



Rehearsal for LCT's newest production

Rehearsals for Lamplighter Community Theatre's newest production are well underway. Performance dates are Feb. 26-27 at Landmark Inn in Staples. From left are director Erik Steen, Jaci Jeziorski, Dawn Timbs,

Dave Osgood (in the trunk), Michelle Jeziorski, Lee Paskewitz, Cassie Magers (kneeling) and Aaron Carter. Shelby Wilds was unavailable for the photo. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Lamplighter Community Theatre to stage 'Drinking Habits'

Lamplighter Community Theatre's next production has been cast and is in rehearsal.

"Drinking Habits," a farce by Tom Smith, will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, 27 and 28, at the Landmark Inn in Staples.

The play is about two nuns who have secretly been making and selling wine for years to keep open the doors of their small convent. Suddenly their wine wins an award worth a lot of money and reporters start searching for the vintners.

The reporters are caught spying on the convent and pretend to be sent from the church in Rome. More cases of mistaken identity ensue with hilarious consequences.

"We're stepping out of our normal venues of Centennial Auditorium or T Maxwell's Restaurant," said Pam Collins, co-producer of the show with Jim Vollegraaf.

The Landmark Inn is the former Faith Lutheran Church at 631 3rd Ave. NE.

"We chose the Landmark Inn to enhance the story line," Collins said,

noting that the set design will reflect the architectural features of the building.

Collins and the rest of the theatre board are also excited that the director and the cast of "Drinking Habits" are all new to Lamplighter Community Theatre.

Some of the production people are also new or are in jobs that are new to them.

"This production is a growing experience for many of us," Collins said.

Erik Steen of the Brainerd area is the director. He's been active in several capacities in Pequot Lakes Community Theatre for many years. Before moving to the area Steen was involved in theatre and television in the Twin Cities and other locales.

Cast members and their roles are:

- Michelle Jeziorski as Mother Superior,
- Lee Paskewitz as Father Chennille,
- Cassie Magers as Sally,
- Dave Osgood as Paul,
- Dawn Timbs as Sister Philemena,
- Jaci Jeziorski as Sister Augusta,

- Shelby Wilds as Sister Mary Catherine, and
- Aaron Carter as George.

Jeff Swenson is handling set construction. Amy Hunter will be the stage manager and Michelle Hart is the prop manager. Brenda Halvorson is publicity chair.

Other production people are yet to be named. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Collins at 218-894-3681.

Ticket prices will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages and so the seating at the Landmark Inn will include tables. Collins is asking to borrow card tables for the production and anyone willing to lend one or more can call her.

A social time will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday with the performance to begin at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday the social will begin at 2 p.m. with the performance at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available after Feb. 15 and locations will be announced.

Check the Lamplighter Community Theatre's Facebook page and the Staples World website and print edition for updates.

Domestic never happened, but might mean charges anyway

Staples Police responded about 8 p.m. Jan. 29 to a report of a domestic dispute at an address in north-west part of Staples.

The reporting party stated that her fiance had put a gun in her face and threatened to kill her. He also interfered with 911 phone calls she attempted to make.

The man was transported to the Wadena County jail and charged with felony second degree assault with a deadly weapon, terroristic threats, domestic assault, interference with a 911 call, felon in possession of a firearm and probation violation.

On Jan. 31, the victim in the case called and reported that the incident had never happened and that she suffers from night terrors. She requested that the charges against her fiance be dismissed.

The incident is being reviewed by the Wadena County Attorney's Office.

Anne Sadusky of rural Staples reported on Jan. 26 that she had received a letter from the Trustnet Financial Company which included a cashier's check from Animas Credit Union in the amount of \$985.18. Sadusky believed that the check was a scam.

The letter stated that Sadusky had won \$9,851.80

through a promotional giveaway for customers of Walmart, Sears, Home Depot, Target, and other stores. The letter requested that Sadusky cash the check and contact a claim agent named Lisa Greene.

Police contacted the Animas Credit Union in Farmington, New Mexico and were informed that the check was indeed fraudulent. Sadusky was informed that it was a scam and not to cash the check.

Officers in the past week made at least two citations for driving after revocation or suspension of their licenses.

An officer attempted to stop a vehicle on 8th St on Jan. 30 for a speed violation. The vehicle eluded the officer on County Road 7. A short time later the vehicle, a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup, blue and green in color, was found by Todd County Deputy John Decock near Philbrook. The driver, Ross Reichel, was cited for DAR.

Also on Jan. 30, an officer observed a vehicle west bound on Prairie Avenue that did not have a rear license plate. The officer stopped the truck and found that the driver's license was suspended. The driver, Tiffany Froslee, was cited for driving after suspension.

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Awning ordinance amendment approved

matter was referred to the city attorney, who recommended the amendment acted on by the council last week.

In another ordinance amendment with even less discussion, the council amended the city's zoning ordinance by permitting awnings as long as they are set back from the curb at least five feet and the lowest part of the awning has to be eight feet off the ground. This action was in anticipation of downtown construction this coming summer that could see new awnings erected after street work is completed. Downtown building owners can receive low interest loans from the city EDA for awning construction, while Small Cities Development Grant funds have also been available for building renovation.

The council members, after two weeks to look

them over, approved a set of rules for city council and city committee meetings to follow. The rules, which were first presented by Mayor Chris Etzler, all for all attending city meetings, including the members and the public, to conduct themselves in an orderly and civil fashion without resorting to shouting or other unseemly conduct.

The rules are to be posted in the council chambers and elsewhere for all to see.

In other matters, the council:

- **AUTHORIZED** an engineering feasibility study on the Highway 10 turnback improvement project. Widseth, Smith Nolting Engineers are to report back on the costs and other issues of the project planned for this summer.

- **APPROVED** two items from the city's Community Services and Forestry and Beautification boards. The council granted permission to the Staples Business Group and Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Dower Lake park on Saturday, Feb. 20 for their Winter Family Fun Day activities. Plans call for a fishing contest, wiener roast, softball tourney, cross country skiing and other snow activities.

- **APPROVED** Resolution No. 1492 in support of a grant application for the city's Legacy Trail, planned to connect the Legacy Gardens to the city through the city's airport property/

- **HEARD** City Administrator Nate Mathews' report, which was mainly on the move into the new city hall, which was accomplished the week before. / City offices opened on Monday, Jan. 25, in the new building after being closed the week before for the move. The library move had been completed that day, with unpacking and replacing of materials on the shelves to be done in the last three days of the week.

- **HEARD** council members note their appreciation to contractors, sub contractors and the Norway Construction Services firm which managed the city hall project.

- **LEARNED** that Sentence to Serve crews from Todd-Wadena Corrections had shoveled out city fire hydrants around the city.

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School to Work looking for outstanding youth workers

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Attendance and punctuality, positive attitude, teamwork, initiative, communication, willingness to improve or learn,

quality of work, dressing/grooming and responsibility.

The teens must be nominated by their employer. If the employer is an immediate relative then the nomination must come from another adult who works with the teen. The STW committee will review the applications and choose the top awardees based on the information supplied by the employer.

To receive an application, contact Lisea Kajer at the Staples Motley High School, 218-894-5422. All applications must be post marked by Feb. 26, 2010.

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