



# NEWSLETTER

## DEARLY BELOVED



Director, Judy Thompson  
Reports Good Progress

**CAST**

**Geneva Musgrave:** Ann Glenn

**Tina Jo/Gina Jo:** Tara Cornelius

**Honey Ray Futrelle:** Denni Longoria

**Frankie Futrelle Dubberly:** Deborah Tennison

**Dub Dubberly:** Lamar Austin

**Twink Futrelle:** Janelle Barnes

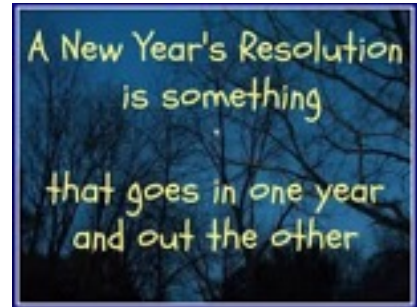
**Nelda Lightfoot:** Marilyn Brown

**Justin Waverly:** Chris Kuskie

**John Curtis Buntner:** Elijah Barnes

**Wiley Hicks:** Mark Castillo

**Patsy Price:** Judy Weir



Pictures from  
early  
rehearsal

DEARLY BELOVED will be presented February 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20, 21. As a special Valentines celebration the Friday, February 12 show will be presented as a dinner theatre at the Mena Mountain Resort. It will be a great opportunity to take your valentine to a dinner and a fun show. Of course all the other shows will be at the OLT.



**Gallery News**  
*Our good friends at the Mena Art Gallery invite you to stop in and check out their "Garage Sale" They have all kinds of art supplies available.*

### Judy Kropp Hosts December Board

The board meeting in December was an informal affair. Those in attendance enjoyed fine food and good company. The minutes of this meeting as well as all meetings are found on [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com)



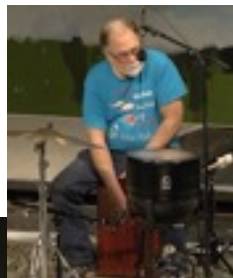
### BENEFIT FOR DAVID HOFFPAUIR

The audience was entertained by some great talent. Gregg Shively, Richie Owens, and Logan Lind joined Connie Gatling and Dr. "B" for the evening of music. On several occasions David Hoffpauir himself was able to provide some vocal support for the group. Everyone expressed a hope that David would once again complete the group known as Blue Dawg so that it could again provide entertainment at the Branding Iron and other community venues.



David is having surgery on his neck so that he once again can move his arm and thereby play his guitar. The surgery is set for Friday December 15 in Texarkana.

The event raised a little over \$850. Clips from the concert are on-line at [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com). The entire concert can be viewed by clicking "video" on the [RMCC.edu](http://RMCC.edu) home page and following the prompts.



### Housekeeping

Major repairs to the exterior of the building are still under discussion. When a proposal is ready we will let everyone know.

Monday, Jan. 11 a group of folks spent a better part of a day cleaning out unwanted material from the theater storage. I was the consensus of the group that we all need to be better stewards of our theater. Everyone from the president through directors, cast members and the public all need to do their part.



Plans for OLIVER are well on their way. Judy Kropp will be the music director. Logan Sweeten will be helping with costumes. Robby Burt and his class will be helping with lights. Jessica Kropp will be the stage Manager. Additional help will definitely be needed. If you can help with the production please contact Rudi Timmerman, the director of the show through [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com).

Auditions will be held in the middle of February. Scripts and music are already in hand. If you would like to examine these before auditioning let Rudi know. In addition to 15 adults we will need lots of youngsters, both boys and girls. Of course Oliver is the central character and has lots of music. We are looking for a young person (will consider girls) with a good strong singing voice for this role.