

# College Community Theatre sets stage for romantic comedy

Production opens with Thursday preview night

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Passion, laughter, romance, anger and love sets the stage for a battle of the sexes as College Community Theatre presents “Private Lives.”

A comedy by Noel Coward, the play centers around a divorced couple that finds themselves in adjacent rooms at the same hotel while honeymooning with their new spouses.



Directed by Steve Bowen, the play begins with a pay-what-you-can preview night on Thursday at

7:30 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Regular performances are May 10-11 and 16-18 at 7:30 p.m.; and matinee shows on Sundays, May 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.

Bowen has been performing and directing for well over 50 years, including in Southern California, Idaho, and now Oregon. Bowen moved to Pendle-



Photo contributed by Steve Bowen

**Madeline Breiling (Louise) plays the part of a French maid in “Private Lives.” The College Community Theatre production opens Thursday with a pay-what-you-can preview night at BMCC in Pendleton.**

ton about six years ago after retiring.

“Theater has always been a hobby of mine,” Bowen said. “The first thing we do when we move is get involved with the theater program.”

No stranger to CCT, Bowen directed the female version of “The Odd Couple” during the spring of 2017. In addition, he has been involved with the



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**William Wehrli (Victor) and Ivy Rueppel (Sibyl) rehearse a scene from “Private Lives.” The College Community Theatre production opens Thursday with a pay-what-you-can preview night at BMCC in Pendleton.**

confidence as he prepares for roles, Bowen said.

Cast as Sibyl, Bowen said Ivy Rueppel brings youth and enthusiasm to the stage. Also, he said Madeline Breiling, who plays a small role as Louisa, comes alive on stage. And, William Wehrli as Victor, Bowen said, is talented and takes direction well.

“The cast is an amazing, hard working group,” Bowen said.

In addition, Bowen is

pleased with Josh King’s expertise. Bowen gave King free rein in designing the stage, which featured a huge challenge with two complete sets.

“For the last five years, he has dazzled me with his artistic talent,” Bowen said.

He also expressed appreciation to Janette Lemons, who provides insight and character analysis. Without Lemons’ attention to detail, Bowen said the play would not result in the wonderful

show that it is.

Tickets for “Private Lives” are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students of all ages. The Pioneer Hall box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 2 p.m. and prior to performances. In addition, people can call 541-278-5953 or buy online at [www.cctpendleton.com](http://www.cctpendleton.com).

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## Chalmers to discuss Umatilla County taxes

PENDLETON — Paul Chalmers, Umatilla County’s director of assessment and taxation, is the featured guest during the upcoming Round Up Republican Women’s meeting.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

The no-host lunch costs \$11.

People who plan to attend are asked to register in advance.

To RSVP or for more information, contact 541-969-2677 or [rounduprw@gmail.com](mailto:rounduprw@gmail.com).

## COMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

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ond St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. (541-567-3582)

**SKILLS FOR LIFE,** 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities at 3 p.m., life skills at 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. (41-276-3987)

**CRAFTERNOONS,** 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All

ages. (541-966-0380)

**LADIES NIGHT OUT,** 6-8 p.m., Abby’s Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton. Meet other ladies for food, fun and fellowship. Pizza and salad is provided. (541-276-6417)

**PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO,** 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

**INSIDE OUTSIDE THE**

**LINES ADULT COLORING,** 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

**PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP,** 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

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