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SPRING AUDITIONS

DEATH AND TAXES

by Cate Poole

Ready for some fun? Auditions for our Spring Production, *Death and Taxes*, by Pat Cook will be held at 7pm on January 5 and 6 at our theater. Director, Cate Poole, says, "This play is a true ensemble production. All characters have lots of stage time and funny lines. We will be working on developing unique, dimensional, colorful, memorable characters who will be so much more than people delivering lines. (Which will be necessary given that you will need to adlib if the audience asks you questions during the audience inquisition.)"

She plans to do a variety of acting exercises and activities to help us bring these characters to life and to help us build a cohesive, unified group. The cast will be encouraged to experiment, play, and bring their own creative ideas, but she expects lines to be memorized first. The dialogue is fast-paced with lots of side comments. (We will share memorization techniques too).

"So what else do you have to do around tax season?" asks Poole. "C'mon out and audition. I guarantee you will have fun and people will laugh at you...I mean WITH you."

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 the man who just happened to be an employee of the IRS. "Somehow I don't feel that bad!" says committeeman Carl Johansen. Slowly it becomes apparent the entire city council had seen the man and each of them seems to be hiding something. Who murdered the stranger? Was it Cora Sedgewick, who was still dizzy at the time from stepping on a rake and being thumped in the face with its handle? Or newspaper editor Eddie King, who's right on the spot to report the facts, if he could only find a



pencil? Or maybe the mayor herself, who was at city hall during off-hours? (Why?)

This ensemble cast is chock-full of small-town, colorful characters and hilarious dialogue. And, as an added bonus, there will be an element of audience participation, where the audience can not only see the scene of the crime, but also question the suspects.

Death and Taxes requires the following roles:

Kathleen Lyles-mayor of Hendricks, rather stylish, single, career-driven

Eddie King-editor of Hendricks Herald, pushy, brash, slick

Lydia Kleft- secretary at City Hall, mousey, gullible, sweet

Wesley Thorne- sheriff, jock, former football player or military

Carl Johansen-sarcastic citizen, Mattie's husband, probably a farmer

Mattie Johansen-non-nonsense, get er' done, rough around the edges

Cora Sedgewick-nosy neighbor, gossipy, energetic

Dr. Efrem Bishop- quarrelsome country doctor

Evelyn Martindale- high school drama teacher with an eye for detail and an ear for inconsistencies

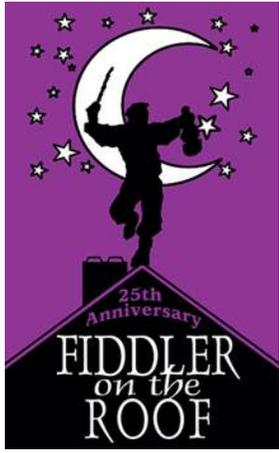
There is some flexibility with the ages for these characters, but the married couple must be around the same age and others should be in the late 20s-60's range. Rehearsals will be Wednesday and Sunday nights. Performances are scheduled for April 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 2014. If you would like to read the play before then, contact Cate Poole at: poolec@mac.com.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS COMING UP

by Carol Bense

One thing that will happen at our Annual Meeting on Dec. 1 at 5PM at our theater is the election of officers. If you paid your dues for 2013 by April 1, 2013, you are eligible to vote. (To check if your dues were paid by this date go to <http://www.village-players.com/membership/Members102413.pdf> find your name, then look in the column labeled 2013. There you will find a date. If the date is before April 1, 2013, you are

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by Carol Bense

Not since *Oklahoma!* in 2008 have we had such eager audience members. We were sold out for five out of the six performances of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Only the first Friday was not sold out with 131 people attending. Many more people were asking for tickets on the second week-end, but we just did not have them. It was wonderful to sell the tickets, but it was sad to have to turn people away.

Here are some photos for those of you who missed it.





CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

by Jay Sydow

Dear Village Players Members,
You are cordially invited to the first ever Christmas Party at the Village Players Theater on Saturday December 7th at 7:00pm.

Here is a chance for the adults to get together, visit and share in a little holiday joy. The evening will kick off with some yummy treats from our friends at Stella Loona, both savory and sweet. Lydia's Café will supply us with Coffee and Tea. We will also have hot mulled cider and whatever adult beverage you wish to bring to help kick off the holiday season.

After our bellies are full and we have caught up with all the holiday gossip, we will move into the auditorium for a screening of "White Christmas" on our brand new 10' x 16' screen, high tech projector and our crisp-sounding state of the art sound system.

We hope you will take a little time out of your hectic holiday schedule to join in the fun. When was the last time you spent the holiday with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney on the big screen?

We look forward to sharing this evening with you and taking this opportunity to help all of you to have a Happy Holiday Season.



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eligible to vote. Many of you paid your 2013 dues in the fall of 2012, so be sure to check the whole date.)

The slate of officers for whom you will vote is as follows:

President Megan Rohrbacher

Vice President Christian Boudman

Secretary Cate Poole

Treasurer Richardine O'Brien

Members at large:

Priscilla Adams 1st year of 2-year term (She filled in for Michael's last year in 2013)

Tracy Lionetta 1st year of 2-year term

Jay Sydow 1st year of 1-year term to replace Past President

Jim Adams and Deb Jones will be serving the second year of their two-year terms. Do come to the meeting, find out what is new and what has happened at the theater in the past year, vote for the board, and have some food (bring a dish to share) and fun with your Village Players friends.

VP BITS news about members etc.

Our good friend, **GayAnn Cooney**, came through her surgery with flying colors and even came to Fiddler to act as an usher. We are all very pleased that she is doing well.

Wayne and Louise Gehman are heading to Kuala Lumpur to spend Christmas with their son, Carter, and his wife and two children who live there. A warm Christmas for them.

Do you remember **London Summers** who played Lloyd Transom in *That Darn Plot* in 2006? He is now in China teaching English.

Shayla Locke got her braces off. She looks great.

James Cross celebrated his 31st anniversary with his wife Martha in Rockport, MA.

Jenna Van Valen who appeared in our version of *The Odd Couple* won a trip to Korea in a photo contest. She had a wonderful time, staying in luxury hotels and seeing all the sights.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to cwbense@roadrunner.com.

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

Contact Carol Bense - cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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GET TICKETS EARLY

by Carol Bense

While Fiddler on the Roof was a very successful show, selling out 5 performances out of 6 (only the first Friday did not sell out), it was very sad to turn away people who really wanted to see the show. Many, many folks went to Black's or lined up at the door only to be told we had no room. We are limited not only by the number of seats, but also by the safety rules of the Fire Department which allow only 200 people to occupy the seats. We are not allowed by the rules of the contract we have with the company which owns the rights to the production to do another performance; and, of course, the performers, crew and musicians have other obligations and are not necessarily available. Nevertheless, we really hate to turn people away.

The only solution that we can see is to advise people to buy tickets early. Tickets are usually on-sale at Black's or on-line at our website about 6 weeks before a show. So there is lots of time.

PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY.