



FAMILY DISCUSSION — Mr. Gilbreth (Tom Dobins) explains to Mrs. Gilbreth (Sally DeCost) and the Gilbreth children (Jamie Taker, Randy Blake, Katie Miller, Rachel McBride, McKenzie Murray, Ben Hall, Brian Beaulieu, Andrew Andrade, and Corinne DeCost) about his plans for a family council in the Amesbury Playhouse production of "Cheaper by the Dozen," playing now through July 24
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Dozens of laughs in Amesbury

SPECIAL TO THE BEACH NEWS

AMESBURY | The Valley Players, under the direction of William R. Brooks Jr., perform in the comedy "Cheaper by the Dozen," playing now through July 24 at the Amesbury Playhouse, located at 194 Main Street in Amesbury. "Cheaper by the Dozen" is a lighthearted family comedy based on the real life story of one of the great pioneers of industrial efficiency, Frank Gilbreth and his adventures raising 12 children.

The family is often used as guinea pigs to test out Mr. Gilbreth's theories. For example, he puts up a chart for the young people to initial after completing each household task; uses a rug as an imaginary bathtub to demonstrate how to take a really efficient bath; and has the children listen to French language records while they are in the bathroom so that they can be learning instead of just soaking. He even appoints one of

his children as a utilities officer to levy fines on wasters of electricity.

The results are terribly embarrassing, funny and — it must be admitted — extremely effective! To his eldest daughter Anne, however, the chief effect seems to be that of making her large family seem ridiculous to everyone else at school — especially to the boys.

Although the story takes place in the 1920s, it exhibits all the same problems parents face while raising children today. Anne, like many teenaged daughters, begins to rebel and keeps trying to push him to the limit. Dad, however, pushes ahead with better organization for his large and delightful family.

The cast of "Cheaper by the Dozen" is headed up by Tom Dobins and Sally DeCost, and also features Rick Andrade, Andrew Andrade, Brian Beaulieu, Randy Blake, Jackie Foss, Ben

Hall, Rachael McBride, Katie Miller, McKenzie Murray, Chris Sheehan, Charles Carroll, Beverly Marzioli, Jamie Taker, Corinne DeCost and Stephine A. Williams.

Show times are Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices for the show only are \$17, with a special \$12 price on Thursdays. The prices for the dinner and show combos range from \$30-\$45. Thursday's all-you-can-eat soup and salad buffet with the show is \$22, and there is a limited dinner menu on Thursday evenings for \$30 which includes a meal, the buffet and the show. Special Wednesday matinee performances will be held on July 20.

Reservations are required. For more information, call the Amesbury Playhouse at (978) 388-9444 or visit www.amesburyplayhouse.com.



PICK A SPOT — With its long sandy stretches of seashore, Salisbury Beach has a spot for you.
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A sizzling Salisbury summer

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SALISBURY | The Salisbury Chamber of Commerce recently announced its beach center calendar of events for Summer 2005.

The schedule includes music provided by a DJ every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. now through September 3; the upcoming Fourth

of July Weekend Celebration July 1-4, and live music on the mall presented every Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The line-up for live music on the mall is as follows: Groove Alliance, July 15; "B" Street Bombers, July 22; Groove Alliance, August 5; Smokin' Joe and the Henchmen, August 12; "B"

Street Bombers, August 19; and Compaq Big Band, September 2. Performers TBA for the July 29 and August 26 performances.

For more information about this entertainment schedule, call the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce at (978) 465-3581 or (800) 779-1771.

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FRIDAY, JULY 22 . . ."B" STREET BOMBERS

SATURDAY, JULY 23 . .DJ GARY FRANCIS

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