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Kathleen Hill will be directing our upcoming summer show this year, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, with the assistance of Christian Boudman. They will be holding auditions for this fast-paced and funny musical comedy on Monday, April 10, 7-9pm and one other day to be announced (check the website www.village-players.com)

If you wish to audition for a role, please prepare 32 bars of an upbeat, funny musical theater song (please no a capella or pop songs). Bring sheet music for your song. If you need help choosing a song, please contact musical director, Christine Chiasson at mchrissinga@gmail.com.

Kaylin Dean will be the choreographer who will teach you a dance and you will be asked to read from the script at the audition. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

The director will be looking for 5 to 9 men and 4 to 5 women to fill the roles. Some roles are usually doubled but may not be depending on who shows up for auditions.

In a break with tradition, we are presenting a musical this summer rather than a straight comedy. So, if you are busy in the fall, you now have an opportunity to participate in a musical comedy.

This show ran on Broadway for almost three years and won the Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical and the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Book of a Musical. The production centers around a spelling bee taking place in a small town. As each speller is called to the stage, we learn about his or her background through flashbacks.

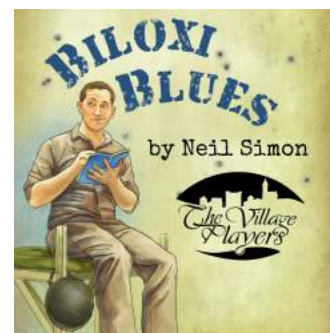
Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience.

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents (played by adults) vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box.

A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delight, full of comedic genius.

If you are interested in participating in this show in any capacity, please come to one of the auditions. If you cannot come, please contact Kathleen (kathleen.hill@interlakes.org) and let her know of your interest.

This production is sponsored in part by Richard J. Neal, DMD. Please let him know you appreciate his support.



You may still have time to see our production of *Biloxi Blues* which is scheduled for 8pm on March 31, April 1, 7, and 8 with a 2pm matinee on April 9.

Tickets are available on-line up to the date of performance as well as at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. in Wolfeboro. On the day of performance, tickets can be purchased at the door with cash or check starting one hour before performance. If you want a good laugh and a show with some depth to its message, this is the one for you. The second in the semi-autobiographical trilogy by Neil Simon, it deals with the ups and downs of a group of young recruits in the army.

This production is sponsored in part by Bruce and



NEW UNIVERSAL AUDITION FORM

At the March 13, 2017 meeting, your board passed a new procedure regarding auditions. In order to have more uniform paperwork and

to insure that folks who audition realize that their photographs may be used for publicity etc., your board now requires directors/producers to have each person who auditions sign a universal audition form. The form can be found on our website at www.village-players.com/bylaws/universalauditionform.pdf Just go to the website, click on the Contact Us tab and then click on the green box labeled Universal Audition Form.

It will be the responsibility of the board to inform directors/producers at the time shows are approved that they must have these forms completed by each person who auditions. Directors/producers should keep the forms as long as needed and then give them to the board to store.

Directors/producers can also use any other form they wish to get more information or to provide more information. These forms would be the responsibility of the director/producer.



NEW ROOF UPDATE

As of now, J.P Builders of Alton, NH is scheduled to start work on the new roof sometime in mid-May. You will probably see lots of activity around the building for a few weeks as they will need to put up scaffolding to assure the safety of their employees while they work so far above the ground on our very high roof. We are sorry if this inconveniences any of you in any way, but it is truly necessary to get the job done. We are expecting that the theater will still be open to the public for our May movie, "Goldfinger" on May 19th and 20th at 8pm (we will be back on our summer schedule at that time with showings at 8pm on Friday and Saturday and no Sunday matinee).

DONATIONS DOING THE JOB

by Carol Bense

So many of you have made donations to help us replace the roof. It is really heartening to know that you value our work and our care of the building enough to help make sure both continue. A total of 167 people, businesses and organizations, plus the cast of *Kiss Me Kate* donated to the cause in 2016 and 2017. And donations are still coming in. The amounts range from \$5 to \$15,000 (only got one of those from an anonymous giver to whom we are extremely grateful). As a result we have received enough money to cover about 75% of the cost of the roof. We feel amazingly lucky to be a part of such a generous and thoughtful community. Those of you who donated can be assured that we will use the money wisely and continue to maintain the building in good repair.

As you know, if you own a home or a building of any sort, there is always something that needs repair. Mostly these are minor expenses which we budget for every year. But every once in a while there is a big one and we can't do it alone. This is one of those big ones, but you all came through for us and we thank you.

If you have not yet donated and would like to, we are happy to receive your contribution. You can donate on-line at www.village-players.com or just send your check to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Please put a note on the memo line that says "roof" so we will know your intentions.

Thanks again to all of you.

Learning to do it

Your board is considering offering workshops for the members. Is there something you have an interest in learning how to do? Maybe we have a member who has the expertise to offer a workshop for you. We are already planning an auditioning workshop later this year. Maybe you have an interest in doing make-up and we could provide someone to teach that.

However, if you are interested in learning a skill not directly related to theater production, we might also be able to accommodate. For example, if there is an interest, we can offer a workshop on writing html and css code to build your own website. We can also offer help with learning to use accounting programs such as Quicken and Quickbooks. Additionally we can show you how to download and use a free program used to do desktop publishing for creating newsletters and brochures. These workshops would be free to members with a small fee for non-members.

Just tell us about your interests and maybe we can offer something you would like to learn. You can email info@village-players.com or drop us a line at PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894



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MOVIES FOR APRIL AND MAY

by Carol Bense

April brings that icon of the old west, John Wayne, in the classic western movie, "**True Grit**". Wayne won his only Oscar for his performance as Sheriff Rooster Cogburn, aging, hard-drinking, but consumed with the desire to see justice done. The plot turns on teen-aged tomboy, Mattie Ross, (Kim Darby), on a mission to avenge her father's death. She recruits a tough old marshal, "Rooster" Cogburn (John Wayne), because he has "grit", and a reputation of getting the job done. The two are joined by a Texas Ranger, La Boeuf, (Glen Campbell), who is looking for the same man (Jeff Corey) for a separate murder in Texas. Their odyssey takes them from Fort Smith, Arkansas, deep into the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) to find their man. Robert Duvall plays Ned Pepper, the infamous outlaw; and Dennis Hopper takes the role of Moon, the gang member who gives Cogburn information. Watch for cameos by Wilfred Brimley and Jay Silverheels as well. Showings will be on April 22 at 8pm and April 23 at 2pm.

"**Goldfinger**" is on tap for May when we revert to our summer hours with showings at 8pm on Friday, May 19 and 8pm on Saturday, May 20. No Sunday matinee in the summer. Sean Connery shows us the quintessential James Bond, unruffled regardless of the danger or the temptations of a beautiful woman. The powerful tycoon Auric Goldfinger has initiated a cataclysmic scheme to raid Fort Knox and obliterate the world economy. James Bond, armed with his specially equipped Aston Martin (its accessory package includes built-in machine guns, a smoke screen and an ejector seat), must stop the plan by overcoming several outrageous adversaries. First there's Oddjob, the mute servant who kills at the toss of a lethal hat; next, the beautiful Jill Masterson, who gives new meaning to the phrase "golden girl"; and finally, sexy pilot Pussy Galore, whose romantic feelings for Bond complicate her involvement in Goldfinger's high-flying scheme.

Popcorn and other refreshments will be available before the show. It's an enjoyable evening (or afternoon) out for everyone in the family.

Get your tickets at the door on the day of the showing. There are always plenty of tickets available - only \$5.

Sam Marsh, son of **Stefanie and Bill Marsh**, has been accepted at Connecticut College which was his first choice. Congratulations, Sam.

Vicky Plummer, a former Village Player who appeared as one of those disreputable Scraggs in *L'il Abner* in 1982, is now working for Broadway Across America organizing workshops for aspiring actors. That means that her mom, **Jean Plummer**, (also a former Village Player who played the Mother Abbess in a scene from *The Sound of Music* in our very first production in 1978) gets to go to Broadway to see new shows as a perk.

Babies, babies, babies:

Keith and Becca Belanger welcomed their second son, Jacob, into the world on February 27, 2017.

And **Rick and Kimberley Tessari** introduced daughter, Mary Jacqueline, on February 1, 2017.

In case you missed it, **Andrew Long**, made an appearance from the audience on The Tonight Show at the end of February. Jimmy Fallon asked Andrew a few questions and the band made up a song based on his answers. Then he and Jimmy danced with the band. It's out there on YouTube if you want to see it. If a movie were made about Andrew, he said it would be called "Andrew Long, International Spy."

If you have news about current or past members of The Village Players, please email Carol Bense at cwbense@roadrunner.com or call 569-1396.

SHAKESPEARE ON OUR STAGE

William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night will be performed by Perform It! Young People's Stage Company from Wednesday-Sunday, May 10-14 at The Village Players Theater on Glendon Street. Matinees are Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and Sunday at 2 pm. Evening performances are Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm. Debuting Artistic Director Diana Evans and Assistant Director Abbie Powell are veterans of the stage as well as Perform It! alums. Several of The Village Players own are in the play: Gwen Collins as the shipwrecked Viola, Sam Marsh as the pretentious, yet hilariously cross-gartered Malvolio, and Lachlan Plache as the ridiculous Sir Toby Belch, along with Beth Marsh as prankster and co-conspirator, Fabian. Tickets will be available at Black's Gifts, The Country Bookseller, and online at <http://performitstagecompany.org/>

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Bob Rautenberg appears in *Biloxi Blues* as tough Sargeant Merwin J. Toomey. Here you see him in his first role with The Village Players as Greg in *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* back in 1992, and beside him is his future wife, Helen White Rautenberg.



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Next, our Season Sponsors are Richard Neal, DMD (he does both), Black's Paper and Gifts, Windy Ridge Corporation, Taylor Community, Governor Wentworth Arts Council, J.Clifton Avery Insurance Agency, My Little Sewing Room, The Windrifter Resort, The Stark Village Inn, Wolfboro Chiropractic Office, Ashton & Company PA, Linda's Country Arts and Flowers, and Robert F. Troendle.

You will find their names in our Season Brochure and also on our website at www.village-players.com. We urge you to visit them and let them know that you appreciate the help that they have supplied by sponsoring The Village Players.

If you would like to be a sponsor, we still need one for the fall musical and for most of the movies. Please email info@village-players.com or call 569-1396.