranger who walked into town last week.

Who murdered the stranger? Was it Cora Sedgewick, the nosy neighbor? Or newspaper editor, Eddie King, who's right on the spot to report the facts, if only he could find a pencil? Or the doctor who dispenses pills freely? Or Sheriff Thorne, who might have something to hide? Or Carl or Mattie Johansen, who both would rather be somewhere else? Or quiet little Lydia, the secretary whose record keeping might have some errors? Maybe the mayor herself, whose leadership is always in question? See if you can guess.

Act I: Hendricks High School -- The Meeting Begins

Intermission: Investigate the scene of the crime onstage and take the "Prop Quiz." Enjoy refreshments by Stellaloon and Lydia's Cafe. Enter the "Who Dunit?" contest.

Act 2: Hendricks High School -- The Meeting Continues



Director's Note

I am eternally grateful to The Village Players, who have welcomed me, embraced me, and given me the opportunity to direct my first play in my new hometown of Wolfeboro. Prior to this production, I worked with veteran director Carol Bense as her assistant in *Hay Fever* and *Gypsy*. I also was assistant director to Rosemary Lounsbury in *Fiddler on the Roof*. I hope you all enjoy the play, and thank you for supporting this wonderful community theater.

Cate Poole, Director

Contests

Prop Quiz

During intermission we welcome you onto the stage to examine the crime scene and take our *Prop Quiz*. Pencils and quiz sheets will be on the front of the stage. Match the props onstage to the name of the show in which they were used, and get a chance to win fabulous prizes. Winning names will be drawn tonight at the end of the play.

Who Dunit?

Win an opportunity for some more fabulous prizes by guessing *Who Dunit?*. During intermission indulge in some delicious refreshments by Stellaloon and Lydia's Cafe. Submit your guess as to who you think murdered the stranger who came to town. Winning names will be drawn tonight at the end of the play.

Our Crew

It takes a village to put on live theatrical productions, and this play is no exception. Thanks to all who helped us in ways large and small.

Director: Cate Poole

Co-Director: Carol Bense

Producer: Don Hargy

Assistant to the Directors: Dan Catalano

Stage Manager and Lighting Grip: Matthew Johnson

Lights and Sound: Gordon Brooks

Lighting Design: Hunter Emory

Costumes: Diane Sullivan

Makeup: Helen Rautenberg and Chrystal Gauvureau

Stage Design: Jay Sydow

Stage Construction: Russ Ellis

House Manager: Joshua Spaulding

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Cast

(in Alphabetical Order)



Christian Boudman plays Sheriff Wesley Thorne.

Christian has appeared in several Village Players shows since moving into town in 2008, including Jack/Stephanie in *Leading Ladies*, Axel Magee in *Don't Drink the Water*, John Wheeler in *Night Watch* and Hobart in *Truth and Consequences*. When he's not skiing, sailing or traveling with his wife and son, he usually can be found hard at work in his VFX studio creating visual effects for movies and television.



Abigail Catalano plays Citizen Mattie Johansen.

Abby is very excited to be a part of her first Village Players production. No stranger to theater, she has been involved with Perform It! for seven years. Her favorite roles include Katharina Minola in *Taming of the Shrew* and Fairy Sprite in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Abby currently works as a teacher's assistant at the Sandwich Children's Center. Her hobby is dancing, and she absolutely loves bringing creative movement to the classroom.



Kaylin Dean plays Drama Teacher Evelyn Martindale.

Kaylin is thrilled to be involved in her ninth production with the Village Players! When she's not playing and choreographing at the theater, she's working with dancers at Expressions Dance Academy as a dance instructor. She would like to thank her amazing family, friends, theater family and dance family for all their love and support. "So much love to you all!"



Mandy Ferriman plays Mayor Kathleen Lyles.

Mandy wonders if she might have been typecast, what with all the coffee references throughout the show...and a Lydia to boot.



Victoria Neal plays Town Secretary Lydia Kleft.

Victoria Neal has been part of The Village Players since 2000, when she played an orphan in *Annie*. Other roles she has played are Electra in *Gypsy*, Audrey in *Leading Ladies*, Sorel in *Hay Fever*, and Nurse Nova Caine in *D. K. Molar*. Victoria is excited about her role as Lydia Kleft.

Outside of The Village Players, Victoria is a full-time dental hygiene student, and is currently making the town's best margaritas at El Centenario on weekends.



Bob Rautenberg plays Dr. Efreem Bishop.

Bob started with The Village Players in 2002 in the play *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*. It was during this show that he met his wife, Helen. Although he killed her in the play, she never held it against him and married him anyway.

Bob's other plays include *The Foreigner*, *Dearly Departed*, *House Guest*, *Night Watch*, *Unnecessary Farce* and *Hay Fever*. When he's not on stage Bob works as an EMT. Bob said, "I love community theater. If I was paid to do this, it would become work and cease to be fun."



Paul Stewart plays Councilman Carl Johansen.

Paul has been with The Village Players since 2011, and this is his fifth show. Paul's past roles include Lendall in *Almost Maine*, Sandy in *Hay Fever*, Jason in *Undeclared History* and, most recently, Mendal in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Paul is a preschool teacher in Portsmouth, NH. Paul says

he is very excited to be part of this production and hopes you all enjoy trying to figure out who the murderer is!



Diane Sullivan plays Councilwoman Cora Sedgewick.

A Village Players member since 1985, Diane has been involved in over 35 productions and made costumes for more than 20 plays. She has been an active board member and played a number of leading roles. A few of her favorite roles have been Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*,

Dolly in *Hello Dolly*, Lucille in *The Cemetery Club*, Ethel in *On Golden Pond*, and producer/director of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.



Bob Tuttle plays Reporter Eddie King.

Bob has been with The Village Players since the summer of 2009. He's been in numerous plays since then portraying characters from a snarky assistant in *Don't Drink the Water* and a scared Jewish dentist in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, to playing Nixon, a College Dean and a

drug dealer in *Undeclared History*. Bob says, "Being a part of The Village Players lets me become one with my many inner-selves."

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