



BACKSTAGE

October 2010 ~ 79th Season

REPORT CARD RATES KINDERGARTEN ... A+



The first weekend ran with great success. Audience reacted with wonderful revues. With special notes: 12 NEW Ridgedale patrons came to our theatre opening weekend. Reminder to our Members, contact Viki Hagle to save your 1 complimentary Member ticket for any performance this season.

Cast chosen for second show.

Director Jim West is proud to announce the cast for the upcoming show "All the Better to Kill you with"

- Inspector Henderson—Dan Muldoon
- Evelyn Hopkins—Eileen White
- Russ Livingston—Chris Polhill
- Sergeant Parkins—Angela Moore
- Doug Travers—Scott Welborn
- Erica Travers—Marie Lee
- Paul Travers—Aaron Filipski



Attention Directors and Special Event Promoters !!

If you need ad time on the theatre marquee in addition to whatever off-site advertising you've arranged for, contact me to avoid conflicts with regularly scheduled events. Directors: If you know what you'd like on the marquee to publicize your production, call or email me ASAP, i.e., jjones56@wowway.com or 248 435.6513.



Viki is hard at work keeping our tickets in tip top shape. To help her keep track of the number of patrons we have visiting Ridgedale Players during show times, Viki has the use of a laptop computer. The computer will tell us the number of Regular Tickets, Senior Tickets, Student Tickets, Complimentary Ticket for each show. Thank you Viki!



Treasurer Tid-Bits

It would be helpful if those of you who are authorized to charge at Kinko's, Trevarrow Hardware, Home Depot and Office Depot would send me a quick e-mail letting me know that you have charged something and what it is for. Quite often I get charges and don't know what "account" they need to go in. If I don't get the charges into the right account, shows could be charged incorrectly. Thank you!

Ridgedale Roses

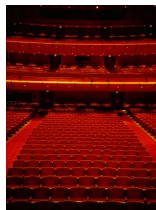
- Roses go out to Peggy Miller-Zelinko & Julie Scott for their hard work on the Rummage Sale where Ridgedale profited over \$2000!! WAY TO GO!
- Jim West for heading up the committee for the rebuilding of the stage! Great Work Jim.
- Tracy & Lori Altman, Jeff Jones, Jim & Pat West, Jim Viola, Dave & Julie Scott, Diane Dillard, Laura Schmitt on the 1st Annual Golf Outing, profiting over \$5000. Next years date: June 11, 2011.
- Christal Renaud for organizing the Silver Badge Girl Scout landscaping project.

Wish List Items—Granted

- New vacuum
- New dolly

If you have any wish list items you feel Ridgedale would benefit from, please submit your items to the Editor of the Backstage email: editorbackstage@yahoo.com.

Around the Aisle— Member News



~ **Stan lobst** welcomed his second set of grand twins into the world on August 7. Howard and Jeremiah were born to his daughter Christina and son-in-law Howard in Lansing. Stan is getting a lot of quality time babysitting older sister Rosemary, age 16 months. The other set of twins are Phoebe and Thomas, almost 9, who live with their parents and older brother in Algeciras, Spain. Maybe that is why Stan takes so many trips to Spain.

Dear FOM (friends of Maggie)-sent via email 8/16/10!
Thank you all for your kind messages and support; it has really helped. I have enjoyed the contact and connection. As you know, my mom's funeral service was Saturday; it was lovely, well attended and a fitting tribute and celebration. The plan is to have her remains buried with my Dad in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit and to have a service of burial at that time. Several of you have asked for information on that; we have chosen Saturday October 9. If any of you are or will be in the Birmingham/Detroit area then and would like to be present, we would love it. I have included Bill and Martha's e-mail information here, as they are the ones who will be planning this part, and will have the updated information as it unfolds. Please let others in your friendship circles know of our plans, since I don't have everyone's contact information. There is no expectation of your presence - but we wanted to offer the opportunity for those who expressed interest.

Love to all of you, Nancy



Junior Actors of Ridgedale

Auditions: The Story of Velveteen Rabbit
(musical)

Where: Ridgedale Players
205 West Long Lake Rd. Troy, MI 48098

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010

Time: 2:00 PM

Who: Children ages 7-18

Bring: A recent photo &
prepared song with music less than 1
minute in length (if interested in solo)

Show Dates: December 4th & 5th

Questions: Please email Alexandra LaCombe at:
avlacombe@hotmail.com

*There are no audition fees but if cast must become a Ridgedale Member



News from the Inc Board:

We'd like to thank Jim West for heading up the stage re-construction project. Thanks to **Tracy Altman, Tom Arwady, Dan Fuller, Stan Iobst, Jeff Jones, Dave Scott, Tim Tepatti** and **Rob Freeman** for helping Jim get the job done.

Tim Tepatti has completed paperwork to get the Health Department final approvals for our permanent permit from them. This past season was operated under temporary permits. We should have this completed before the first show of the season.

A lot of work was done on clean up day. Platforms removed from the previous shows, tech room cleaned and organized, utility room cleaned better than ever, some shed organization as well as trimming and tree removal outside. Thanks to **Laura Schmitt, Julie Dobies** and her niece **Katherine, Dave Scott, Jim West and Kent Martini**. Since they couldn't attend the cleanup day **Julie Scott** and **Peggy Miller-Zelinko** came a week earlier and cleaned the properties side of the shed.

The golf outing was a tremendous success. We're very lucky to have members like **Tracy and Lori Altman** who organized this event and spent many hours doing it. Thankfully Tracy has agreed to do it again next year. Hopefully we'll get more member support in the future as most of the attendees were non members. Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's event on June 11, 2011. It was really a lot of fun and this could easily become our main annual fundraiser.

We'd also like to thank everyone that helped **Tracy and Lori** make this a big success including **Diane Dillard, Laura Schmitt, Pam Heath, Julie Scott, Jeff Jones, Jim Viola and Jim West**. A special thanks to **Jim Viola** who brought in a large number of hole sponsorships and raffle donations and isn't even a member! Thanks for your support Jim.

As you all know, with somewhat lower ticket sales and minimal fundraising efforts over the past few years, we have been struggling with maintaining our strong financial position. I believe we are in better shape than some of our fellow community theatres. We will get through this, however, it requires all of you to help publicize and sell tickets to all of our shows and events. Ridgedale is *your* community theatre so please show your support.

The Inc. Board is happy to report that two of the four rooftop heating and cooling unit have been replaced with new Bryant units at a total cost of \$12500.00. After some research, we determined that the existing units were somewhere between 18 and 22 years old and were getting progressively more expensive to maintain. Our plan is to hold off on the replacement of the other two units for 2-3 years if possible. We realize a cost saving on gas/electric due to the higher efficiency ratings. The best news??? - no more roof leaks coming from the unit in the front of the auditorium due to a special flange manufactured by Soltman Heating and Cooling.

Reminder: Please do not park on the circle drive, except to drop off something. Even during rehearsals, please do not park in the circle drive.