

# Community News

## 'Dead in the Sled' to slay audiences in December

Florence's own warped and wicked Poison Pen Players are back with another hilarious murder mystery comedy for two performances in Florence. The first show will be at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., and the second show will be at Three Rivers Casino Resort on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

This professional comedy murder mystery troupe has nearly 20 years of experience in the genre, and they claim that they really know how to relieve your holiday stress —with a whole lot of laughter.

The show's title is "Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho...Oh No!" and was written by Poison Pen matriarch Rose Ellen Jacobson.

The storyline is just as twisted and unusual as the characters, and centers around a cut-throat award ceremony for the coveted Yard Décor signs in an idyllic little town called "Christmas Valley."

Characters include Nicholas Kringleman, owner of Christmas Valley's only restaurant, "Kringleman's Deli", played by Marty Adams in his first PPP role.

The 11 year old Dimmer twins, Shimmer and Glimmer (played by Desiree Gaoiran and Tim Jones), are up to their typical nasty tricks as the highly anticipated event approaches. When they aren't busy tearing up the town, they are fighting tooth and nail with each other.

Walter Winterberry (also played by Adams) hates Christmas. He is the Postmaster of Christmas Valley, and, as such, is responsible for hand-canceling all the cards sent to the town.

Ebenezer Scrooge would be proud to call him a friend.

Kooky pants Wanda



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**Marty Adams, Paula Burnette, Mike Jacobson, Tamara Szalewski, Tim Jones and Desiree Gaoiran will interact with audiences during Poison Pen Players' "Dead in the Sled" Murder Mystery Comedy, playing Dec. 12 and 18.**

Winterberry (played by Paula Burnette), Walter's sister and the driving force behind all of the Christmas mania, is in full steamroller mode as usual. What she lacks in money and taste, she makes up in boundless enthusiasm.

Holly Garland (played by Tamara Szalewski) is the police chief of Christmas Valley, and has reluctantly agreed to head up the judging committee this year, against her better judgment.

Finally, Mike Jacobson reprises his hilarious role as Amarillo Snowden, former ballroom dance champion, and aging gigolo reduced to earning money working for the cruise lines as an escort for the lonely, unaccompanied lady passengers.

Wait till you see Amarillo's

outfit, which is worth the price of the ticket all by itself.

Poison Pen Players' shows are always audience interactive, and this particular show is one of their highest energy, most over-the-top and just plain

zaniest.

There are also funny songs and dances to help you ring in the holidays with a big grin on your face. Included with your ticket is a delicious 3-course holiday meal, including cof-

fee/tea and dessert, as well as at least one murder. Audience members get to help solve the murder, and there are prizes for the winning team.

Tickets are \$43.95 at the FEC per person (catered by Mon Ami) and \$40 per person at Three Rivers Casino.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For tickets for Dec. 12, call:

541-997-1994 or visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

For tickets for Dec. 18, call: 877-374-8377 or visit [www.threeriverscasino.com/ev](http://www.threeriverscasino.com/ev)ents.

For more information visit [www.poisonpenplayers.com](http://www.poisonpenplayers.com) Poison Pen Players hopes you have a "killer" holiday season, and spend just a little bit of it with them.

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The event will begin from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. Trees will be on display for everyone's viewing pleasure.

A new addition this year are holiday wreaths.

Trees will be sold Sunday, Nov. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m., at

the Gala of Giving, a semi-formal ticketed event.

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