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Wisconsin Rapids Community Theater actors rehearse for the upcoming performances of "Rumors," by Neil Simon.

Submitted photos

WRCT brings 'Rumors' to the stage beginning May 3

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre is preparing to bring its final show of the year to the stage. The cast and crew have been working since early March to bring "Rumors" to life. Written by Neil Simon, "Rumors" is an enjoyable romp about four couples who arrive at the home of their friends, Charlie and Myra, for a dinner party in honor of their tenth anniversary. However, things go topsy-turvy when they arrive to find only the host with a self-inflicted flesh wound. Hilarity and speculation run amuck as they try to conceal the evening's events from the media and police.

This comical play is coming alive through the vision of director Christine Sullivan, who has been planning all year for this show. She came ready with set design, ideas for lighting and sound, and had a crew of support by the time auditions were held.

"From the beginning, these wonderful and talented actors and actresses have drawn us into their story of friendship and relationships with the wit and sarcastic humor that helps us get through some of life's sticky situations," Sullivan said.

She not only found out they were right for their parts, but also found she loves the friendships they've built through fun and laughter.

"It has been a wonderful experience working with this cast and crew on the play 'Rumors,'" said actor Dick Antinoja.



In the play "Rumors," the local cast portrays a group of friends trying to hide a surprising situation at a dinner party from the police. The WRCT runs the first two weekends in May.

The cast includes:

- Phil Hartley and Bethany Peckham as Ken and Chris Gorman
- Ann Trzinski and Andy Kleckner as Claire and Lenny Ganz
- Dick Antinoja and Heather Sairs as Ernie and Cookie Cusack
- Jeff Friday and Cassidy Rinker as Glenn and Cassie Cooper
- Chris Williams as officer Welch
- Evelyn Chojnacki as officer Pudney

Performances are May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 at 7 p.m., and May 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or in person. www.wrctheatre.org; box office hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 pm. The theater is located at 220 3rd Ave South Ste# 6; 715-421-0435.

The Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre has been bringing plays to the area since 1975 and are always welcoming new participants or patrons.

Next up, the Children's Theatre kids will be performing Disney's Newsies Jr. July 11-13, as well as a show at Lunch by the River called "Midsummerish" on July 18.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Nekoosa Public Works Department is seeking students for summer employment at our public works department for the summer of 2024. Students must have recently completed high school or completed college semester studies and plan to continue with school in the fall of 2024.

Applications can be located on the City of Nekoosa website (cityofnekoosa.org). Applications should be returned by email to rschmidt@nekoosawi.com by April 30 at 4:00 PM.

Summer pay for first time students is \$13.00 per hour. Summer employment hours are 4 – 10-hour days starting the week after Memorial Day and runs up to Labor Day. Working days are Monday through Thursday.

Students should be in good physical condition, be willing to work outside and will get training and use with all types of equipment. Work efforts will be on tree care, grass maintenance in parks, city properties and our cemetery and maintenance on city properties. Work efforts will also include assisting the water and wastewater utility with summer maintenance activities.

Any questions can be directed to Rick Schmidt via my email or by phone at 715-886-7889.

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The CCA would be able to assist individuals with their activities of daily living, help those who are a part of the Bathing Program that Park Place offers to the community who request this service, engage those participants attending in mind stimulating activities like art, music, pet, cooking and reading, all to maintain a special dignity in a warm, caring, safe, and positive environment. Work hours would be variable, but a CCA could expect to work at least one to two 6 hour days per pay period and be given additional hours as needed.

For an RN, experience doing TB tests is a plus as Park Place does offer that service to the Assisted Livings and Group Homes in the community for their new employees and the individuals who reside there. Either an RN or LPN can expect to work about 2 days per week - more hours possible to cover vacation time for the Director. Monitoring and assisting the care staff and clients, attending to issues like a fall or disruption, giving prescribed medications to those attending for the day are all part of the job opportunities that await this nurse!

Park Place Adult Day Services is open Monday through Friday, no holidays or weekends. Call 715-422-2795 or 715-422-2796 and ask for Director Karen to request a tour, an interview and an application!