

2022 Pre-show Entertainment

7/1 Eileen Humphreys and Camille Giaouque
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7/23 Daniel and Jacquelyn Lechner

7/29 John Murray
7/30 The Seller's Family

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The Star Valley Historical Society Presents:

Trouble on the Double



A 1930's Historical Comedy

Written by Traci Sellers

FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS JULY 2022
HISTORIC ROCK CHURCH, AUBURN WYOMING

The Star Valley Historical Society's Motto is:
"Preserving Star Valley's History for
Future Generations"

The Star Valley Historical Society puts on a historical play every summer as a fundraiser, in order to preserve this Historic Old Rock Church. The plays also highlight Star Valley history and culture.

Thank you for coming and supporting
us and our mission!!

The SV Historical Society **website** also catalogues headstones, obituaries, collections, and stories in collaboration with other historical societies in Lincoln County. Go to starvalleyhs.lincolncountywy.org

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and Ron Anderson

Meet the Playwright



Traci Sellers (Playwright/Laura White) Although I never met Laura I knew the fruit of her labor. I lived in her home and enjoyed her perennial garden that came back every year. Her daughter Amy Lou was my loving and kind Mother in Law. The facts I used for writing this play were supplied by an interview I had with her some years ago. I have been in the Rock Church Play off and on since 2014 and enjoy it immensely. I also teach Shakespeare classes to youth and have directed 3 stage productions of his works.

Meet the Director

Kristin Bringhurst-This is Kristin's 12th year with the Rock Church Summer Theater. She is grateful to work with this amazing staff and cast and appreciates everyone who has given so much of their time and energy to this production. Kristin loves all things THEATER whether it be acting, directing, or enjoying a play from the audience. She also loves eating good food, pulling weeds, tap dancing, and American Sign Language. She loves spending time with her family and is proud to be a native of Star Valley.



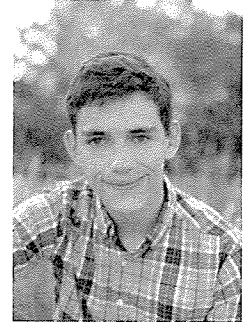
Cast

Orlan White.....Kal Sellers/Daniel Lechner
Laura White..... Traci Sellers/Jaclyn Lechner
Verla White.....Corrine Sellers/Elizabeth Sellers
Deola White.....Tony Sellers/Addie Waldron
Alma White.....Ethan Hobbs/John Murray
Phyllis White.....Emma Sellers/Lillian Riseden
Leland White.....Nolan Hyde/Hudson Hyde
Ralph White.....Ryne Klindt/Janson Veigel
Oleta White.....Ivy Jardine/Jane Murray
Amy Lou White.....Rachel Sellers/Autumn Jardine
Bud Braggear.....Wade Hyde/Chad Merritt
Elmo Warren.....Ammon Baird/Devon Crook
Delbert Warren.....Josh Baird/Wes Brog
Mayor Middleton.....Bryce Hyde/Chad Merritt
Mildred Middleton.....Jenn Brog/Meryk Draney
Nellie Middleton.....Hadley Brog/McKenna Klindt
Myrtle Anderson/Criminal.....Robyn Mousley/Sophia Watkins
Jolene Anderson.....Karlee Rosa/Emily Murray
Jackson Man/Criminal.....Bob Lujan
Townsperson..... Autumn Strgar/Saige Stauffer
Fiddlers.....Margaret Tueller/Emma Sellers
Lights/Sound.....Hannah Brog/Melissa Hyde
Director.....Kristin Bringhurst

Music Director/Pianist.....Eileen Humphreys
Props/Set/Costumes.....Melanie Seilbach

Cast Bio's

Josh Baird (Delbert Warren)-My family always said that my life was a musical. I was always singing or humming even as a little boy. My intro to theatre was when I did the Rock Church play 3 years in a row. I have been in the SVHS musical *Newsies* and this year in *Footloose* as Willard. I love music and theatre. I enjoy singing, books, piano, dogs, and my family.



Jenn Brog (Mildred Middleton)-This is my second year performing in the Rock Church play. I have lived in Star Valley for 17 years, but still feel like a newcomer at times. I have been singing since around the time I learned to talk am a member of the Tap Classics and also enjoy clogging. I love spending time with my husband and three children, especially if it involves being outdoors and sunshine. I am a incredibly gifted napper and muffin eater, though I have not mastered doing them at the same time.



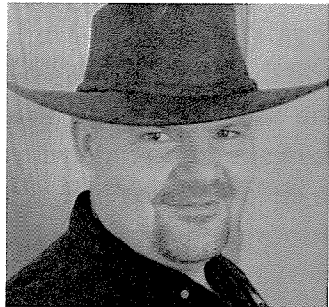
Bryce Hyde (Mayor Middleton) This will be Bryce's 2nd performance in the Rock Church play. Bryce comes from a long line of theatrical genius. Bryce grew up in Star Valley fishing, camping, and playing church ball.





Hudson Hyde (Leland White) This is Hudson's 3rd year performing in the Rock Church play. Hudson loves creating and imagining things up. He enjoys playing sports, being outdoors and making people laugh. He is a mad skier in the winter and enjoys his time on the slopes.

Meryk McArthur Draney (Mildred Middleton) This is Meryk's second time participating in the Rock Church play. She has two children under the age of three and loves the Spanish language, which she speaks fluently. Meryk's biggest crush and fan is her husband Trevis Draney. She doesn't like chocolate, but eats it in order to fit into society.

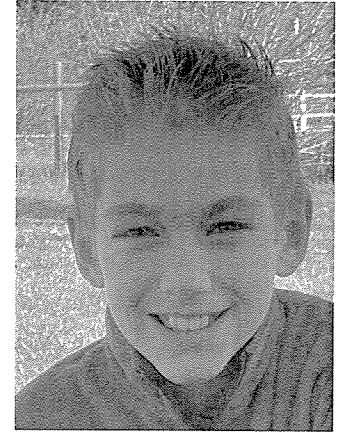


Kal Sellers(Orlan White) It is my great honor to play my maternal grandfather in this play. My mother was Amy Lou White Sellers, Orlan's daughter. I will say I have the same size and hairline as Grandpa White. This is my fourth time acting in the Rock Church Play and it is always a great time for me and my family.

Rachel Sellers (Amy Lou White) Amy Lou was my grandma! She was special to me. I am 7 years old and this is my second time being in a play. I was in 'The Emperor's New Hair' last spring as Mrs. Twiddle as part of my cooperative school classes through the Salt River Arts Society. I hope you enjoy the play!

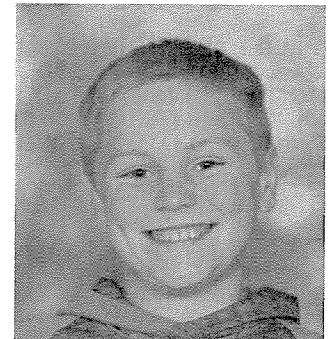


John Murray (Alma White)-This is John's 3rd time in the rock church play! He likes dirt biking, singing, breakdancing, and playing the piano. He loves anything that involves a board such as skateboarding, scooters, rip sticks, ect. He dances and acts like nobody's watching. 😊

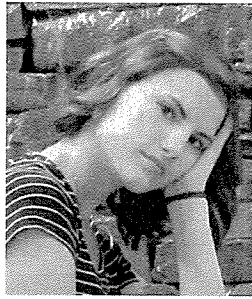


Jane Murray (Oleta White) This is Jane's first year in the play. She loves to train dogs, garden, craft, whittle, sew, cook, and workout. She also likes to play board games, and be with friends / family.

Nolan Hyde (Leland White) -Nolan is 12 years old. This is Nolan's 3rd year in the Rock Church play. Nolan likes to read, hike, camp, play piano, all things sports and video games. Nolan will be in 7th grade this fall.



Elizabeth (Liz) Sellers (Verla White) -- This my 7th time in the Rock Church play, and I will be playing my Great aunt; Amy Lou was my Grandmother. I am a Junior in High School and I love learning. I am currently learning ASL, and I love science. My favorite things are choir and band (I am a percussionist).



Saige Stauffer(Townsperson)-Saige is 16 years old, and will soon be starting her senior year at Corner Canyon High School. She recently returned from her semester in Washington D.C. as a United States Senate Page, and is very enthusiastic about history, government, and service. She is very passionate about music and is an accomplished pianist. Some of her hobbies include alpine skiing, fly fishing, rappelling, river rafting, hiking, and mountain biking.



Autumn Jardine (Amy Lou White) This is Autumn's 1st time participating in the Rock Church Play. Her favorite things to do are sing & dance, create artwork, & cook! Reading the "I survived" book series also tops the list of faves for this 4th grader!

Wes Brog (Delbert Warren)-My name is Wes Brog and I'm excited to be a part of the Rock Church Play this year! I am playing the part of Delbert Warren, who is my great great uncle. This is the 2nd play I have been in and I decided to participate because my mother made me; however, I love singing and dancing, especially ballroom and Singco. In my free time, I enjoy snowbiking, dirt biking, skiing, mountain biking, and soccer. One fun fact about me is I almost burned down the middle school.



Ivy Jardine (Oleta White)-This is Ivy's 1st experience with the Rock Church Play. She is a natural singer and has written & performed a few of her songs. She loves to swim, & bake. She would love to perform theatrically for a profession one day.



Autumn Strgar (Townsperson)- This is Autumn's 1st year performing in the Rock Church play. Autumn enjoys all things musica including singing, dancing and listening to music. She also loves to swim, read, ride her bike, listen to books on CD, take care of her three cats, and anything with flamingos on it.



Hadley Brog (Nellie Middleton)-I am excited to be performing for the first time in the Rock Church play! I am 11 years old. I enjoy singing, dancing, art and all things nature. I also enjoy training my dog Jaxon and playing with my ducks and chickens.

Corinne Sellers (Verla White) Verla was my great Aunt! My grandmother was Amy Lou. I am so excited to be one of my ancestors! I have a lot of stage experience, I played in three other Rock Church Plays and also in Shakespeare's The Tempest, Midsummer Night's Dream and Comedy of Errors. I love acting and take drama classes through the Salt River Arts Society and Studied Shakespeare with the Star Valley Leadership Academy. I hope you enjoy our play!

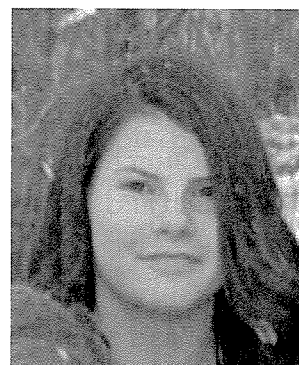


Janson Veigel (Ralph White) This is his first year in the play. Janson is 10 years old, and the youngest of five brothers. He likes being outside, playing with his cousins, making people laugh, and playing sports and his Oculus. He also loves riding horses and is trying to convince his mom to let him ride a

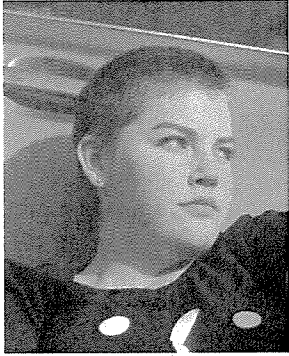
Daniel Lechner (Orlan White) Daniel has performed many times at the Rock Church Play while growing up in the Valley. He's returned the last two years to the Rock Church stage. Daniel enjoys singing and opportunities to perform.



Jaclyn Lechner (Laura White) This is Jaclyn's first year at the Rock Church Play. She has grown up performing throughout her life, through community theater and high school. She definitely has enjoyed sharing this experience with Daniel.



Emmaline Sellers (Phyllis White) Amy Lou was my grandma and Phyllis is my great aunt. It is cool to play one of my own ancestors! This is my third time being in a Rock Church Play, but I also played Dromio in Comedy of Errors, Puck in Midsummer Night's Dream and Caliban in The Tempest. I take drama classes through Star Valley Leadership Academy and Salt River Arts Society and was in their spring production of Robyn Hood and the Narcoleptic Prince.



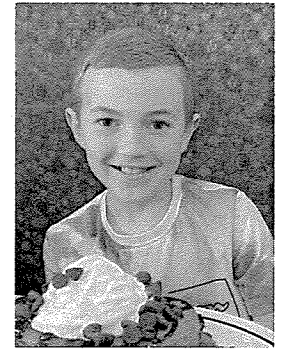
Sophia Watkins(Myrtle Anderson/Criminal)- This is my fourth year performing in the Auburn Rock Church Summer Theatre. I'm 19, I have two kids, and work full time at Melvin Brewing in Alpine. On the rare occasion that I have some free time, I enjoy most outdoor activities, reading, baking, and spending as much time with my little ones as possible. Enjoy the show!

KarLee Rosa(Joleen Anderson)-This is Karlee's first time performing in the Rock Church play. You might have seen her at the Ford Theater playing Moana. Outside of acting an singing she loves to spend time with her family and friends.



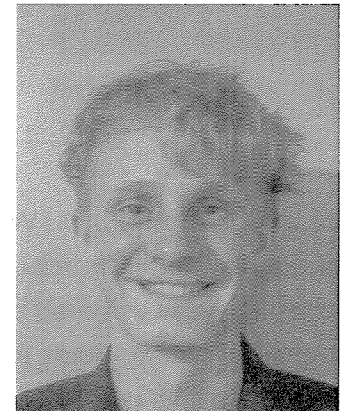
Addie Waldron (Deola White) -I'm so excited to participate in my first Rock Church Play. I love singing and acting so much and can't wait to further grow my skills in both. I've played Hannah in Newsies (the secretary with the high voice), Wendy Jo in Footloose, and had a great time performing in the Singco Show this year.

Ryne Klindt (Ralph White) I'm Ryne Klindt. I'm the son of Tom and Amy Klindt. I'll be in 7th grade this Fall. I love legos, Star Wars, Marvel, and creating things. This is my first year in the play.



Chad Merritt (Mayor Middleton/Bud Breaggear)-I was born and raised in Star Valley and now I get to raise my boys in this wonderful place. This is my 12th turn being in the Rock Church play. I'm sure it won't be my last. I enjoy spending time with my wife and family and doing activities outdoors. I hope you take this chance to relax and enjoy the play.

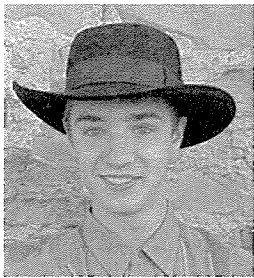
Devin Crook (Elmo Warren)- I'm a seventeen year old farmer who likes snowboarding and swimming. In my free time I sleep.





Ammon Baird (Elmo Warren)-I made my theatre debut when I was 8 years old in the Rock Church play "Facts and Fiddlesticks". I was in the Rock Church play two more years. This was my first year in the SVHS musical as Bickle in "Footloose". I love football, soccer, singing, theatre, camping, doing flips and other tricks and being with my family.

Tony Sellers (Deola White)- I am 19 and I have been in the play for five years and I've loved it every time. This years play is so fun and I'm excited to act in it. I am playing my great aunt deola, who was a spitfire and I've had lots of fun learning about her. I hope you enjoy the play!

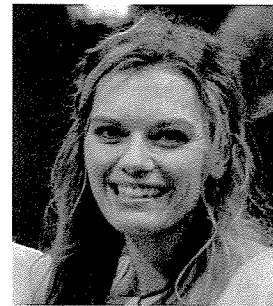
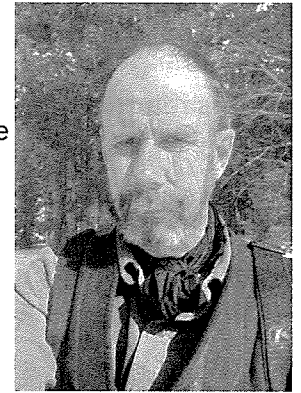


Ethan Hobbs (Alma White) I like doing track and field I love beatboxing this is my first time in The Rock Church play but not my first play.

Lillain Riseden (Phyllis White) This is my first time at the Rock Church. I have been in 2 school plays with 1 lead role. I love being on stage and having good roles. I am a definite theater kid.



Wade Hyde (Bud Breggear)- made his acting debut in 2011. Wade has a passion for history and deep pride for his ancestors that helped settle parts of Auburn and Star Valley. By day, he is busy with his business JH Appliance and by night, he is irrigating or fly fishing. He enjoys spending time with his 3 daughters and their growing families. He and his wife, Tammy, will celebrate their 38th Anniversary this summer. He hopes you enjoy the play and leave with a little hometown nostalgia!



Melissa Hyde (lights)- This is Melissa's 2nd time participating in the Rock Church play. Melissa enjoys spending time with her children, who are also involved in the play. She loves being outdoors, soaking up nature in the summer, as well as doing things that make her happy.

Emily Murray (Jolene Anderson)- This is Emily's second year in the play! She loves to dance, act, sing, spend time with her family, friends, and go on bike rides. You may (occasionally) catch her sneaking chocolate from the pantry... but other than that, she is pretty good!



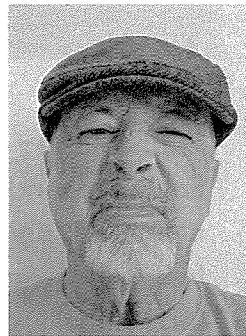
Hannah Brog(Lights)- I am happy to be helping with the Rock Church play for the first time this year! I enjoy singing, listening to music and watching movies.

Eileen Humphreys (Pianist/ Music Director, Music Arrangement, Pre-Show Coordinator)
Eileen is returning for her 4th production here at the Rock Church. She loves spending her summers here at the Rock Church.



Robyn Mousley (Myrtle Anderson, Criminal)
Robyn graduated with a BA in education from BYU and taught theater and dance for 30 years at Hillcrest HS in Midvale, UT. Her hobbies include tennis, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family. Robyn lives in Star Valley Ranch and this is her 6th year in the Rock Church cast.

Bob Lujan (Jackson Man/Criminal) Bob graduated from the University of Utah. He is a retired CPA. He enjoys golf, tennis, biking, fishing, and hiking. Bob lives in Star Valley Ranch and this is his 5th year in the Rock Church cast.



McKenna Klindt (Nellie Middleton)-
Hi, I'm McKenna! I'm the daughter of Tom and Amy Klindt. I will be a freshman this coming fall. I love art, being outside, and hanging with friends! This is my fourth year being in the play.

Setting

Thayne Wyoming in the 1930's: Scenes in downtown Thayne, the Orlan White Home, and the White Barn.

Fact vs. Fiction

The events and characters in this play are a fictional account of the Orlan Alma White family. They are not meant to be an accurate representation of characters or events. Facts are noted here... the rest is just for fun!

Orlan was the Town Marshall in Thayne, WY when it had its first robbery and shootout. His two eldest daughters married two brothers (hired hands) on the same day. He took the job as Thayne town Marshall for the pay of \$275 which was raised from \$75 according to the Thayne Town records. Orlan made it a point to dance with his wife at every dance even though he was in the band. He often danced with his girls too.

According to Amy Lou White Sellers, the family often had bread and milk for dinner when times were lean, she remembers the meal of creamed peas and new potatoes being the first food to break the monotony of poor, end of winter fare.

In 1895, the Indian Agent at Fort Hall wrote his superior in Washington City of the reputation of Jackson's Hole, "There are a few good citizens ranching in the Jackson Hole country, the majority of the citizens being men 'who have left their country for their country's good,' the Jackson Hole country being recognized in this country as the place of refuge for outlaws of every description from Wyoming, Idaho, and adjacent States."

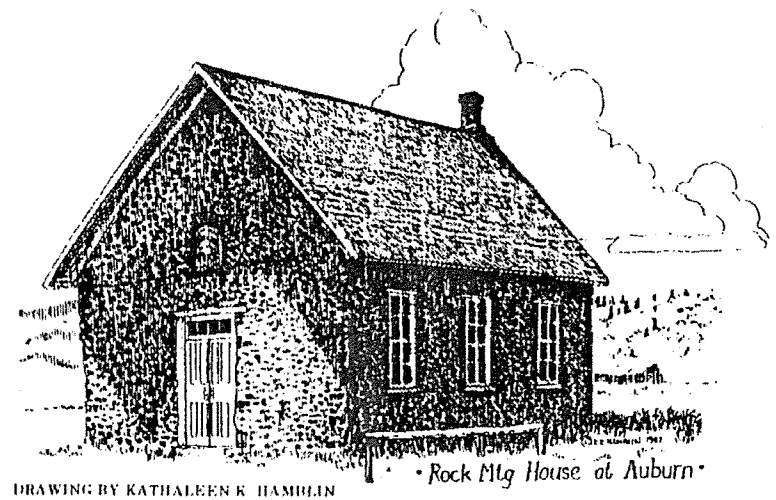
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Monte Nethercott, from Jackson was on the ground outside "Dad's Bar" with fists flying every direction, when he said he was boldly lifted into the air by the shirt collar and came face to face with the biggest man he had seen in his whole life. The policeman told him that it would be a GOOD idea if he got out of town immediately, and if he ever came back they would put him in jail and throw away the key. He had no doubt whatsoever that he was being told the truth, and as soon as his feet touched the ground again he was on his way.

Laura White gathered local herbs to doctor her family with, Amy Lou recalls drinking Yarrow and Peppermint tea for many illnesses and ailments.

Amy Lou White really scraped the gum off the seats of the schoolhouse for years. Amy Lou relates that there was one day in her childhood she remembers her and her brother Leland sneaking out of school to see the cutter races and her father, as Marshall, catching them and then giving them permission to stay.

From the History of Alma White: "...we had all gone to bed when suddenly someone started banging on the door. Dad answered and was informed that someone was trying to break into the sporting goods store in Thayne. He had started putting on his clothes when I asked him if he wanted me to go with him and he said yes...[when we got there] Dad ran back to the side of the car just as they were backing out from the curb. He was ordering them to stop and they were trying to convince him that they just wanted to get the car off the road. Actually they were trying to get the car on to the road so they could speed away. Finally Dad aimed his revolver down through the side window and pulled the trigger. There were two people in the car, a man and a woman. The bullet sent shattered glass into the man's face and then traveled down through the flesh of the woman's upper leg. They were not willing to play any more games after that and we secured their car, put them in my car, and took them to the hospital in Afton.



This Old Rock Church in Auburn, Wyoming is one of the oldest buildings in Star Valley and the only nineteenth century structure still in use in the area. It was constructed in the fall of 1889 by volunteer labor. In 1984 the Old Rock Church was deeded to the Star Valley Historical Society and since has been restored to its present condition. In January 1986 the building was accepted for the National Register of Historic Places.

Star Valley, summer home for the Shoshone Indians, was visited by Wilson Price Hunt's Astorian fur trappers as early as 1812. Traversed by emigrants bound for the Oregon Country from 1856 to 1860 on the Lander Cutoff. The high mountain valley became summer pasture land for cattle belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Salt beds in the area were important to the Indians as well as trappers, emigrants, explorers and herders; and exports were made far into the Oregon Territory. After the death of the great Mormon colonizer Brigham Young in 1877, the Mormon Church continued to make settlements. Permanent settlers moved into Star Valley two years later in 1879 and settled the west side of the north end of the Upper Valley. It was not until the spring of 1888 that these hardy pioneer farmers and ranchers surveyed the townsite of Auburn. The next summer after crops were harvested the Rock Church was erected in the center of the new townsite. Besides a place of worship the building served as a community center and was used for school, dances, plays, elections, operas, parties, bazaars, reunions, picnics, and patriotic and holiday celebrations. The meetinghouse was even a place of refuge and safety when settlers were threatened by Indian attacks. When a larger frame building was constructed in 1926 the stone building proved better protection during the cold winters and occupancy continued. Three larger houses of worship have been built in succession in Auburn but it is the Old Rock Church which stands as a local landmark. The solid walls symbolize the strengths and values of those who built, lived in, and served in the community. The building is a monument to the early pioneers of Star Valley.