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Hope Cladwell (Erynn Ellsworth) and **Bobby Strong** (Daniel Erwin) start to have feeling for one another when she comes home from school.

You're in for something special with 'Urinetown'

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ANDERSON — Urine ... er ... you're in for a treat with Mainstage Theatre's latest production.

Try not to wet your pants from laughing during "Urinetown," which premieres at 7:30 tonight at Mainstage, 124 W. Ninth St.

Under the direction of Andrew Persinger and Stephen Fleck, "Urinetown" brings a different kind of toilet humor to Anderson.

The satirical musical comedy follows the poor people who must pay to use the restroom at Public Amenity No. 9 or risk being whisked away by police to "Urinetown," a mysterious destiny for those who can't afford — or wait — to relieve themselves.

The privileged at Urine Good Company don't worry about urinating; they just worry about using the drought to keep the poor in check so they can enjoy their private bathrooms and wads of cash.

A love story forms between Bobby Strong and Hope Cladwell, played by Daniel Erwin and Erynn Ellsworth. Sure, you root for the couple, but their individual performances are so entertaining that you almost don't care what happens to their characters.

As with his fantastic performance in "The Fantasticks," Erwin nails the comedic timing and vocals throughout the show. Ellsworth has musical chops, and she balances her character's naivety and headstrong smarts with humor and grace.

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If you go

What: "Urinetown"
Where: Mainstage Theatre, 124 W. Ninth St.
When: 7:30 p.m. today, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5; 3 p.m. Sept. 6
Cost: \$12 at 644-5111 or mainstagetheatre.org



THE TOP 50

MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN ANDERSON'S HISTORY

NUMBERS 20 - 11

To celebrate Anderson's sesquicentennial, The Herald Bulletin and a panel of local history experts have compiled a list of the Top 50 Most Influential People in the city's history. The list was culled from more than 200 people nominated by the panel and the public. Nominees were evaluated on their overall contributions that influenced Anderson in a positive manner.

The list will be announced in groups of 10 in the print edition and through a series of videos at heraldbulletin.com this week.

20. SANDI PATTY

Contemporary Christian songstress Sandi Patty worked as a studio musician for area recording studios while she attended Anderson University and has since gone on to become a superstar in Christian music. Her deep ties to the area often bring her back to Anderson.



19. WILL CARTER

A popular radio host and successful businessman who started Carter Express. The company found national and international success.

18. JIM AND MARILYN AULT

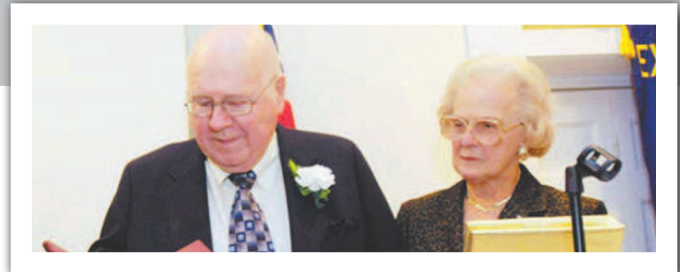
Jim Ault made his living in the auto industry, but the generosity of he and wife Marilyn has shaped life in Anderson. The philanthropists have assisted in numerous campaigns, including St. John's Medical Center's surgery center.

17. HARRIET TONER

Harriet Toner became publisher of The Anderson Herald in 1927 and was a pioneer in the women's rights movement.

16. RUDY PYLE III

Gov. Mitch Daniels appointed Rudy Pyle III to the Circuit Court of Madison County in 2009, making Pyle the county's first black judge. Since then, he's earned a reputation for being tough but fair and was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana.



15. BILL AND ANN HARDACRE

A lot of improvements to the community wouldn't have been possible without Bill and Ann Hardacre, but one of the most noteworthy was their role in renovating the Paramount Theatre in the late 1980s. Ann also taught dance for more than 50 years.

14. WINFIELD DURBIN

Anderson businessman Winfield Durbin became the governor of Indiana in 1901. After he left office in 1905, he still dabbled in politics, including an unsuccessful run as governor, but returned to Anderson where he lived until his death.

13. TOM SNYDER

Tom Snyder started his career in the auto industry and helped diversify Delco Remy, but in recent years Snyder has turned his innovative mind toward education as president of the Ivy Tech Community College system.

12. ELLA KEHRER

The nurse is credited with saving the lives of nearly 3,000 Madison County residents who suffered from tuberculosis. She was the driving forces behind the establishment of a hospital where people with TB could recuperate.

11. JOHN LAMBERT

John Lambert invented and designed the Buckeye engine in 1894. He eventually moved to Anderson and started the Buckeye Manufacturing Company, which housed the Lambert Automobile Company. The company eventually produced ammunition shells, caisson wheels and military fire engines after the United States entered World War I.



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