

'Dangling Conversation' features Shakespeare duos

BANDON — Frolic with Shakespeare's best-loved romantic duos in "Dangling Conversation," a contemporary cabaret of Shakespeare and song presented by the Bandon Playhouse.

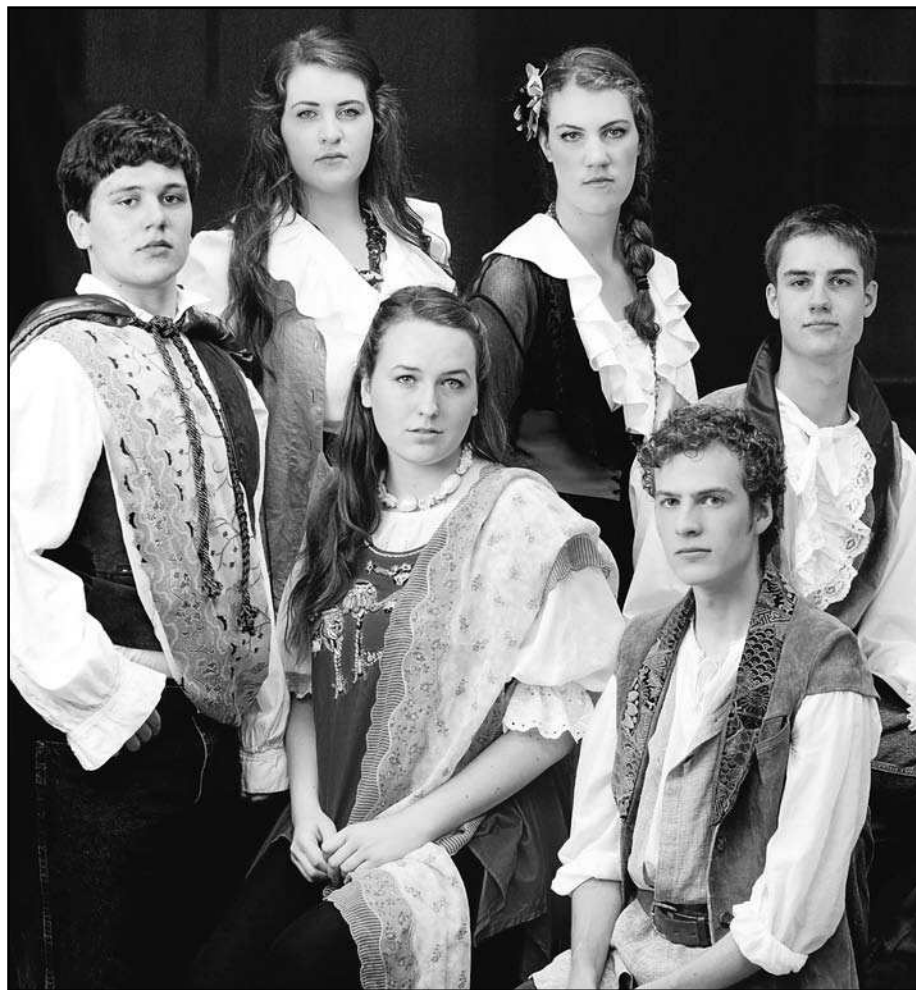
Shows are one weekend only, Aug. 5, 6 and 7 at the Sprague Community Theater, 1202 11th St. SW in Bandon.

Four-hundred years after the Bard's death, his classic girl-meets-boy story lines are still favorites for actors and audiences. Shakespeare's couples woo with sweet words, then joust in jealous spats.

"Dangling Conversation," (a reference to a Simon and Garfunkel song), features selections from eight of Shakespeare's best-loved comedic and tragic romances, such as "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Taming of the Shrew," "Hamlet" and "Romeo and Juliet." Scenes are embroidered with classical and folk music.

The players are six of Bandon's young adult performers: Tessa Fuller, Josiah Hay, Lachlan Miller, Autumn Moss-Strong, Darby Underdown and Max Underdown. These high school and college students boast award-winning participation in speech, theater and music groups.

They are recognized in the local performance scene and have traveled the



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Cast of "Dangling Conversation," presented by Bandon Playhouse

country to appear at venues such as the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

The show is directed by Mike Dempsey, with Geneva Miller as creative director. Crystal Landucci and Candace Kreitlow will accompany the performers on piano, guitar and harp.

The production doubles as a workshop that engages the cast in all aspects of theater production, and students contribute to selection of roles and music, choreography and vocal music arrangements.

"Dangling Conversation emerged, as the title suggests, from conversations between several people involved in local theater," Miller said. "We were eager for the opportunity to workshop music and dramatic literature with a cast of young adult performers ready to explore fun, but challenging repertoire. The contemporary overtones in this cabaret of Shakespeare and song reflect the creativity each cast member brings to the ensemble."

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10. Advance tickets are available at Bandon Mercantile Company, 535 Second St. SE. For will-call tickets, call 541-236-5105. Tickets also available at the door. For more information, visit bandonplayhouse.org.

Salmon Barbecue tickets on sale

Bay Area Kiwanis Club hosts 58th annual fundraiser Aug. 7

COOS BAY — Tickets are now on sale for the Bay Area Kiwanis Club's 58th Wave Young Salmon Barbecue.

This public event will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bastendorff Beach County Park.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$7 for children under 10; and a new "family" ticket for \$50. The family ticket applies to parents with children 18 and under living in the same household.

The menu includes barbecued salmon steaks, coleslaw,

baked potatoes, rolls, coffee and ice cream.

Tickets may be purchased from any Bay Area Kiwanian or call Jeff Swank at 541-217-5678 or Beth Gipson at 541-756-3984.

Tickets are also available at Allstate Insurance Agency, 1609 N. Bayshore Dr. in Coos Bay and Gipson Farmers Insurance Agency, 1899 Virginia Ave. in North Bend.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Kozy Kitchen II in Coos Bay.

Proceeds from this event

support local Kiwanis projects. These projects include an annual shoe giveaway for disadvantaged kids, scholarships for local high school graduates, North Bend and Marshfield Key Clubs, sponsorship of a team at the OSAA annual Boys and Girls 3A Championship Basketball Tournament and many other ventures that benefit youth in our community.

This major fundraiser is a great opportunity to enjoy the beach and share a great meal while supporting a worthy cause.

Waldport Library Friends host book sale Aug. 12-13

WALDPOR — The Friends of the Waldport Library are holding their revived summer book sale on Aug. 12 and 13 at the new Waldport Public Works Shop, 4028 Ann St., off Crestline Drive.

The general sale, open to everyone, is Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A members-only preview sale is Friday, Aug. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Memberships to the Friends can be purchased in advance at the Waldport Library or at the preview.

The Friends are accepting donations of clean books and grocery bags with handles at

the library during business hours until Wednesday, Aug. 10.

All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the library, including its Summer Reading Program, recorded books collection, a photocopier and awards for the LEGO competition and Young Writers competition.

The Friends are keeping to their traditional low prices of \$1 for hardback books and 50 cents for paperbacks. On Saturday afternoon, there will be a "bag sale."

For more information, contact the library at 541-563-5880; waldportlibrary.org.

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