



Area schools competing at the Region 6B One-Act Play competition in Watertown last week at Great Plains Lutheran High School included cast and crew members from Clark High School, Florence High School and Henry High School.

Top left: from left to right are Charly Rossow, Peyton Clyde, Gannon Mohr and Sophia Thompson from Henry High School.

Top right: the five Outstanding Actor/Actresses named during the competition are pictured from left to right: Wyatt Dahl, Dawson Hlavacek, Aleah Jaeger, Mia Jaeger and Ashelyn Klitzke.

Bottom: The Clark High School cast and crew is pictured. In the front row (left to right): Caydence Pickrel, Aleisha Naze, Leah Nelson, Nevaeh Reitz, Treivyn McRae and Jayla Easthouse. Back row (left to right): Kayla Arthur, Waylan Olson, Westen Olson, Oliver Reitz, Kaden Janisch, Kya Keszler and Logan Parker.

Submitted photos



Jason Foster is pictured above (right) accepting the Pork All-American Award from South Dakota Pork Producers Council Executive Director Glenn Muller at the 56th Annual Pork Congress and Trade Show that was held on January 15 in Sioux Falls.

Photo Courtesy of S.D. Pork Producers Council

Jason Foster honored with Pork All-American award from SDPPC

By Carolynn Olson

Jason Foster, his wife Ashley, son Renner and parents Rodney and Sheri Foster farm north of Garden City, S.D.

The Foster family farm was homesteaded in 1882 which makes Jason the fifth generation farmer. Jason and family have a diverse farming operation which includes raising corn and soybeans on 1,500 acres, a 200 head sow farrow to finish operation and 120 cow/calf pairs.

Jason has been active with South Dakota Pork since 2006, when he first joined the annual trade show committee. He first got elected to the SDPPC Executive Board in 2018 to represent District 2.

"Since I've been elected, I have served as chairman for the annual trade show and nominating committees," Foster stated. In 2023, he was elected to be the vice president of the organization, and Jason was elected and installed as president of South Dakota Pork Producers

Council earlier this month at the 56th Annual Pork Congress and Trade Show that was held January 14-15 in Sioux Falls. "It is a great honor to be serving as president of this great organization and to work alongside a dedicated board of directors to help the great pork producers of our state have a voice," he said.

Foster's duties as president include running and overseeing the organization, helping with any issues that may come up for the state and its' pork producers. He also has to maintain a good working relationship with other state commodity groups and be the voice of the state and its' pork producers.

Foster also received the Pork All-American award for the leadership and involvement that he's shown for South Dakota Pork. "It's very humbling to receive this award and to think that other pork producers think I deserve to receive this award, to nominate and vote for me - it's just overwhelming."

Area schools perform at One-Act play region competition

By Carolynn Olson

The Region 6B One-Act Play competition was held Wednesday, January 22 at Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown.

The cast from Clark High School performed *Talent Show Fail* by Ian McWethy.

"We chose a comedy this year, which is a big change from previous years," said director Amy Nelson. The play is about a town trying to raise money for their terrible roads by holding a talent show. As the title suggests, all the acts are a fail, but that doesn't necessarily mean they don't still find a way to raise the money.

The Clark High School cast and crew included Leah Nelson, Aleisha Naze, Waylan Olson, Oliver Reitz, Jayla Easthouse, Kaden Janisch, Kya Keszler, Westen Olson, Caydence Pickrel, Nevaeh Reitz,

Tre Reitz, Logan Parker and Kayla Arthur. Leah, Oliver and Aleisha received Superior acting awards at the region competition.

The title of Florence High School's One-Act play was *Checking In* by Suzan-Lori Parks. The play entailed people checking into a nice hotel at various stages in life - expectant parents, a mom and teen son, career man, parents raising kids, a retired couple and a widow. There's also a love story that develops between the bellhop and the housekeeper. It is a light-hearted comedy with some life reflection towards the end.

"The Florence cast did a great job this year at regions and had a wonderful experience," exclaimed director Marcy Klitzke. "We've come a long way since last year and look forward to competing again next year," she added. Florence's

Outstanding Actors/Actresses were Dawson Hlavacek, Ashelyn Klitzke, Mia Jaeger, Aleah Jaeger and Wyatt Dahl. The lights crew consisted of Coy Hemmingson and Knute Hemmingson. The cast were Wyatt Dahl, Mia Jaeger, Roean Rayermer, Lily Hemmingson, Makayla Meland, Markie Kohlenberg, Madelyn Klitzke, Aleah Jaeger, Lucy Kahnke, Ashelyn Klitzke, Adrian Flistrand, Broden Borns, Dawson Hlavacek, Zachary Schroeder, and Chance Haar.

Henry's One-Act play, entitled *Thirty Minutes to Charlie* by Nick Zagone, was about Reid and Kline, two men who work in public relations. The play takes place on September 11, 2001. A half hour before a meeting with an important client, they are forced to seek treatment in the emergency room of a hospital in Las Vegas for a serious cut Reid

has sustained to his head in an accident. His frustration steadily grows as the time ticks away, especially when the attending nurses are very slow and regard his problem as mediocre in relations to other events taking place around the country.

"Although we didn't advance on to State, we are very proud of the students and their hard work," said Carrie Kwasniewski. Kwasniewski and Julie Grund are the One-Act directors at Henry School. Cast members included Charly Rossow, Peyton Clyde, Gannon Mohr and Sophia Thompson. Mohr received a medal for Outstanding Actor. Maddy Kittleson was the sole crew member, responsible for the lights and stage.

Schools advancing to the State One-Act Play Festival in Brookings on February 6-8 were Rosholt and Warner.



Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Jennifer Bevers makes her way down the court, protecting the ball against a Cavalier player during the game against Aberdeen Roncalli in Clark on January 23.

Photo by Heather Jordan

Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers eclipse unshakable Lady Cyclones 49-43

By Heather Jordan

Aberdeen Roncalli used aggressive play and sticky defense to separate from Clark-Willow Lake 49-43 in a key Northeast Conference girls' basketball action on January 23 at the Clark High School gymnasium. The Cavaliers warded off a final advance from the Cyclones in the waning minutes of play to remain unbeaten in Northeast play.

Roncalli scored seven unanswered points to close out the first half and extend a two-point edge to a nine-point advantage. The deficit, which mushroomed to 22-37 for the Cyclones during one stretch, never got under seven until the final seconds, when Clark-Willow Lake made a layup as the buzzer

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Clark High School pops concert to be held Tuesday, February 4

The annual Clark High School Pops Concert, featuring the Clark School bands and choirs, will be Tuesday, February 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym. Amy Nelson is the band and choral director.

The program will include the sixth-eighth grade choir singing "Here Comes the Sun" and "Waves." The 9-12 choir band will sing "the Times They Are a Changin'," "Hey There Delilah," "Can't Catch Me Now" and "Viva La Vida."

For the band performances, the sixth grade band will perform "Rolling in the Deep" and "The Incredibles."

The seventh-12th grade band will play "She Had Me at Heads Carolina," "You Can't Stop the Beat" and "Carry on Wayward Son."

To end the concert, community members that have formed a community band for Waylan Olson's

senior project will join the seventh-12th grade band and play a '60s mix.

"The final song is Waylan Olson's senior project coming to life after the last month of practices!" Nelson exclaimed. Amy also serves as Olson's senior project mentor.

The public is invited to attend.

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January 15.....	11	-10	0
January 16.....	33	11	0
January 17.....	39	20	0
January 18.....	36	-1	0
January 19.....	5	-18	0
January 20.....	2	-16	0
2025 precipitation to date	.17"		
2024 precipitation to date	.29"		

Pairings announced for boys' Dak-XII/NEC Conference Clash

By Heather Jordan

Pairings have been announced for the annual boys' Dak XII/NEC Conference Clash on February 1 in Madison.

Games in the auxiliary gym include Canton vs. Redfield at 11:00 a.m., Tri-Valley vs. Sisseton at 12:30 p.m., Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Miibank at 2:00 p.m., Madison vs.

Webster at 3:30 p.m., and Dell Rapids vs. Groton at 5:00 p.m.

Games in the main gym include Lennox vs. Aberdeen Roncalli at 11:45 a.m., Vermillion vs. Sturgis at 1:15 p.m., Dakota Valley vs. Deuel at 2:45 p.m., West Central vs. Hamlin at 4:15 p.m., and Sioux Falls Christian vs. Clark-Willow Lake at 5:45 p.m.



Valley Roebke (in the striped shirt), a Clark high School senior, prepared and served the Clark Community Meal held at the Ulyot Building in Clark on Monday evening with help from fellow National Honor Society members.

Photo Courtesy of Kathy Roebke

Valley Roebke hosts community meal as portion of senior project

By Carolynn Olson

Clark High School senior, Valley Roebke is the daughter of Kathy Roebke. She has two younger brothers, 15-year-old Ivan and nine-year-old Erving.

For her senior project, Roebke, along with her mentor Tammie Paulson and some of Roebke's fellow Clark National Honor Society members, prepared food and hosted January's Clark Community Meal held Monday, January 27 at the Ulyot Building in Clark at 6:00 p.m. The free will donation community meal included a choice of chili, chicken noodle, cheesy potato or ham soups.

"The main focus of my project is to raise awareness and help with hunger and food insecurity," Roebke explained.

Roebke's goal is to raise \$700. All funds that are raised will be going

directly toward the next step of Valley's senior project: She, along with a group of over 30 volunteers, plan to go to The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Thursday, March 27, where they will prepare and serve food for people in need. "This will be a memorable experience for our students and will show the importance of helping others, and we're very excited!" Roebke exclaimed.

For those who were unable to attend the community meal, donations are still being accepted. To make a donation, contact Clark High School, Tammie Paulson or Valley Roebke through her school email at vr3100@k12.sd.us.

After graduation, Valley plans to attend Lake Area Technical College in Watertown enrolling in the Consumer Financial Services program.