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OUT OF STERNO TAKES STAGE JANUARY 20

Director Mindie Ottney is proud to announce the cast for Fremont Community Theatre's upcoming production of *Out of Sterno*. Leading the cast as Dotty is Gibsonburg High School Senior and FCT veteran Delilah Foos. New to the FCT stage is Sam Waugaman of Sandusky who portrays Dotty's husband Hamel. Rounding out the cast are real life husband and wife, Jeff and Laura Buchanan of Gibsonburg. Laura is Zena, proprietress of Zena's beauty emporium, and Jeff takes on the remaining eight roles – both male and female. Linda Bower is assistant director and Mitch Antesky is designing the set.

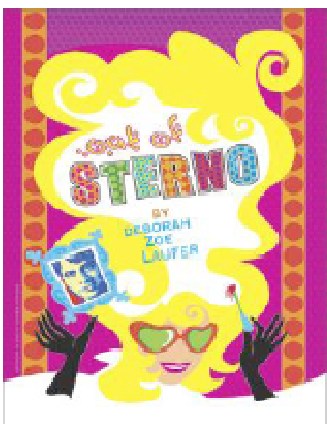
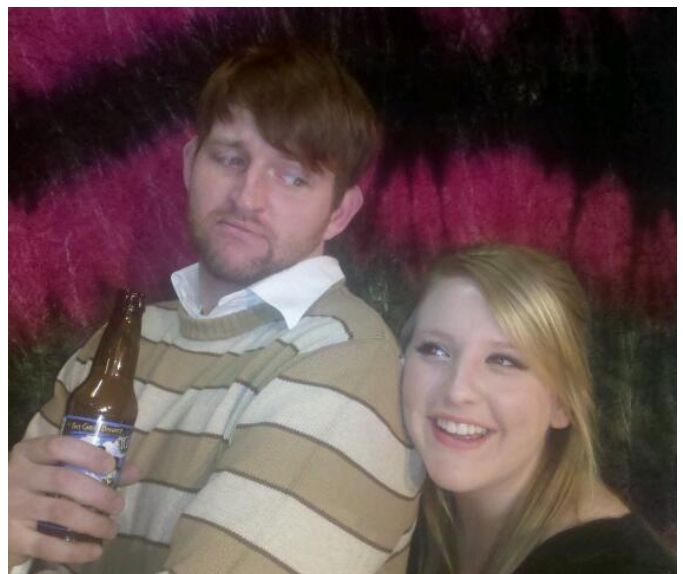
Written by New York playwright, Deborah Zoe Lauffer, *Out of Sterno* follows Dotty, whose life in Sterno with her husband Hamel is absolutely perfect! It's a fairy tale, it really is. True,

in their seven years of marriage Hamel has forbidden her to leave their tiny apartment or speak to anyone, but Dotty is so very happy to spend her days watching video re-enactments of the day they first met. When a phone call from a mysterious woman threatens to tear her world asunder, Dotty must venture out into the vast city of Sterno, and try to discover what it is to be a "real" woman. *Out of Sterno* is a coming-of-age play in an Alice in Wonder-

land world. It explores the triumph and heartbreak of growing up and the contradictory societal pressures women face just trying to make it across town.

Production dates are January 20-22, and 27-29. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8pm, and Sunday performances at 2pm. Call 429-332-0695 for reservations.

This show does contain some adult language and situations.



THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR SCRIPT PREVIEW

Please join me on Friday evening, Jan. 13th for an evening of Texas humor.

For anyone who would like to get acquainted with the show before auditions or just likes to read or listen to plays in a readers theatre type setting we will give it a go and read through the whole play with as many participants as possible.

We'll be gathering at FCT at

CASTING CALL: THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR

In this riotously funny Southern-fried comedy, the three Verdeen cousins-Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette, could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. Their outrageous antics have set tongues wagging in the small town of Sweetgum and the eyes of Texas are upon them as their self-righteous Aunt LaMerle is quick to point out. Having accidentally crashed her minivan through the bedroom wall of her husband's girlfriend's doublewide, Gaynelle is one frazzled nerve away from a spectacu-

7:00. I'll bring the snacks as any and all take turns reading the parts of the whacky denizens of Sweetgum, Texas. The cast calls for 8 women and 4 men. All parts are ages 40 - 120.

If you are too young please don't hesitate to come and read just for the fun of it.

THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR
Director —*Pete Lowry*

lar meltdown. Peaches is struggling to decide if it's time to have her long-absent trucker husband declared dead. And Jimmie Wyvette is resorting to extreme measures to outmaneuver a priss-pot neighbor for the affections of Sweetgum's newest widower.

Unfortunately, they face an uphill battle as a parade of wildly eccentric Verdeens gathers on the hottest day of July, smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado season. Things spin hilariously out of control as a shocking high-stakes wager is made on who bakes the best red velvet cake.

Directed by: Pete Lowry

Production Dates: March 9-11, 16-18

Audition Dates: January 22 and 23, 7pm

CAST

Cee Cee Windham

(late 40s to 50) Hostess of the low budget, cable access TV show HOSPITALITY HOUSE. She is sassy and stylish.

Gaynelle Verdeen Bodeen

(late 40s) A walking nervous breakdown after her husband of many years empties their bank accounts and runs off with a younger, prettier woman. She is now trying to recover from her trial for attempting to murder Rabeena Sadler by hurtling her minivan through the side of her doublewide. After narrowly beating the murder charges she is facing an imminent psychological evaluation of her mental state. If she is not judged to be emotionally stable she may be sent to the "nut house".

LaMerle Verdeen Minshew

(late 60s to 70) The well-dressed, self-serving, sharp-tongued matriarch of the Verdeen Clan. She sucker's Gaynelle into a bet over who can make the best Red Velvet Cake for the family reunion. If LaMerle wins she takes Gaynelle's house.

Uncle Aubrey Verdeen

(late 80s) The good-natured, oxygen dependent patriarch of the family, who wears a nasal cannula attached to his ever-present oxygen tank on wheels. He and Mama Doll Hargis have a thing going on.

Jimmie Wyvette Verdeen

(40s) A hearty good ol' girl with an unfortunate unibrow. She's been working at Whatley's Western Wear for 23 years. She hasn't had much interest in love since the tragic accident with Buckles, the rodeo clown.

Peaches Verdeen Belrose

(late 40s) A loud-talking, fun-loving flashy dresser who just happens to be the number one mortuarial cosmetologist in this part of the state. She's also struggling with the decision of whether or not to finally declare her husband dead. He left 7 years ago and she has urges!

Bitsy Hargis

(late 40s) Daughter to Mama Doll Hargis and a priss-pot neighbor of Gaynelle's. She is also vying with Jimmie Wyvette for the affection of next door neighbor and recent widower, Burton Pearsol.

Newt Blaylock

(50s) A high-energy, true Texas eccentric with a glass eye. The glass eye doesn't fit too well and is prone to falling out at inopportune moments. He is also smitten with the pathetic Gaynelle. He works at his Momma's shop, Miss Treeva's Wig 'N' Bait.

Sheriff Grover Lout

(50s) Basically incompetent and easily bribed. He wears mirrored sunglasses and has a bad attitude.

Elsa Dowdall

(40s to 50s) European-born, stern and an ultra-efficient court appointed psychologist. She is going to evaluate Gaynelle but falls head over heels for Newt.

Mama Doll Hargis

(80s to 120s) Slightly out-of-touch mother of Bitsy Hargis. She and Uncle Aubrey have a thing going on.

Purvis Verdeen

(50s to 60s) Attends the family reunion every year and loves to show off pictures he's taken of dead relatives.



THE SECRET GARDEN AUDITIONS SET FOR FEBRUARY

This enchanting classic of children's literature (Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett) is recreated in brilliant musical style by composer Lucy Simon and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Marsha Norman.

Orphaned in India, 11 year-old Mary Lennox returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his invalid son Colin. The estate's many wonders include a magic garden which beckons the children with haunting melodies and the "Dreamers", spirits from Mary's past who guide



her through her new life, dramatizing The Secret Garden's compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal.

Cast includes 8 men, 7 women, 1 girl, 1 boy, several teen parts, a chorus of "dreamers"

Directed by: Randy J. Brown

Assisted by: Jan Wilcox
Music Direction by: Darla Brown

Production Dates: May 4-6, 11-13, special bonus weekend May 18-20

Audition Dates: February 12 & 13 at 6:30 pm at FCT

Children auditioning for the parts of Mary and Colin should be between the ages of 10-13 and be at the theatre by 6:30 P.M. The fakir, ayah, Martha, and Dickon will probably be teens or young adults. People auditioning should prepare 16 measures from a favorite song to show their range and will later be taught a part of a character's song to sing. Some people will then be asked to read from the script. If you have any questions, call Randy at 419-332-6779 or the theatre at 419-332-0775.

NEWS FROM THE TEENS

Happy New Year from Fremont Community Teen Theatre! FCTT had its first meeting on December 18th. We elected new officers for the new year and began planning for next year. The new officers are: President Delilah Foos, Vice-President Josh Heard, Secretary Morgan Rife and Membership Chair Cyrus Foos. The

members and officers also constructed a list of possible shows for this summer and set **January 29th at 6 p.m. as our next meeting.** **FCTT welcomes all new and former members to attend our membership meeting.** Pizza and pop will be provided. Our focus will be planning this

summer's production. Teens age 13 to 19 who are interested in joining FCTT should bring \$5 to become an official voting member.

Find more information on our Facebook page (see back of newsletter)

FCTT's present members

are hoping to see some new faces at the January meeting. FCTT is a fun way to meet teens from many different schools who come together to showcase their talents in the summer production.

—Delilah Foos,

FCTT President

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FCTT- Fremont Community Teen Theatre
Fremont Community Youth Theatre

January 10.....Playreading, 7pm
January 13.....*The Red Velvet Cake War* script preview, 7pm
January 18.....Board meeting, 7pm
January 20-22, 27-29.....*Out of Sterno*
January 22-23.....auditions, *The Red Velvet Cake War*, 7pm
January 29.....FCT teen meeting, 6pm
February 12-13.....auditions, *The Secret Garden*, 7pm
February 14.....playreading committee, 7pm