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LEFT: Man in Chair (Manny Valadez) and Janet Van De Graaff (Mikayla Trenhaile) debate her future plans in the song "Bride's Lament" in a scene from the upcoming Yankton High School production of the musical 'The Drowsy Chaperone.' **ABOVE:** Underling (Sam Carda) and Mrs. Tottendale (Paige Thieman) take a dance break as they contemplate what it means to be in love in "Love is Always Lovely in the End." (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

Musical Interludes



The Gangsters and Kitty [Kelsey Westerman (left), Bailey Franzen (center) and Maddie Henrickson (right)], sing an "unexpected" tune in "The Drowsy Chaperone."

YHS Brings A 'Play Within A Play' To The SAC Stage With The Musical 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

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Yankton audiences will be whisked away to the Roaring Twenties during the Yankton High School's production of the five-time Tony Award winning musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone" directed by Amy Miner.

This musical, which has a "show within a show" concept, involves a middle-aged theater buff, played by Manny Valadez who narrates his favorite musical record, the factitious "The Drowsy Chaperone."

As he plays the record, the musical comes to life right inside his apartment living room and features a wedding, gangsters, a theatre producer and a chaperone who seems to be on the tipsy side.

"It's a clever play," Miner said. "I love the whimsy of it. We have all been that person who is hanging out and listening to music — we just disappear. In this case, he disappears into this wonderful, imaginative production. I can relate. I have been a

kid listening to 'Guys and Dolls' since I was 7 years old."

Valadez said that this is the first time he has played a lead role in a musical.

"It is a little scary," Valadez said. "I have a lot of lines to memorize. This is my first lead and Ms. Miner said this is the largest lead she has ever cast. It is really nerve-wracking."

But Miner said Valadez has nothing to be nervous about.

"He is so much fun to work with," Miner said. "We have about 14 kids in these lead rolls, and about a third of them have been in that position before. It makes it really exciting because you see so much growth and so much possibility in what they can do. It's fun."

Valadez is not the only newcomer to the YHS production. Yankton audiences will see a lot of new actors and actresses they have never seen before, Cade Newland said.

"I have been really showing people the ropes along with the role," he said.

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