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AN ICE HOUSE THEATER COMEDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—The Morgan Arts Council's Ice House Theater Project presents "A *Tuna Christmas*" on stage at the Ice House beginning November 28 at 7 p.m.

Local performers Tom Brooks and Chuck Walker portray 22 separate characters in this comedy about Christmas in the smallest town in Texas. In Tuna, there is hot competition between neighbors to win the annual holiday yard display contest; the town's theatrical production of "A Christmas Carol" is in jeopardy of having its electricity cut off due to an overdue electric bill; and, on top of it all, the notorious Christmas Phantom is wreaking havoc throughout the community, having skillfully avoided local law enforcement for over a decade.

The play centers around the Tuna radio station OKKK and the two disc jockeys, played by Brooks and Walker, who broadcast the town news. The audience next meets the chief people of the town: the main suspect in the "Christmas Phantom" business going on in town, the woman whose son is going to his first probation hearing and whose no-good husband has yet to call home, the young woman working at the local Tastee Kreme, the owner of the town's used weapons store and her husband who frequently spots UFOs, a stray animal enthusiast who does his best to care for a large number of God's creatures, the well-to-do winner of the Christmas yard display contest for the past 14 years, and more!

Admission for the play is \$10 for adults (\$8 for MAC members) and \$5 for students. There are ten performances from November 28 – December 9; Wednesday through Saturday performances are at 7 pm and Sunday matinees are at 2 pm.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes.

The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.