

David Gates - Dave jumps back into the action as Carl the bus driver after his recent on stage role in the "Miser". You may recognize some of Dave's work as the set construction director for "Arsenic and Old Lace". He transformed our stage into a old Victorian home with incredible detail and charm. Dave is married to Sue and has sons Brian, Bret, and Brock and a step daughter Rita.

Alex Vasquez - Alex joins the cast as Bo Decker. He is an 8th grade US history and Government teacher at Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School. Alex has been on and off stage many many times for ACT I. His last role was that of Dr. Einstein the personal plastic surgeon in "Arsenic and Old Lace". He credits much of his characterization from watching his kids.

Rick Primmer - Ricks versatile acting style has allowed him to be on stage as many different characters over the last several years. You may remember him in "Moon over Buffalo". Rick is owner operator of B.J. Primmer Trucking and P.A.M.S. Mini Storage with his wife Pam. He has 3 children and 7 grandchildren and still has time to entertain us.

Jill g. Lockard-Bopp - Our director and actress extraordinaire, Jill has a long history in the theater for ACT I, UNI, and the Catharsis Theater Group. She has extensive experience and training as an actress, as make-up and costume designer, in addition to being a scenic and lighting designer. She is self employed as a private acting teacher and as the Choir Director for Wesley United Methodist Church. This is the second time for Jill to direct Bus Stop and she also directed the Rainmaker which was the play that inspired the musical "110 in the Shade" which she also directed for ACT I.

Bunny Feller Fritch - Has been involved in ACT I over the last 17 years and will be forever in debt to Steve Arnold for inviting her to the ACT I so she could "play" with her friends. Bunny is a retired Vinton Shellsburg teacher and is married to husband Gene. She has 3 children Stephanie, Eric, and Andy. 14 grandchildren and 2 step children Jenny and Greg. Bunny has been in 9 comedy/dramas and 5 musicals and has been assistant director and worked in many productions behind the scenes.



Scenes

The action of the play takes place in a street-corner diner in a small town about thirty miles west of Kansas City, MO., in 1855

Act One

A night in early March. 1:00 AM

10 Minute Intermission

Act Two

A few minutes later

10 Minute Intermission

Act Three

Early morning. About 5:00 AM

Program



Cast



Elma Duckworth	Mikala Niemeier
Grace Hoyland owner of Grace's Diner	Halane Cummings
Will Masters, a sheriff	Casey Cooling
Cherie, a chanteuse	Rachel Kramer
Dr. Gerald Lyman, a former college professor	Anthony Bopp
Carl, a bus driver	David Gates
Bo Decker, a young rancher &	Alex Vasquez
Virgil Blessing, a ranch hand	Rick Primmer



Staff

Director	Jill g. Lockard-Bopp
Assistant Director/Stage Manager	Bunny Fritch
Set Construction Director	Keith Bonar
Set Construction	Ron Bonar Bill Travis Rachel Kramer
Properties Director	Pam Primmer
Costume Director	Sue Gates
Costume Construction	Halane Cummings Trudy Evans Nancy Good Eileen Serbousek Suzie Westlund
Make Up Mistress	Judy Travis
Hair Dresser	Kathy Tranel
Lighting Director/Designer	Eric Upmeyer
Light Board Operator	Sherry Stout
Sound Board Operator	Nick Stout
House Manager/Ticket Agent	Marcy Horst

Mary Barkdoll	Cameron's Clothing
Duane Fisher	Gene Fritch
Greg Fritch	Irene Geiger
Mark Hancock	Virginia Holsten
Jim Mayhew (Poster Design)	Alan Merchant
Dawnette Richards	Karilea Ries
Tom Winsor	The Wittmer Family
Rick & Yvonne Zimpfer	

Thank You



*** Mikala Niemeier** - ACT I's newest main stage cast member and very talented young lady is a seventh grader at North Linn Middle School. She has been involved in ACT I summer theatre camp and in the production "All's Well that End's Swell". Mikala loves to sing and dance and every year sings on stage at the Great Jones County Fair. She has shown her strength as an actress in this role on stage and is very respected by all her cast members. Mikala is the daughter of Bill and Bonnie Niemeier and sister Destinee.

Halane Cummings - A veteran actor for ACT I returns this time as sassy diner owner Grace. She is a high school teacher at Center Point-Urbana and was most recently on stage for ACT I in "On Golden Pond". This role means a lot to Halane as both her mother and grandmother worked in diners similar to Grace's Diner. Oh, the stories her mom could tell about some cold snowy nights at the Pine Inn.

Casey Cooling - Returns to the ACT I stage as the sheriff. Also a veteran actor for ACT I, Casey was last on stage in 2004 in Annie. Casey works for Rockwell Collins in printed circuit board design. He has three children Corey, Clare, and Charley. Casey admits he is ready for this role as he lives next door to a real sheriff.

Anthony Bopp - Anthony has participated in ACT I for many years in many different capacities. He has been actor, director, light designer, sound operator and all around can do kind of guy. Anthony works for Innovative Software Engineering in Coralville and keeps busy with pets, Rheaghal and Willow. His wife Jill is our director and his most interesting role was when his wife had to teach him how to kiss on stage in "110 in the Shade"

Rachel Kramer - You'll recognize Rachel as she has graced the ACT I stage several times most recently in our last production of "The Miser". Rachel operates her own commercial and residential cleaning business and lives her husband Keith and mother Mary. She has 3 cats and 3 dogs. As you will see she is an incredible actress who really puts her whole being into becoming the character.

* Denotes ACT I newcomer