

PENDLETON

# College Community Theatre stages musical of biblical proportions

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A family-friendly musical with catchy tunes and a coat of many colors will be staged by the College Community Theatre.

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” tells the tale of Israel’s favorite son — including his triumphs and tribulations as written in book of Genesis in the Bible. The stage director is Doreen Matteson and Bill Mayclin serves as the musical director.

“Presented with humor, high energy and wonderful music, Joseph’s story is ageless,” Matteson said. “It’s a saga of love, mistakes, betrayal, jealousy, injustice and lies.”

A Pay-What-You-Can Preview Night is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre, located in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Subsequent performances are Feb. 24-25 and March 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. and matinee shows are Feb. 26 and March 5 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for regular performances are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and students. Children under age 3 will not be admitted. The Pioneer Hall box office is open Monday through Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. To reach the box office, people can call 541-278-5953. Available tickets will be sold at the door. However, advanced reservations are strongly encouraged.

Matteson said in today’s world, the production would be the ultimate Reality TV



Cast members Sarah Pilch, Bill Mayclin, Lisa-Marie Patterson, Mona Hern, Jessie Patterson, Jonathon Wolotira, Brittany Johnson and Rebecca Frostad rehearse for the College Community Theatre production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” A Pay-What-You-Can Preview Night is Thursday in Bob Clapp Theatre at BMCC in Pendleton.

Photo contributed by Debbie McIntosh

show. Yet, she said, it’s one of her favorites because ultimately, love wins — although tested to the limits, Joseph holds on to his dreams because his faith and hopes for the future never die. The show, Matteson said, will leave audiences feeling energized.

“An ancient story, yes, but one whose lessons we’d be wise to pay attention to in these times of anger and violence,” she said.

The 35 member cast includes Jonathan Wolotira in the title role, Emily Muller-Callender as The Narrator, Andy Cary as Pharaoh, Bill Mayclin

appearing as both Jacob and Potiphar, Rebecca Frostad playing Mrs. Potiphar and a wife, Harper Jones II as Judah (one of Joseph’s brothers) and the Baker, and Zack Rock playing Dan (another brother) and the Butler.

The rest of Joseph’s brothers are played by Greg Alexander, Bill Dochnahl, Murray Dunlap, Trevor Jones, Nick Leonard, Rick Pullen, John Summerfield, Collin Taber and Daniel Winn. Appearing as the wives are Cheryl Carlson, Mona Hern, Brittany Johnson, MaKenzie McLeod, Katie Montchalin, Jessie Patterson, Lisa-Marie Patterson, Sarah Pilch, Taryn

Schmidt, Ellen Wardell and Ashlee Zaugg.

Members of the youth chorus are Addison Bonzani, Kendall Bonzani, Madeline Breiling, Sanika Patterson, Ellie Samford, Freddie Schreier, Gisele Short and Brielle Youncs. The orchestra includes David Chorazy, Caty Clifton, Alan Feves, Greg Schulburg, Marilyn Van Vliect, Phil Winter and Margaret Mayer, who also serves as conductor and rehearsal pianist.

For more information, contact [cct@bluecc.edu](mailto:cct@bluecc.edu) or visit [www.bluecc.edu/community/college-community-theatre](http://www.bluecc.edu/community/college-community-theatre).

MILTON-FREEWATER

# Gang members on witness list for slaying trial

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

One of Umatilla County’s longest-pending murder trials looms less than two weeks away.

George Rodriguez Cantu, 24, of Walla Walla, faces murder and weapons charges stemming from the July 2015 drive-by shooting death of Guadalupe Jose Diaz in Milton-Freewater. He has been in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, since March 2, 2016. Umatilla County Circuit Court records shows his two-week long trial is on the docket to begin March 6 in Pendleton.

The district attorney’s office in late 2016 notified the court it could rely on as many as 16 witnesses at the trial. Among the names of police and forensic investigators are Antonio Carmona-Hernandez and his older brother, Birzavit Carmona-Hernandez.

Both are gang members in their early 20s, according to reporting from the *Walla Walla Union-Bulletin*, who were mixed up in a deadly shooting in October 2015

at a Walla Walla tavern. They both took plea deals in that case.

Antonio Carmona-Hernandez is serving two years and two months at Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, after pleading guilty in February 2016 to intimidating a witness, first-degree rendering criminal assistance and criminal mischief.



Cantu

Birzavit Carmona-Hernandez is serving time at the Walla Walla County jail after pleading guilty in March 2016 to fourth-degree assault and criminal mischief.

In addition to murder, Cantu faces charges of unlawful use of a weapon against another, unlawful discharge of a weapon, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Jaclyn Jenkins, chief deputy prosecutor, has submitted jury instructions and a verdict from. Cantu has a trial readiness hearing Wednesday morning at the Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton.

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BRIEFLY

## BMCC receives grants for transitional programs

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Education, Blue Mountain Community College has an extra \$50,000 in grants to support its high school to college transition programs.

BMCC announced Monday that it received two \$25,000 GEAR UP grants from the federal government and detailed its plans for the money.

A press release states that one grant will go toward the GEAR UP Academic Enrichment Program, which will take place June 26-30 at the BMCC Hermiston center.

BMCC will provide transportation for ninth and 10th graders as they introduce them to the college experience in both Pendleton and Hermiston.

The grant allows BMCC to expand last year’s program from 15 students over three days to 30 students over five days.

High school freshman and sophomores can register at <http://www.bluecc.edu/enrollment-services/gear-up>.

The other grant will create a new program — GEAR UP Summer Bridge.

Taking place between July 10 and Aug. 4, Summer Bridge is focused on improving the academic performance of first-time, full-time, first generation college students.

In addition to a jump start on college and the opportunity to earn some college credit for the high school seniors that utilize Summer Bridge, BMCC will also use the program to

provide support during their first year of college.

The press release states that BMCC will provide more information on Summer Bridge soon.

## Marchers to host workshop on running for office

PENDLETON — There are well over 100 local seats up for grabs in Umatilla County for the May 16 election, and the Blue Mountain OR Marchers wants to provide information to prospective candidates.

The marchers, the group that organized the March on Pendleton in January,

will hold a workshop called “Running for Office in Oregon” at the Pendleton City Hall Community Room at 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

Attendees will hear information from Pete Wells, a former Pendleton city attorney, municipal court judge and the Democratic candidate for the Oregon House District 58 seat in 2010.

Wells will discuss reasons for running for office, selecting an office to run for, how to file, the election schedule, financial reporting and other topics.

People interested in the even are encouraged to RSVP on the “Running for

Office in Oregon” Facebook page.

For more information, call Wells at 541-379-2180.

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