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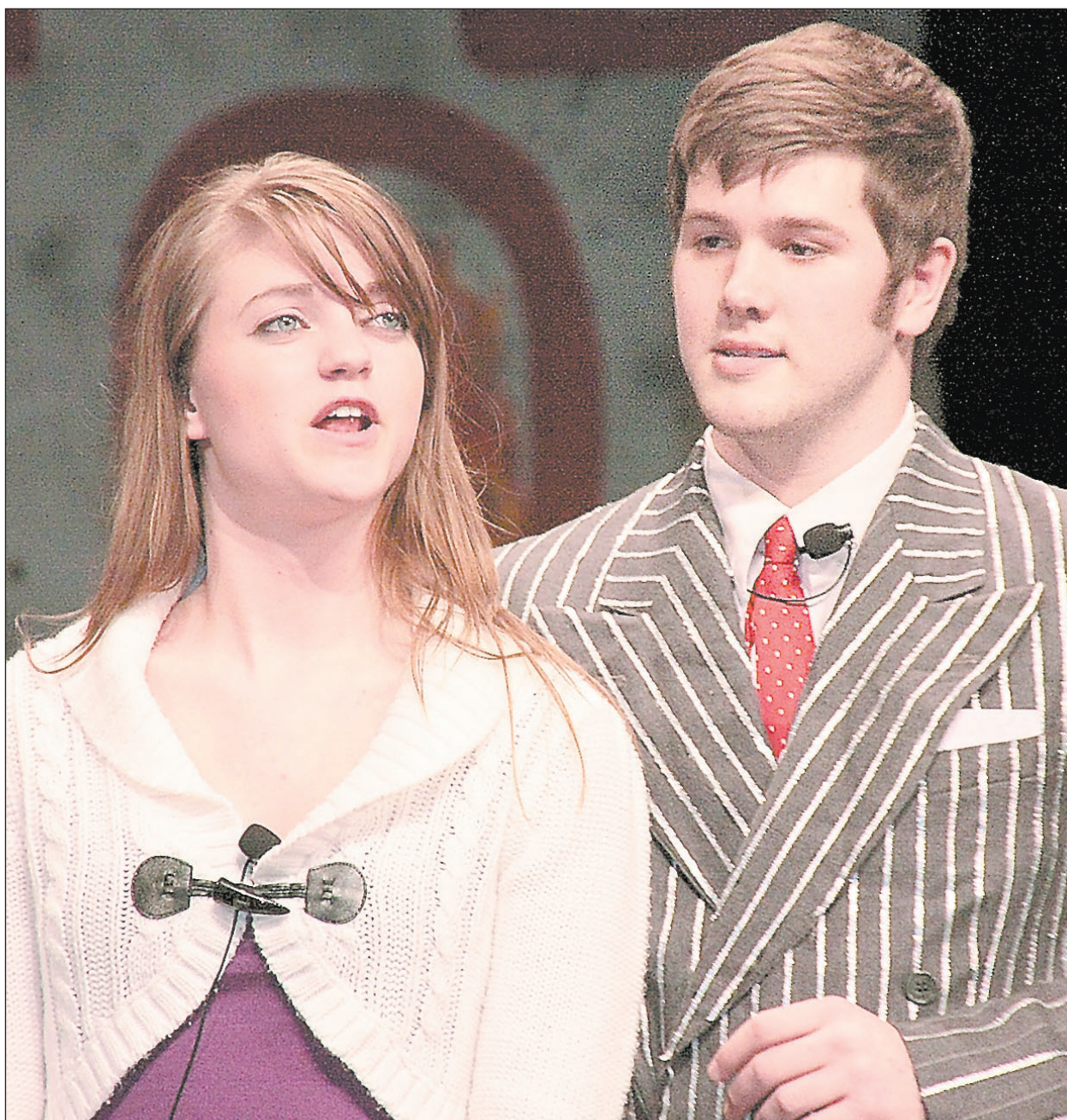


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The Yankton High School Theatre Department brings the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" to The stage for its spring production April 15-17 and April 19. LEFT: The Hot Box Girls (Amy Johnson, Emily Healy, Hannah Lambertz, Hannah Friedenbach, Jessica Nelson, Mikalya Vetter and Jerrica Huber) worry that he "loves them not." CENTER: Nathan Detroit (Jacob Folken, center) and his pals (Jordan

Hageman, Theryn Groetken and Matt Black) sing of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York. RIGHT: Miss Adelaide (Elle Tieszen, center) struts her stuff with her Hot Box Girls (Courtney Clark, Kelsey Moser, Jessica Nelson, Jerrica Huber and Hannah Friedenbach). To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net](http://spotted.yankton.net).

# Guys & Dolls



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Sarah Brown (Emily Vortherms) sings about finding her true love while Sky Masterson (Gavin Brandt) looks on in a scene from "Guys and Dolls," the classic musical by Frank Loesser that was inspired by the works of Damon Runyon. Yankton High School brings the musical to the stage of the Summit Activities Center April 15-17 and April

## Yankton High School Brings Classic Musical To The Stage Next Week

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When "Guys and Dolls" hits the stage next week, the Yankton High School Theatre will be filled with wiseguys and tough-talking dames.

Featuring a cast of approximately 70 students, the play will run at 7:30 p.m. April 15-17 and April 19.

"It's a time-honored classic," said director Keith Goeden. "It's just got loads of fun things (for the actors) to do. The girls get to play showgirls, the guys get to play underworld gambler-types. It's just a fun period piece."

Originally staged on Broadway in 1950 and running for 1,200 performances, "Guys and Dolls" is based on the works of writer Damon Runyon. The book was written by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser.

The plot concerns a group of gamblers in 1940s New York City and their dealings with the members of the Save-A-Soul Mission.

Like most of the YHS musicals, this one had a short production schedule.

"We start auditions in the end of February, so that gives us just barely five to six weeks to put the whole she-bang together," Goeden said. "We pretty much go six days a week. We're building sets and working on costumes and doing our blocking. There's not a whole lot of free time with a musical. ...

"At the same time, we have to make it work, so it's just one of those things. There's a lot of things going on in a short amount of time. That's probably the biggest challenge," he said.

Despite the short schedule, Goeden production is going "great."

"We have a great bunch of kids, and they work very hard," he said. "It always helps that we're loaded with upperclassmen, so they know the drills and they kind of know what's expected of them. We've got a pretty high standard here at YHS, and I think they tackled it with vim and vigor and did a nice job."

"I've done the musical every year since I was a freshman," said junior Joseph Boudreau, who plays Arvide Abernathy. "This show in particular, I definitely like the music, and it's a lot of fun with such a diverse cast. We have people from every grade, and they're all a lot of fun to work with."

"It's really well put together, and Mr. Goeden is doing a great job of directing everyone," added senior Theryn Groetken, who plays Benny Southstreet.

Junior Emily Vortherms, who plays Sarah Brown, said the production has been "a lot of fun."

"There's a lot of people, and there's been a lot to put together. I just like coming to practice and seeing all the people that I love, and just hanging out with everybody," she said.

Senior Gavin Brandt, who plays Sky Masterson, said the show has offered a new experience for him.

"I have actually never had a large role in a musical, so this will be the first time I've really had my own songs that I'm singing by myself," he said. "It's been an adventure. I've never been in chorus, and so this is my

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### Correction

Last week's River City article regarding Vince Two Eagle's upcoming book stated that he obtained a degree in psychology. The story should have said he has studied psychology but has not completed a psychology degree.

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