

'Letters' from Fort Columbia

'Letters to Anne of Green Gables'

Fort Columbia Theater,
475 U.S. Highway 101,
Chinook, Washington

Performances are at
7 p.m. on Friday and
Saturday and 2 p.m. on
Sunday, as well as at
7 p.m. on July 15 and
16, 22 and 23, 29 and
30, and at 2 p.m. on
July 17, 24 and 31

Admission is \$12.50 for
children under 10, \$16
for adults and \$19 for
reserved seating

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Chinook theater group
stages first production
in two years



Anne Shirley, as portrayed by Lyla Inskeep, left, and Matthew Cuthbert, as played by Glenn Ripley, in 'Letters to Anne of Green Gables,' opening on Friday.

BY PETER KORCHNAK

The Peninsula Association of Performing Artists will return to its Fort Columbia theater stage on Friday with "Letters to Anne of Green Gables," the troupe's first full performance in more than two years.

While the association typically stages a summer musical, this year's season pushed for a full production. Titles were tossed around, but one piece in particular caught the eye of association vice president Angela Grote. "We had considered Anne of Green

Gables," she said.

Then, Carly Keone, a regular troupe actor and now their newest director, discovered the classic play as performed by the Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The association's leaders felt confident the new take would bring community members back to the historic venue. "We went for something that would get us back in the game and get people out there saying, 'Oh, yeah, I remember I used to go there,'" Grote said.

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