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Scratching the surface provokes laughter in Shuler's 'Earnest'

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The Shuler Theater's Kaleidoscope Players provide what's called "high entertainment value" in their current production of Oscar Wilde's comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest." That value is best measured by the incessant laughter ringing from the audience from start to finish.

The plot and characters are minimal and trivial, but the dialog and acting are not. The many pleasures come from Wilde's witty lines delivered with accomplished acting that makes unlikeable characters highly engaging. Great comedy depends upon great acting, and this production has it.

Wilde is endlessly inventive at throwing one complication after another at his protagonists, two young men and the two young women whom they fancy. Mostly the men create their own complications: The men are shallow, their self-absorption

start. Played by Ian McCabe, the irresponsible rake early gets many of Wilde's best lines. Initially cynical about marriage, he says, "Divorces are made in Heaven." And "In married life, three is company and two is none." In a line that could have been written today rather than in 1894, he says, "More than half of modern culture depends on things that people shouldn't read."

Eventually the focus shifts from the two men to the two women before everyone comes together in a madcap third act. Nora Leahy plays Cecily, who is even more self-infatuated than her suitor, Algernon. She's already lived their relationship in her elaborate imagination, before they meet. Once she gets him, she is incapable of patience. Faced with waiting years for Algernon, she can't. "I can't wait five minutes ... for anything!"

By the third act, the four lead actors are in balance, bouncing off of each other with skill and relish. The supporting cast, too, is better than one could expect in any small town, except the one that has the Shuler Theater in it.

Sara Kowalski plays two roles, Lane and Merriman, the servants to Algernon and Cecily, respectively. Her butler, Lane, may be the only character to recognize everyone else's silliness. Both Lane and Kowalski do their jobs impeccably.

Matt Campbell's Rev. Canon Chausible and Brenda Ferri's Miss Prism are small but important roles done well. Barbara Farrar returns to the Shuler as the play's matriarch, Lady Augusta Bracknell, Gwendolyn's mother and aunt to Algernon — of whom she remarks, "He has nothing but he looks everything." The surface is always paramount.

As the play approaches its zany climax, all the pieces can't slip into place without Lady Bracknell's approval. Despite last Thursday's opening-night tentativeness, Farrar's character provided a critical pivot around which all the other characters revolved.

Director Tom Evans gets kudos for an expert production that includes his scenic design and a cast he assembled and coached to comic perfection. Leahy and McCabe get credit for some of the Shuler's best costuming in recent memory, with Blake White's two-tone brown-and-white shoes deserving special notice.

The final performances of "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be Thursday and Friday nights, July 10-11, at 7:30 p.m. The season continues Saturday night with the opening of Henry James's "The Turn of the Screw." General admission tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$5 for students and are available at the Shuler Theater. The theater's phone number is 575-445-4746.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

The characters played by Blake White, above left, and Ian McCabe don't always see eye to eye in Oscar Wilde's most popular play, "The Importance of Being Earnest." Wilde's comedy revolves around deception and surprise. At left, in the Shuler Theater's current production, White's character, center, is about to learn the secret of his birth, involving a leather bag held by Brenda Ferri's character. Observing at left are Nora Leahy and Ian McCabe. The show continues Thursday and Friday nights this week.

all-encompassing. It is a perfect play for the age of Facebook.

And online chat rooms: These people talk to each other without knowing each other, and without knowing themselves. They are their own creations, but they change on a whim. Because they are members of the upper crust, they have the leisure to be silly.

Wilde has great fun with them, giving them dialogue that sends ripples of laughter through the audience in steady rhythms. Of course, the characters themselves rarely know they're so funny, and the actors couldn't be better at toeing the line.

Blake White's character, John Worthing (a.k.a. Jack, a.k.a. Ernest), is a serious 29-year-old intent on becoming engaged to Miss Gwendolyn Fairfax, played by Tamara Todres with a good mix of sternness and sass. White begins almost as the comedy's straight man, with few verbal zingers, but the deeper he gets into complications, the more his expressions and physical comedy place him in the center of the laughter.

His counterpart, Algernon Moncrieff (a.k.a. Ernest), is wicked fun from the

WALSENBURG

Flooding forces evacuation of 100 Boy Scouts near Bear Creek

Associated Press

WALSENBURG, Colo. (AP) — About 100 Boy Scouts are back at their southern Colorado camp after being evacuated because of flooding.

The scouts left the Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch on school buses and sheriff's vehicles before dawn Tuesday after rain caused a creek on the property near Walsenburg to rise.

They went to a Red Cross shelter in Walsenburg and authorities cleared them to return around midday. Scout executive Michael Stewart says the scouts, most of them from southwestern Kansas, were camping in tents above Bear Creek and weren't in immediate danger.

Scouts there were also forced to evacuate last year by a wildfire, which has made the land more prone to flooding.

The scouts have been getting a real-life lesson in conservation by planting trees and grass to prevent erosion and flooding.

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Outstanding Principal Balance \$283,395.54

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:

LOT B41, SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH, UNIT 3, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED MAY 3, 1991 IN BOOK 879, PAGE 798, AT RECEPTION NO. 592103, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

** MODIFIED THROUGH A LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT DATED MAY 28, 2010

Also known by street and number as: 33640 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, TRINIDAD, CO 81082.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 200 E. First Street, Room 204, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees.

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the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

DATE: 04/25/2014
Donna J. Leonetti, Public Trustee in and for the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado

(PUBLIC TRUSTEE)
SEAL

By: Stephanie P. Suazo, Deputy Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 25-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 25, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Las Animas records.

Original Grantor(s)	STEVEN K LAWLESS
Original Beneficiary(ies)	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACACIA MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC DBA AROWHEAD FUNDING, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Date of Deed of Trust	June 27, 2006
County of Recording	Las Animas
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	July 18, 2006
Recording Information (Reception Number)	200600686478
Original Principal Amount	\$86,640.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$80,662.93

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:

LOT 21, BLOCK 41, C.P. TREATS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 624 TILLOTSON STREET, TRINIDAD, CO 81082.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at 200 E. First Street, Room 204, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 04/25/2014
Donna J. Leonetti, Public Trustee in and for the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado

(PUBLIC TRUSTEE)
SEAL

By: Stephanie P. Suazo, Deputy Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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Giovanni Camacho #44364

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 26-14

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On May 8, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Las Animas records.

Original Grantor(s)	PGE ENTERPRISES, LLC 416 UNIVERSITY, TRINIDAD, CO 81082
Original Beneficiary(ies)	INTERNATIONAL BANK
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	INTERNATIONAL BANK
Date of Deed of Trust	August 19, 2003
County of Recording	Las Animas
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	September 04, 2003
Recording Information (Reception Number)	200300668699 Book: 1031 Page: 56
Original Principal Amount	\$504,900.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$213,403.80

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property to be foreclosed is:

LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, AND THE EAST SEVEN AND ONE-HALF FEET OF LOT 10, BLOCK 23, TAYLOR AND SWALLOWS ADDITION, AND LOTS 30, 31, 32, 34, AND 35, IN BLOCK 23, TAYLOR AND SWALLOWS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TRINIDAD.

Also known by street and number as: 416 UNIVERSITY, TRINIDAD, CO 81082.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 200 E. First Street, Room 204, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 05/08/2014
Donna J. Leonetti, Public Trustee in and for the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado

(PUBLIC TRUSTEE)
SEAL

By: Stephanie P. Suazo, Deputy Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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