

# ELK RAPIDS NEWS

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## The Elk Rapids Players present *Love ... or Best Offer*

The Elk Rapids Players returned to the Historic Elk Rapids Town Hall stage last weekend presenting Phil Olson's comedy *Love ... or Best Offer*. Director and cast member Brett Baldwin joined veteran actress Lisa Condon and ERP newcomers Jan Medford and Alex Steele in what is arguably the funniest play that the local troupe has produced in its 15-year history.

A synopsis of the play is that Cheryl is a widow of two years, Stan is newly divorced. After failed blind dates, their best friends, Lori and Dave, convince them to try online dating with the new dating website, "Friends, Love or Whatever." With the worst dating advice in the world from their friends, Cheryl and Stan set out to find happiness and true love – online. All the trials and tribulations of online dating come to the forefront, including overcoming heartbreak and rejection, all in an effort to find love...or best offer.

*Love ... or Best Offer* is presented with major

underwriting support from ArtRapids! and Elk Rapids Electric. Three more shows are scheduled for this weekend with 7:00 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 p.m. start for the Mother's Day finale.

Doors open 30 minutes before curtain time and tickets can be purchased at [Elkrapids.booktix.com](http://Elkrapids.booktix.com) as well as at the door. As always, cash bar service will be provided by Cellar 152 for the evening shows.



The cast of *Love...or Best Offer*, Alex Steele; Jan Medford; Brett Baldwin, Director; and Lisa Condon, take a curtain call. Not pictured: Gary Taurick, Asst Director, Matt Conrad, lighting specialist.



above: Cheryl (Jan Medford) and Lori (Lisa Condon) scroll online dating websites looking for potential matches for Cheryl.



at left: Stan (Alex Steele) and Dave (Brett Baldwin) discuss Stan's dating habits with Dave giving lots of advice.



Cheryl and Stan read through each other's online profile. Photos by Kim Eardley Photography

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