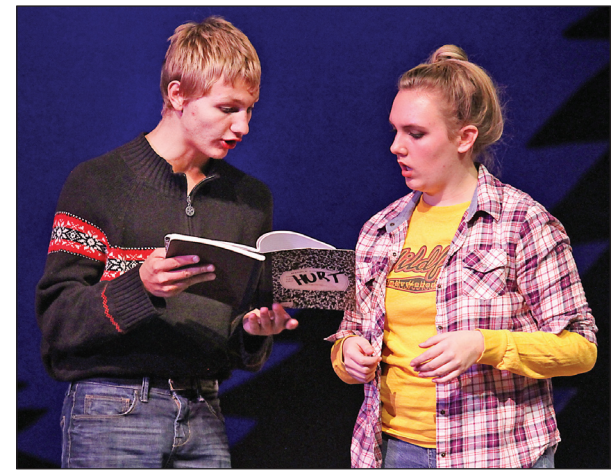


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# Love... 'Almost'



## The Many Looks Of Love Are Examined In The YHS Production 'Almost, Maine'

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**Y**ankton High School (YHS) is gearing up to chronicle nine romantic and comedic stories from a cold February night in the small town of Almost, Maine — and giving a wider range of students a chance to shine in the process. “Almost, Maine” is set to open tonight (Friday) at the YHS/Summit Activities Center Theatre, and director Keith Goeden said audiences will see a production of a different format than most plays.

“It’s a romantic comedy and it takes place on one night in February in the incredibly small town of Almost, Maine,” Goeden said. “It’s actually like nine different, small stories. ... The thing that ties them all together is that in some way, each story is like a love story. Some of them, it’s beginning love; some of it’s ending love; some of it’s how do you take it to the next level — and all sorts of different things. It’s all based on these different aspects of love, which I find pretty interesting.”

He added that the broken down format of the play was part of the reason he selected the play for the fall production.

“Part of the reason I chose it as a play is that it breaks down for rehearsal purposes very nicely,” he said. “Instead of having everybody having to be there every single night, we’re looking at nine scenes. Each scene is 2-3 actors.”

### Photos

**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** Scenes from the Yankton High School Drama Department’s fall production of “Almost, Maine” include: Ginette (Hailey Wagner) tries to get close with Pete (Cole Schlaefli); Sandrine (Rachel Wood) checks out Jimmy’s (Andrew Peitz) new ink; Glory (Taylor Wesseln) and East (Kaisee Murphy) get romantic; and Steve (Sam Gusso) explains what “hurts” to Marvalyn (Mikayla Trenhaile). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

The play, by John Cariani, premiered in 2004 and had a short Off-Broadway run in 2006. But its popularity grew: *The New York Times* wrote in 2010 that it was the most produced play in North American high schools.

Goeden said he’s seen the play twice during productions at Mount Marty College and Brandon Valley High School — but he’s also developed another connection to the play as well.

“I met the author,” he said. “I was in a workshop in New York and I met the guy. He wrote the play because he’s a

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1:30 PM Volleyball - Concordia University - Cimpl Arena  
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1:00 PM Women's Soccer - Dordt College - NFAA Complex  
3:00 PM Men's Soccer - Dordt College - NFAA Complex  
5:30 PM Yankton Children's Choir Rehearsal - Bistro  
6:00 PM JV Volleyball - Briar Cliff University - Cimpl Arena  
7:30 PM Volleyball - Briar Cliff University - Cimpl Arena  
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10:00 AM Mass - South Dining Room, Roncalli  
1:00 PM CAL: *Requiem: A Musical Story* with Dr. Kenneth Tice - Bede 230  
6:00 PM CAL: *Rediscovering Mary for the 21st Century* with Dr. Helen Ciernick - LIB 205  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball - Dakota State University - Madison, SD

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:00 PM Noon Forum: “Mother Mary” with Dr. Helen Ciernick - South Dining Room  
1:00 PM CAL: *Psychology of Happiness* with Dr. Alan Ferris - SLC 106  
7:30 PM Fall Choral Showcase - Marian Auditorium

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00 PM JV Basketball - Grace University - Cimpl Arena  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball - Grace University - Cimpl Arena

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