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### **LANESBORO RADIO COMPANY PRESENTS “OVER THE BACK FENCE”**

LANESBORO, MINN. — This summer, The Lanesboro Radio Company brings the 16<sup>th</sup> season of “Over the Back Fence” to the stage of the new Commonwealth Theatre in downtown Lanesboro. The one-hour variety show runs Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from May 30<sup>th</sup> through Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

Presented live onstage and broadcast over KFIL 103.1 FM and 1060 AM, “Over the Back Fence” is a mix of music, comedy and interviews featuring a cast of local and regional characters. Program hosts Hal Cropp and Scott Dixon oversee a lineup of musical guest artists that will include Mike McAbee, The Rhubarb Sisters, Smash the Windows, and The Root River Revelers, plus recurring segments such as “Fun With Food” with Peggy Hanson, Nancy Huisenga as “Lena Ann”, and the continuing adventures of “Sam Spade, Feline Detective”.

“It’s a fun time for all ages, 9 to 90,” says Stela Burdt, Artistic Director for “Over the Back Fence” and Director of Administration for The Commonwealth Theatre Company. “For an hour on a Sunday evening, families can gather at home or at the theatre for good, old-fashioned entertainment, just like the days of the golden age of radio.”

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“Over the Back Fence” is underwritten by Houston Dental Clinic PC and sponsored by over one dozen Lanesboro-area businesses and organizations. Each show has a special theme like “Inventions” or “Neighbors”, and is produced by The Commonweal Theatre Company and a volunteer staff, including executive producer Bob Petrillo and assistant executive producer Glen Jensson.

The shows are broadcast over KFIL at 103.1 FM or 1060 AM and podcast at [overthebackfence.org](http://overthebackfence.org). To watch “Over the Back Fence” live, tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased starting at 6 pm on the day of the show from the Commonweal Theatre Box Office. Season tickets to the show make a great deal, and an even better gift, at only \$35 for all fifteen weeks.

For more information about participating in “Over the Back Fence” either on the air or in the audience, contact Stela Burdt at 507-467-2905 x212 or [stela@commonwealtheatre.org](mailto:stela@commonwealtheatre.org). “Over the Back Fence” and the Lanesboro Radio Company are programs of the Commonweal Theatre Company.

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