

The Atchison County Drama Club is proud to present its fall musical, "Damn Yankees," by special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Based on the story *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant* by Douglass Wallop, the show features real-estate salesman Joe Boyd (**Austin Eckert**) who is a fanatical follower of the Washington Senators, much to the dismay of his wife Meg (**Tara Ellerman**). He hates those "damn Yankees" for continually winning the pennant, and swears he'd sell his soul to prevent them from winning it again. Mr. Applegate (**Walker Duty**) appears to take Joe up on the offer. Joe agrees, but because he isn't sure if he wants to leave his wife for good, he negotiates an escape clause. Applegate transforms Joe into young, strong Joe Hardy, a great long-ball hitter and introduces him to Coach Van Buren (**Nick Spilman**), the manager of the Senators. Joe Hardy is an immediate sensation and helps the Senators turn their season around, but he dislikes the media attention, particularly from nosy reporter Gloria Thorpe (**Kaylee Lawrence**). Applegate imports his most effective seductress, Lola (**Megan Vanderweide**), to further tempt Joe. Conflict ensues as the reporters question Joe's past, Joe longs for home and Lola develops real feelings for Joe.

The cast includes the Washington Senators, played by Eric Banks, Lane Chew, Erik Cummings, Theo Fiedler, Dakota Gaff, Jared Hoffman, Mitchel Kurtz, Taylor Schuetz, Wyatt Scoggins, and Alex Thompson. Featured characters are played by Allison Handke, Connor Hulett, Anton Lindstrom, Jeremy Lutz, Nick Low, Morgan Martin, Katrina Reiss, Presley Rodecap, and Jaclyn Scherer. Chorus members include Colby Baker, Kayla Bales, Paige Boos, McKenzie Buttron, Courtney Coder, Hannah Corpstein, Willy Dieckmann, Lauren Fedrick, Blair Fowler, Kristina Hewitt, Bridgett Kelly, Jackie Penning, Kelsi Sheeley, Katie Sullivan, Taylor Vandelloo and Cynthia Welch. The tech crew includes Saori Arai, Alex Cummings, Jacob Hansen, Derek Hulett, Lindsey Kearney, Kim Lassen, Caleb Miller, Matt Miller, Sam Reiss, and Tobias Schaffrath.

Performances are November 4 and 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. and November 6, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the Atchison County Community Junior Senior High School Auditorium. The cost is \$2 for students and senior citizens, \$4 for adults, and children under 5 are free with a paid admission. The ACCHS Band will serve a free-will donation dinner before the performances on Friday and Saturday night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High Commons. Friday's menu is a baked potato bar, and Saturday will feature beef burger or Frito pie. During intermission of each performance there will be a free-will donation dessert bar; proceeds go to fund future Atchison County Drama Club productions. The After-Prom Committee will be taking orders for DVDs of the performance. For further information, check usd377.org or contact Amy Eckert (eckert.amy@usd377.org) or Noelle Walters (walters.noelle@usd377.org) at ACCJSHS, (913) 833-2240.