

THEATER

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play states. As they rehearse, it's evident the local actors have as much fun as anyone. "It's enjoyable. It's one way to socialize," says actor James Pahlmeyer, who has been involved with the play for several years. "You can have fun and it's laughs for the cast and everybody else,"

he says. Director Adrien Kathrein returns to the stage this year as an actor as well. "Now, I get to be on stage this year," she says. "That's pretty fun." The community theater tradition began in 2014 in New England as a fundraiser for improvements at the Memorial Hall. But those involved had so much fun, they decided to continue with an annual dinner theater.

After the second show, the lead group decided to continue with the productions and formed Rainy Butte Productions as a nonprofit organization with a board of directors. "We've been doing this for so long, we have a lot of return customers," Kathrein says. The cast includes: Wiggles – Vince Greidanus Cecilia – Sara Krebs Little Bob – Heidi

Marxen Annie – Teresa Nielsen Digby – Jim Pahlmeyer Mama – Becky Jacobs Janice Farnsworth – Michaela Fischer Victoria Varley – Jessie Binstock Bubbles – Ariann Doe Madame Zamboni – Adrien Kathrein

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The bridge rests on land presumably owned by Don Schaible, a senator for District 31, who inherited the property and the bridge from his father. "It's assumed that I own the property," Schaible said. When the railroad abandoned the property, his father

purchased two tracts and dismantled some of the wooden bridges along the route. But this particular tract is not recorded anywhere, Schaible said. "I'm not trying to walk away from my responsibility," Schaible said. "The goal for everybody is to get the bridge out of there and make it safe." Several companies are looking at options

for removal, Schaible said. "Getting the bridge out doesn't seem to be that big of a problem. The question that they have is that we don't damage the bank or cause erosion issues with that," Schaible said. "The priority is getting the bridge out. I think that's a necessity and then cleaning up whatever the mess is, so it's not a hazard anymore," he said. How the bridge will be salvaged is also still a question. Questions about cost responsibilities also entail. During a meeting with interested parties, N.D. Department of Water Resources Director Andrea Travnicek indicated

the state does not have funds for this type of project. "This situation requires everyone working together to develop a plan to remove the bridge," she said, indicating there is no precedent for this situation. "With the bridge privately owned, and located within a local water resources district, and near the city of Mott, all parties will have to be involved." In early September, a group met consisting of Schaible, representatives of the N.D. Department of Water Resources, Hettinger County Commission, Hettinger County Water Resource Board, city of Mott and individuals with a vested interest. In a letter to the Hettinger County Water Resource Board, Travnicek outlined responsibilities. "The remnant of the bridge within the river channel appears to be obstructing the natural flow of the Cannonball River," she wrote, giving the Water Resources Board the authority and responsibility to order its removal. The bridge is also within the city of Mott's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Burlington Northern Railroad operated several lines that have since been abandoned or repurposed. In this case, the infrastructure remained in place and has since become a local landmark. "That bridge could tell some stories," Mott Mayor Troy Mosbrucker said.

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MOTT/REGENT SENIOR MEALS MENU

- Thursday, Oct. 3:** Root-beer ribs, sweet potatoes, house salad w/dressing, peaches, corn bread, milk, coffee.
- Friday, Oct. 4:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, herbed green beans, yogurt & peaches, dinner roll, milk, coffee.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, apricots, wheat bread, milk, coffee.
- Thursday, Oct. 10:** Beef potato hash, french style green beans w/ thyme, fruit salad, dinner roll, milk, coffee.

Suggested meal donation is \$5.00 per meal. For people under 60, the suggested donation is \$10.50. For meal reservations, please call 701-456-1818 by noon the day before.

All menus are subject to the availability of food items.

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Upcoming activities at the Mott Health Care Center include:

- Sunday, Oct. 6**
Local church services
2 p.m. – Coffee and cards
 - Monday, Oct. 7**
9 a.m. – Get your mind going, current events
2 p.m. – Uno
4 p.m. – Book club
 - Tuesday, Oct. 8**
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome
Noon – Elder Care meal
1 p.m. – Card players in activity room
2 p.m. – Hero discussion
6:30 p.m. – Bible study
 - Wednesday, Oct. 9**
8:30 a.m. – Current events
10 a.m. – Get your faith going
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Soup, sandwich and bake sale fundraiser
4 p.m. – Bingo
4:30 p.m. – Wine Down Wednesday
 - Thursday, Oct. 10**
10:30 a.m. – Spa day for hair
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome
Noon – Elder Care meal
12:30 p.m. – Bridge players in dining room
2 p.m. – Cake decorating
 - Friday, Oct. 11**
9 a.m. – Get yQour mind going, current events
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome
Noon – Elder Care meal
12:30 p.m. – Music from Leo and Janelle Brackel
2 p.m. – Spreading joy activity
 - Saturday, Oct. 12**
10 a.m. – Farming current events
2 p.m. – Clean out the garden
- Those who wish to volunteer can call for details at 824-3222.

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