Shakespearean summer

Glacity Theatre Collective delivers a shining performance

Soaking up the sun and some lighthearted Shakespeare rounded out the perfect start of the summer as the Glacity Theater Collective players shined during their penultimate Sunday performance of All’s Well That Ends Well on June 21.

The troupe’s performance of Willy’s five-act comedy romp did the bard credit while taking advantage of the playful energy of the grassy Alida Ashley Amphitheater at the Maumee Valley Country Day School. The nine-person cast made use of this liveliness in their interactions with the audience and each other. This lets, for example, the innuendo-laden lines delivered by Ben Pryor (The Clown) and Dave DeChristopher (Parolles) to come off as impish rather than oafish. In terms of plot, this playfulness pays off particularly in the way Gordon James inflects just the right amount of teenage rebellion and horniness in his performance of Bertram to keep the character’s sometimes-off-putting motives intelligible.

For those who missed out, All’s Well hasn’t ended yet. If you prefer a summer night’s dream date, there are two remaining 7 p.m. performances at the school on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27, while a final matinee performance will close out the show on Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 S. Reynolds Rd. For more info, www.glacity.org.