

# t & About



*Tuck Wunderle of Chester plays ten characters in *Greater Tuna*. He's seen here as Jodie Bumiller, a nine year old, whose nine dogs followed him home.*

## Final Weekend for Players' Comedy *Greater Tuna*

A battle-axe is killing the dawgs of Greater Tuna with strychnine. Another matron is intent on banning library books.

Little Jody is never seen without eight or ten dogs following him, while his older brother Stanley, just home from reform school, has dressed a deceased judge in a Dale Evans swimsuit. These are just a few of the denizens of Greater Tuna, a sunbaked town in Texas.

Patsy Cline never died in Greater Tuna. Her music plays through the day depicted in the comedy *Greater Tuna*, which will present its final performances at the Springfield Community Players' Studio on South Street in Springfield on August 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Twenty characters live in Greater Tuna, all played by quick-change artists Tom Field of Chester and Tuckerman Wunderle of Chester. Southwestern dialect and color abound in the show, directed by Stephanie Rowe.

The stage is a wide open sun baked plain marked by weather-beaten homes, outbuildings, an abandoned Ford pick-up truck, and telephone poles receding toward the horizon, a panorama painted by Reading artist Sara Norcross. The stark scene sets the mood for a show with many hilarious moments, but also themes of pathos: life universal to all.

Reserve your seat for Greater Tuna by calling 885-4098, or online at [springfieldcommunityplayers.org](http://springfieldcommunityplayers.org). Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors.



*Tom Field of Springfield plays ten other characters, including Aunt Bertha, who has her own, unfriendly way of dealing with stray dogs.*