

Cliff Dwellers hit the stage in Wray for 'The DeLeeney Sisters'

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There might be just a little more crazy in the air this week because opening night is just around the corner for The Cliff Dweller's world premiere production of The DeLeeney Sisters. Three shows this weekend will take place Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Kitzmiller Auditorium in Wray.

A world premiere is exciting, of course, but the drawback is no one has any idea what the play is about and what it is like. In a nut shell, The DeLeeney Sisters is a two-act comedy that takes place in the 1960s in a small town in Kentucky where two "age-enhanced" sisters live together in the house they grew up in and rent out rooms to make ends meet.

Neither Darleen nor Maureen ever married, but it was not for lack of trying. Unfortunately, they always seem to try for the same man. After their last "incident" with an attractive male tenant ended in community service for them and a broken collar bone for him, they decided it would be prudent to restrict their borders to the female variety. But best intentions have a way of going awry and thus the play begins.

When a handsome gentleman looking for a quiet, restful home to recuperate from a very stressful career ends up as the sisters' next tenant, he also becomes an unwilling pawn in their game of love.

Inspired by the zany comedy greats of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, The DeLeeney Sisters is all out fun with an emphasis on silly. The show moves fast with some nutty characters and a lot of good old physical comedy reminiscent of Lucille Ball and Dick Van Dyke. If audiences enjoy a good laugh, they'll love The DeLeeney Sisters. Tickets are sold at the door or in advance at Wray Print Shop and Leigh Floral in Wray.

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