

‘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. “Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho....Oh No!” written by Rose Ellen Jacobson, will show first at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., and then 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 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, Desiree Gaoiran and Tim Jones, are up to their typical 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 Post-master of Christmas Valley and is responsible for hand-canceling all the cards sent to the town.



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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,” a murder mystery comedy, playing Dec. 12 and 18.

Ebenezer Scrooge would be proud to call him a friend. Kooky pants Wanda 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. 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. 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 coffee/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. For tickets for Dec. 18, call: 877-374-8377 or visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events. For more information visit www.poisonpenplayers.com. Poison Pen Players hopes you have a “killer” holiday season, and spend just a little bit of it with them.

‘Wish Lists’ available for teens in North Lake area

Twin Lakes Store is gearing up for its third annual Teen Giving Tree for the holidays. Phase One entails each teenager to fill out an application/wish list and return before the beginning of December. The tree will go up right after Thanksgiving, when the next phase comes in: shopping and wrapping. The big finale is one week before Christmas with a distribution party Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Sutton Lake fire hall. Everyone is invited. Wish lists are available at Twin Lakes Store, three miles North of Florence on highway 101, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. everyday.

“Be specific on your forms,” suggests Vicki Ambrosio, owner of Twin Lakes store. “This helps the shopper know what you want and it makes the gift so much more appreciated.” Eligible youths must be between the ages of 12 and 18 and live in Lane County north of Heceta Beach Road. Deadline to submit application/wish lists is Friday, Dec. 4. The application/wish list is thorough and includes wants, needs and educational items as well as sizes, favorite color, sports, hobbies, etc. “Teenagers are hard to buy for, but they know what they want,” said Ambrosio. “And

it’s wonderful to watch them open up presents that are things they really wanted for Christmas. But I have noticed teens are modest and do not want to come in and fill out an application. “The closer it gets to Thanksgiving I can’t help but remind them, our community is very generous and there is someone who wants to buy them a gift. So get that application in ASAP.” For more information, to help with fundraising or to nominate a teen, call Twin Lakes Store at 541-997-3021.

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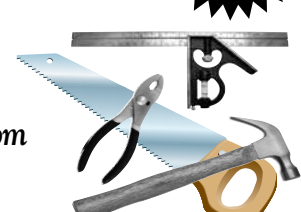
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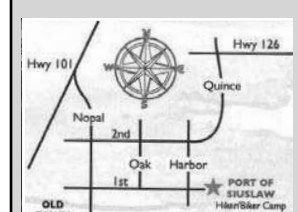


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