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Dad's Christmas Miracle



Written by Pat Cook

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Spotlight on Volunteers



Our volunteers are the heart and life of ACT. ACT could not survive without them. Each show will highlight a volunteer as a way to say thank you for all of their time and effort that they have given to ACT.



“Good Ole Mr. Wilson” has been an important part of ACT since its beginning in 1983. Richard’s contributions have encompassed areas on stage, behind the curtains, on the Board of Directors and in the audience. Where there is a job to be done for ACT, he can be counted on to step in.

Richard’s set constructions are works of art. He might ask the director with wild set dreams “You want what?” but he will deliver a quality set that enhances any production that

he is asked to create. He doesn’t settle for “good enough”. Perfection is his goal.

Richard’s deep, resonant voice is easily recognizable to ACT theatre goers. Not only has he played several parts on the stage, his voice has been heard in countless productions as a voice over the radio, an announcer, a voice from above, etc. He has used his singing talent in ACT’s Act II musical group.

Another place where his voice can be heard is in the audience of every ACT production showing his support with laughter and applause.

Richard is retired and is enjoying life to the fullest. He is married to Patricia. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Richard deserves a standing ovation for all that he has done for A.C.T.

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Finders Creepers

By Donald Payton
Comedy/Murder Mystery
October 5 - 21

Dad's Christmas Miracle

By Pat Cook
Comedy/Family Show
November 30 - December 16
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August 2 - 18

Cast of Dad's Christmas Miracle



Connor

Steve Price

Miss McLaughlin

Dawn Hockemeyer

Neil

Justin Peterson

Tater

Matt Porche

Dad

Chris McGovern

Mom

Tamra Williams

Frank

Tom Foster

Jessica

Moira McGovern

Madelyn

Ellyana Williams

Harriet

Valerie Johnson

Time

1950's

Setting

The living room of the Murphy Household

ACT I

15 Minute Intermission

ACT II

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing.

Production Team

Director	Harold Mosier
Assistant Director	Tom Foster
Producer	Evelyn Vos
Lights & Sound	Lexi Williams
Stage Manager	Dawn Hockemeyer
Set Construction	Harold Mosier
Set Painting	Harold Mosier, Sherri Mosier
Costumes	Lynn Arterburn & Cast
House Managers	Doug Arterburn, Kent Whitmore
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Sharon Anderson, Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Doug Moon, Becky Plager

Music provided by Chris McGovern (Dad) and family.

Special Acknowledgement

ACT appreciates the generosity of businesses and individuals who help support productions. The cast and crew of *Dad's Christmas Miracle* would like to thank the following business for their generous contribution to the show.

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Cast Notes



Tom Foster (Frank Murphy / Assistant Director) has graced ACT's stage in many recent productions, his latest performance was as Mr. Shuster in *Finders Creepers*. Tom builds houses with KH Construction and in his spare time enjoys playing disk golf. Also, ladies, Tom is single and though he likes classical music and walks on the beach, they won't let him ballroom dance without a partner anymore



Dawn Hockemeyer (Miss McLaughlin) has been in many ACT productions, most recently she thoroughly enjoyed playing Aunt Sarah in *The Christmas Foundling*. She likes to sew, read, be with friends, and hang out with her husband and daughter. Dawn is looking forward to making her directing debut in June with ACT's *Dixie Swim Club*.



Valerie Johnson (Harriet) is excited to be making her theatrical debut on ACT's stage. Valerie works at Great Clips as a store manager and hairstylist. She enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, kids, and grandkids. Valerie also has an adventurous spirit and has fun camping, boating, fishing, and snow-skiing.



Chris McGovern (Dad) performed on stage in H.S. and carried his love of acting to ACT's stage as Willy Wonka in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He is a compliance officer and in his spare time explores his creative side by writing, singing, and reading. Chris loves being with his wife and kids. He is especially happy that he is able to share the stage with his daughter, Moira.



Moira McGovern (Jessica Murphy) Moira has performed in school plays and is making her community theater debut with ACT. Moira has a beautiful singing voice and also enjoys arts and crafts. She has one brother, Ian, and is a student at Ankeny Christian Academy. Moira is a dynamo on stage and is a wonderful addition to the ACT family.



Justin Peterson (Neil) This is Justin's fourth appearance in an ACT production. Previously he was in *The Baseball Show*, *Finder's Creepers*, and *Father of the Bride*. He is also active in school plays at Northview Middle School where he is in 9th grade. When he's not busy learning lines, he also enjoys video games.



Matt Porche (Tater Taggart) played Tom in *The Christmas Foundling* and most recently performed in *The Baseball Show*. Matt is the proud co-owner of Geaux Meaux Lawncare and enjoys playing Bass guitar. Matt is a freshman at Northview Middle School and wants to be a mechanical engineer when he's older.



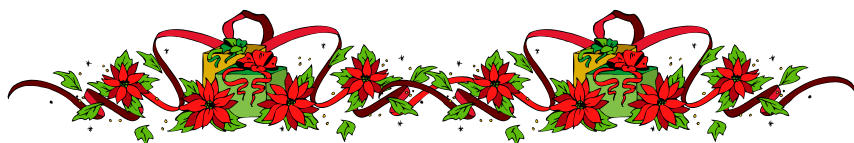
Steve Price (Conner Murphy) played Lucas Maxwell in *Finders Creepers* last month and is excited to be back. Steve likes video games and acting. When not working on lines for hours he also spends time with his parents and sister. Steve is in 7th grade at Prairie Ridge Middle School.



Ellyana Williams (Madelyn) has taken many acting classes, but this is her debut performance in a play. Ellyana is full of energy and likes soccer, dance, cheer, fashion design, art and is an avid movie/TV enthusiast. Her family consists of her parents, three sisters, and her dog Snickers. Ellyana is in fifth grade and is dual enrolled at Wallace Elementary and home-school. ACT is excited to have Ellyana give her talents to our stage.



Tamra Williams (Mother) is excited to be on stage for the first time since school. Not only is she making her ACT debut, but she is doing it along side her daughter, Ellyana. Tamra is married with 4 daughters and has homeschooled her girls for 14 years. In her spare time Tamra enjoys bowling, antiques, attending auctions, reading, doing puzzles, crafts, DIY projects, and volunteering. She is self employed with Knight and Nole Vintage Resale.



Cast Notes Continued



Harold Mosier (Director) has been involved in all aspects of theater but says he prefers directing. Harold's favorite shows, after the current one are *Hankerin' Hillbillies* and *The Money In Uncle George's Suitcase* both by Pat Cook and his 2007 Iowa Fringe Festival entry, *The Oldest Profession* by Paula Vogel. Harold served three years on the ACT Board of Directors and was the chair for the Play Selection Committee. Harold would like to thank ACT for this opportunity, the cast and crew for their efforts and mostly, you, the audience for your support.



Evelyn Vos (Producer) has appeared in ACT's *High Society*, *Father of the Bride*, *It Runs in the Family*, and *Heaven Can Wait*. She currently serves on the ACT Board of Directors. Evelyn and her husband, Creston, enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren, and traveling. She also enjoys listening to music, volunteering with charitable organizations, and working as an accounting tech with Wellmark BCBS.



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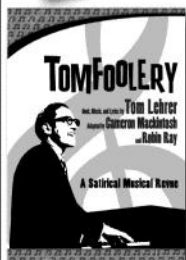
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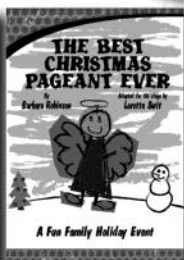
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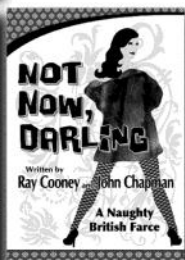
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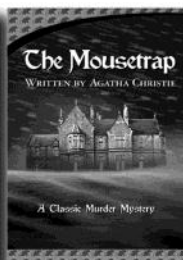
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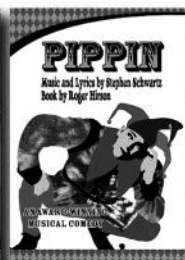
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