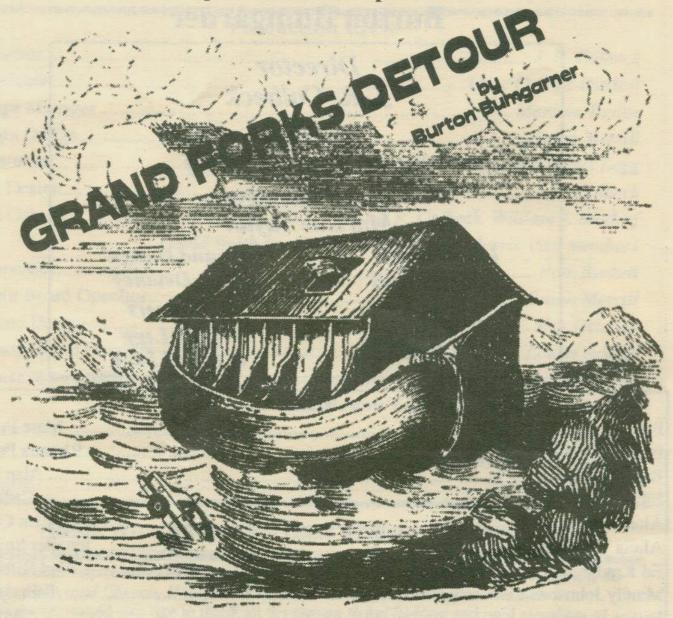
Coldwater Community Theatre in cooperation with Hospice of Branch County presents the world premiere of





Winner of the 2001 Robert J. Pickering Award for Playwrighting Excellence

Tibbits Opera House Coldwater, MI February 15 - 16 - 17, 2001

## GRAND FORKS DETOUR

by

## **Burton Bumgarner**

Director J. R. Colbeck

Producer
Irene Grimes-Butdorf

Stage Manager Marisue Taylor

Light Design Susan Merrill

Properties
Pam Burkett

Sound Design Ken Delaney

Costumers
Vickie Legg
& Marci Legg

CAST		
Bud Knutsen	Marc Pebernat	
Barb Knutsen		
Barry Knutsen		
Ella	Cothy I acc	
Alan Vanderhoff	Cathy Lees	
	Jennifer Spaulding	
Ed Kradic	Carl Rifenburgh	
Mandy Johnson	Tammy Smith	
Father Frank	Al Provot	
Sister Fran	Therese Provot	
Bill Hvidsten	Erland Gleason	
Lou Hvidsten	Irene Grimes-Butdorf	
Mr. Beckstrom	Joe Cockrell	

Join the author and the cast, following all three performances, for a reception in the Downstairs Gallery.

Reception hosted by and refreshments furnished by Hospice of Branch County.

# The time is the present. The setting is the farmhouse of Bud and Barb Knutsen, located about twenty miles north of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Production Crew		
Director	J. R. Colbeck	
Producer		
Light Design		
	Vickie Legg and Marci Legg	
	J. R. Colbeck	
	J. R. Colbeck, William J. Butdorf	
David Smith Jr., David Smith III, Ken Morris, cast members		
Properties	Pam Burkett	
Sound Board Operator		
House Managers/Box Office		
Chi	ick and Jayne Lillis, Tom and Diane Harmon	
Ushers		
	Coldwater Community Theatre members	
Program		

### THERE WILL BE ONE FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION

CCT extends appreciation to Hospice of Branch County, Dobson's Insurance Agency, St. Marks Episcopal Church, Houghton Physical Therapy Rehabilitation and Ken Delaney. We would also like to thank all the season ticket holders and paid members of CCT. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer such an entertaining variety of shows.



#### TIBBITS SUMMER THEATRE

The summer season is fast approaching and Tibbits needs to provide housing for approximately 40 actors and tech crew members for 5 - 10 weeks this summer. If you have a spare room, and would like to help us out, please call 278-6029. They will be happy to help you help us!!

FOR YOUR SAFETY: There are two fire exits at the main entrance, one to the left of the stage and two at either side of the upstairs balcony.



### About the Robert J. Pickering Award for Playwrighting Excellence

The presentation of GRAND FORKS DETOUR, by Burton Bumgarner, marks the 20th production to win this prestigious award.

When the award was initiated in 1984, the three Pickering shows produced in 1979, 1981 and 1984 were the first recipients. Beginning in 1985, the

actual award was presentation of the manuscript. To most new authors this is better than money! In 1987 monetary awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were added.

The award is now international and enjoys an outstanding reputation. Several winning scripts have been published. CCT is proud to be the only amateur theatre group in Michigan to offer this program.

#### RECIPIENTS OF THE ROBERT J. PICKERING AWARD FOR PLAYWRIGHTING EXCELLENCE

A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION	1979
A NICE PLACE TO VISIT	
HANG ONTO THE HORSE	1984
COOPERATIVE LIVING	1985
FOLLY'S QUARTER	1986
BIG AL GOES STRAIGHT	1987
IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT	1988
MURDER MOST FOULED UP	1989
ABSURDLY YOURS	1990
TOWIT	1001
HOUSE OF WONDERS	1992
MATCH POINT	1993
THE SLOW BURN OF DECEIT	1994
THE DEATH AND SALE OF ALEXANDER GOLAND	1995
THINGS THAT GO BAD IN THE NIGHT	1996
THE WILL OF GEORGE	1997
EVERYTHING'S RELATIVE.	1008
GENIE IN LOVE	1999
HEY DICK	2000
GRAND FORKS DETOUR	2001
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ABOUT THIS YEAR'S AUTHOR: Burton Bumgarner, 49 years young, Organist / Choirmaster and Director of Fine Arts of First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tennessee, is very excited about the award and looks forward to seeing "Grand Forks Detour" on stage. Burton is a member of the Board of Directors and is Past President of Kingsport Theater Guild. He has most recently directed "I Never Saw A Butterfly", by Celeste Raspanti and Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; was Musical Director for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Forever Plaid." He also has 18 plays in publication. Burton's inspiration for this play occurred after a side trip just north of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Luckily for him, he locked himself out of the car, allowing him to spend several hours with Ed, a farmer, who told Burton stories about the previous year's floods and farming in the Red River Valley. Burton currently resides with his wife, Cathy, who teaches elementary school music and 10 year old son, Andrew; his daughter Sarah is a freshman at Butler University, majoring in dance.