

'Better Football Through High School Chemistry' hits the stage Nov. 20-21

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Prepare to get in some good laughs as Holyoke High School's drama department takes the stage for their hilarious fall play "Better Football Through High School Chemistry."

Performances are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the HHS auditorium.

In this cleverly written and amusing play by Murray Austin, the school geek, Louis, concocts a bug spray which winds up having a surprisingly hilarious effect on the football players. The Chickaloo Fighting Chickens, suffering from a 50-year losing streak, suddenly find themselves right in the middle of some wildly unexpected situations.

Director Carla Mayfield is new to Holyoke, but is certainly not new to theater. In college, she got a minor in speech and theater and has directed lots of plays. She joined Holyoke Junior High's staff this year as the language arts teacher.

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"I am tremendously impressed with the cast of this play and have enjoyed working with them immensely!" said Mayfield. "I think this play is a scream, the kids are brilliant, and everyone within a 100-mile radius should come see it!"

Cast members and their characters include Duncan Brandt, Tommy Don Wallace; Taylor Haidle, Coach Murphy; Nicole Brandt, Jordan J. Jawbreaker; Briar Bergner, Ms. Kasey; Skyler Mayfield, Louis/Boy; Amanda Ferguson, Girl 1; Becca Brandt, Girl 2; Brooke Parker, Jane; Molly Brandt, Ashley; Teanna Amaral, Crystal; Rachel Schneider, Melanie; Preston King, Motown Rivers; Ben Martinez, Chuck Pace; Ella Stewart, Hannah; Christa Durbin, Cheryl; Severine Barras, Laura; and Brian DeBoer, Coach Tanner.

Dinner Theatre Saturday

Holyoke's FCCLA chapter will host a dinner theatre at "Feast on the Football Field" prior to the Saturday evening performance of "Better Football Through High School Chemistry."

Dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. in the HHS commons area. Menu items for the dinner theatre include hot mulled cider, fresh garden salad, oven fried chicken breast, mashed potatoes with country gravy, green beans, FCCLA bread, assorted fruit pies ala mode, coffee and tea.

Tickets for the dinner theatre must be purchased by Nov. 20 and are available from FCCLA members or by calling 854-3421.