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Eugene (Lance Haberman) relates how "it" went as, from left, (front) Ivy Sue (Gracen Fehlhafer), Ireney (Ava Fischer), Ida Rose (Kate Luebbe) and (back) milliner (Natalie Sams), townsperson (Ellie Tempel), baker (Regan Fickel), lumberjack (Jack Wellman) and blacksmith (Ben Sams) hang on every word in "No Horse Town," performed by Centennial High.



Centennial High presented "No Horse Town" as its one-act play for 2021. Cast members are Reiden Fowler, Lance Haberman, Rachel Garcia, Paige Petersen, Cambria Saunders, Kate Luebbe, Gracen Fehlhafer, Ava Fischer, Saige Scheele, Parker Dishman, Regan Fickel, Jesse Dunbar, Jake Fehlhafer, Torian Ibarra, Jack Wellman, Natalie Sams, Jonathan Hoops, Ben Sams, Emalee Hawley and Ellie Tempel. The crew includes Jake Bargen, Shawn Rathjen, Jayde Gumaer, Maj Nisly, Elijah Utter, Alex Hirschfeld, Cora Hoffschneider, Savannah Horne, Ayla Kahler and Keenan Kosek. The play was directed by Jarrett Fowler and Rachel Saunders.



Melissa Marie (Cambria Saunders) tells the stranger (Saige Scheele), seated, that "it" can't be done as Becca June (Paige Petersen), Buddy Lee (Parker Dishman) and Ma (Rachel Garcia) listen.

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Malcolm's one-act, "The Golden Cap," was the runner-up in the Class A play production competition. Cast and crew are Dalton Amen, Alanea Babb, Berkley Barrett, Jaxyn Barrett, Scarlett Battles, Meren Benischek, Paige Binczik, Reegan Bixenmann, Elizabeth Boshart, Ruby Bostock, Tekamah Bratrsovsky, Karsyn Broders, Jayce Broughton, Lucas Brown, Ilianna Burgess, Gracie Burwell, Abigail Cantrell, Joshua Cantrell, Anna Grace Christensen, Lucas Christensen, Jacob Clarke, Ellana Coker, Ethan Coker, Kennedy Cole, Braxton Dalton, Lillian Dalton, Alessia De Colo, Jacob Diedrichsen, Adela Donahoo, Kiana Dostal, Katy Duong, Garrett England, Lauryn England, Grace Ensrud, Isabella Faubion, Alora Ferguson, Aria Ferguson, Alyssa Fortik, Danielle Fortik, Addyson Hanson, Sidney Holliday, Bailey Hraban, Drew Johnson, Katelin Keller, Carman Kinkaid, Karter Kinkaid, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Anistyn Klink, Apryl Knisley, Mattie Kucera, Rachel Lannin, Sophia Lannin, Bryson Leffers, Katherine Lewis, Owin Little, Cydnee Loos, Braelynn Lottman, Hana Maddox, Nathaniel Maddox, Kali Maytum, Emma Meyers, Hunter Meyers, Cyrena Miller, Elisa Paider, Madison Pavlik, Kyley Petersen, Natalie Plautz, Olivia Raben, Colton Reiling, Keegan Robinson, Benjamin Rogers, Autumn Saltzman, Jessica Sandell, Luke Schmidt, Callie Schroeder, Griffin Schroeder, Logan Schumacher, Anna Schweitzer, Cora Schweitzer, Jenna Schweitzer, Camry Sehi, Kailey Seitz, Maya Semerad, Lauren Shafer, Natalie Shafer, Miracle Sheldon, Paige Smith, Isabel Stenger, Brian Streeter, Julia Swerczek, Elizabeth Synek, Tyler Thieman, William Tiedeman, Carmen Vrbka, Luke Walters, Chase Wessel, Jenna Westerbuhr, Ava Wharton, Brenna Wilkie, Cooper Witte, Delaney Wollberg and Ethan Wollberg.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI/MT

Katie Lewis, left, and Ethan Wollberg of Malcolm are winged monkeys in "The Golden Cap," a play based loosely on writing by L. Frank Baum and written and adapted by Tami Maytum and Austyn McKee of Malcolm.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI/MT

Hana Maddox of Malcolm performs during "The Golden Cap," a play based loosely on writing by L. Frank Baum and written and adapted by Tami Maytum and Austyn McKee of Malcolm.

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Milford High School presented its one-act play "Dirt" on Dec. 13. The play was a tale of a Texas family enduring hardship during the 1930s depression and dust bowl. In this scene, Sophia Birch, portraying Edith Loftin, prays for her son, Gary Ray, played by Chance Stutzman, as he lies on the table after he stops breathing. Those aiding Gary Ray on the table are Trace Rowland as Lloyd Loftin, Ayden Shook as Unex, Zack Parra as Mike and Griffin Anderson as Cuffy. In the background are chorus members posing in tableaus depicting the dust bowl, Ella Hostetler, Ashlyn Schildt, Allyson Taylor and Addison Sample.



Trace Rowland as Lloyd Loftin, the father of the Loftin family, struggles with the possibility of losing their cotton farm due to the drought.





Brecken Yoder (front) playing Alvis Loftin, who suffers from schizophrenia, struggles with two chorus members (Gavin Piening and Logan Hershberger).

BELOW RIGHT: At the close of the play, after deaths in the family and losing their farm, the Loftin family looks forward to a new start in California. Pictured are, from left: (front row) Zack Parra as Mike, Avery Saltzman as Debbie and Ayden Shook as Unex; and (back row) Matthew Roth as Frank and Sophia Birch as Edith.



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Seward High performed "The Audition" for its one-act in 2021. Cast members and crew are Austin Schroeder, Noah Fields, Emma Lowther, Ella Gray, Emily Yelden, Julya Metschke, Audrey Wang, Damien Gligorevic, Karnie Gottschalk, Rachel Runyan, Bailey Broadwell, Camden Baldassano, Hannah Peetz, Owen Anson, Jaina Johnson, Abby Wignall, Korbin Opfer, Nicole Kenney, Tristin Cutshall-Cherry, Ethan Wilkinson, Sam Matthias, Sophia Matthias, Emily Bujarski, Ellen Klintworth, Jadyn Nelson, Nixon Seegebarth, Nathan Roebke, Julius Justice, Ainsley Hotovy, Lydia Lobmeyer and director Patrick Runyan.



Gina (Rachel Runyan) explains why puppies make her cry in "The Audition."



Alison's father (Camden Baldassano), right, insists that Mr. Torrance (Austin Schroeder) put Alison in the play in "The Audition," performed by Seward High.



Sarah (Audrey Wang) and Tommy (Damien Gligorevic) perform a scene Sarah wrote for a duet audition in "The Audition," performed by Seward High.

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UNK honor band and Class C All-State Members from Centennial are, from left, Micah Richters, Joey Dunbar, Rachel Garcia, Noah Jensen and Ben Sams.

Band members at Centennial High for 2021-22 are Mattigan Dodson, Jesse Dunbar, Joey Dunbar, Regan Fickel, Rachel Garcia, Kennedi Hilligas, James Hoffschneider, Johnathan Hoops, Matthew Hoops, Noah Jensen, Ayla Kahler, Victoria Kinsinger, Kate Luebbe, Daryl Nisly, Brialynn Nordstrom, Quinnlin Reyle, Micah Richters, Ben Sams, Natalie Sams, Kenzie Steckly and Josie Turnbull with director Joshua Harris. BELOW: CHS performs at Yorkfest.





Members of the 2021-22 Malcolm High band are Alanea Babb, Jaxyn Barrett, Tristen Boehle, Kaleb Boyce, Karsyn Broders, Christopher Burbach, Samuel Burbach, Anna Grace Christensen, Lucas Christensen, Ethan Coker, Jonathan Cook, Oliver Day, Jacob Diedrichsen, Grace Ensrud, Addison Gropp, Natalie Hanson, Halsten Hutchings, Drew Johnson, Anthony Kouma, Rachel Lannin, Reggie Lawson, Katherine Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Cydnee Loos, Kali Maytum, Emma Meyers, Hunter Meyers, Alex Paider, Elisa Paider, Madison Pavlik, Colton Reiling, Keegan Robinson, Cayden Robotham, Elliott Robotham, Autumn Saltzman, Jessica Sandell, Anna Schweitzer, Cora Schweitzer, Paige Smith, Skyler Stewart, Brian Streeter, Tyler Thieman, William Tiedeman and Noah Van Every.



Participating in the KHS Underclassmen Honor Band were Rachel Lannin, Alex Paider and Jessica Sandell.



Elisa Paider, Tyler Thieman, Kaleb Boyce were selected to be part of the UNK and Concordia honor bands.



Malcolm students who were part of the Doane Honor Band were Elisa Paider, Jessica Sandell, Cora Schweitzer, Kali Maytum, Rachel Lannin, Tyler Thieman and Kaleb Boyce. Boyce was also part of the Wayne State Honor Band.



The 2021-22 Milford High band includes, from left: (first row) Avery Saltzman, Hannah Wittstruck, Hannah Schilz, Clara Maple, Sally Burkey, Aydenn Freeman, Sydney Stelling, Anna Klopfenstein, Savannah Spahr, Morgan McCullough, Bethany Crane and Cassidy June; (second row) Jenna Wolf, Allyson Taylor, Hailey Jones, Caitlyn Adams, Elle Kratochvil, Erin Landkamer, Ella Hostetler, Ashlyn Schildt, Rebecca Freeman, Carly Donoghue, Eliza McGuire, Elana Prentice and Kathryn Blake; (third row) Ellison Piening, Izabelle Yeackley, Sanora Soper, Kalyn Schutz, Layla Elstun, Adyson Kroese, Sydney Hill, Abigail Brinkmeyer, Riley Ross, Madison Roth, Joslyn Wolf, Macy Stutzman, Addisyn Mowinkel and Director Phil Goddard; (fourth row) Zackary Parra, Garrett Freeman, Camdon Alaniz, Sarah Spahr, Chloe Pierce, Ava Maple, Sophia Birch, Hannah Fougeron, Ethan Wittstruck, Celia Bontrager, Matthew Roth, Nolan Eickhoff and Trace Rowland; (fifth row) Sydney Havlat, Rachel Shively, Sophia Pierce, Elliot Reitz, Landon Carraher, Isaiah Ross, Karis Kratochvil, Ayden Shook, Logan Wolf, McConaughy Pollock, Madison Stutzman, Mekenzie Riley and Maizie Kolb; (sixth row) Kellan Kubicek, Kaitlin Kontor, Orlando Rakow, Brenna Jackson, Aylandra Roth, Garret Watenpaugh, Victoria Mink, Colby Klug, Gavin Dunlap, Kolby Johns, Gabe Mach and Alexandria Keib: (seventh row) Gavin Piening, Griffin Anderson, Dane Kolb, Carter Roth, Landon Lautzenhiser, Conner Kohout, Thomas Vance, Logan Tejral, Hudson Mullet, Jack Stahl, Noah Schilz and Cole Stutzman; (eighth row) Jacob Fischer, Brooklyn McDonald, Chance Stutzman, Brecken Yoder, Anna Gurnsey, Ethan Buchli, Alec Shook, Bo Kepler, Dylan McDonald, Seth Stutzman, Colton Hauder and Kaylee Garrison; and (ninth row) Adan Rakow, Tryston Tyner, Kasen Petsch and Austin Cox. Not pictured are Krisianna Riley, Avery Roth, John Sage III, Riley Springer, Landon Allen, Elizabeth Bell, Madison Cosaert, Morgan Havlat, Brooke Henriksen, Aiden Henson, Korbyn Kemerling, Lilly Kenning and Scott Klinginsmith.





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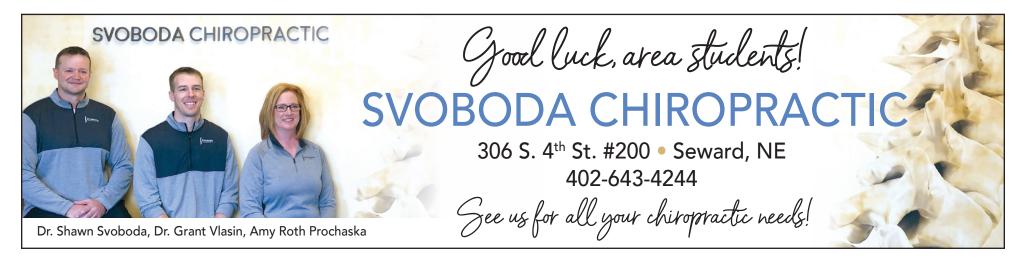


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The Seward High School Marching Band enters the competition field during the Nebraska State Marching Contest Oct. 23 at Kearney High School. This year's drum majors are Drew Kratochvil, Joshua Jurchen and Collin Warren. This year's show was called Matchpoint and composed by Ayatey Shabazz, who hails from Biloxi, Mississippi. The Marching Bluejays achieved perfection in all five shows – the Columbus Marching Invitational (parade and field) Sept. 25, Harvest of Harmony (parade and field) Oct. 2, Bennington (field) Oct. 9, LPS Invitational (field) Oct. 16 and Nebraska State Bandmasters Association (field) Oct. 23.





Members of the Centennial High choir for 2021-22 are Catelynn Bargen, Jake Bargen, Keelie Bronson, Jayden Butzke, Cayli Clouse, Jesse Dunbar, Gracen Fehlhafer, Reiden Fowler, Rachel Garcia, Lance Haberman, Johnathan Hoops, Matthew Hoops, Noah Jensen, Halle Kinnett, Victoria Kinsinger, Keenan Kosek, Daryl Nisly, Alexander Nitz, Kimberly Nitz, Brialynn Nordstrom, Paige Petersen, Shawn Rathjen, Quinnlin Reyle, Ben Sams, Natalie Sams, Cambria Saunders, Saige Scheele, Grace Schernikau, Elizabeth Tempel, Eliza Timmerman, Liberty Tomjack, Elijah Utter, Ella Wambold and Jackson Wellman.











Members of the Malcolm High choir for 2021-22 are Scarlett Battles, Cheyenne Benischek, Meren Benischek, Paige Binczik, Reegan Bixenmann, Brayden Boehle, Tristen Boehle, Elizabeth Boshart, Ruby Bostock, Lucille Brockhaus, Iliana Burgess, Isabella Burgess, Abigail Cantrell, Anna Grace Christensen, Ellana Coker, Ethan Coker, Braxton Dalton, Adela Donahoo, Garrett England, Isabella Faubion, Alora Ferguson, Aria Ferguson, Danielle Fortik, Carton Frank, Andrea Gonzalez-Mendoza, Bailey Hraban, Drew Johnson, Anistyn Klink, Apryl Knisley, Rachel Lannin, Sophia Lannin, Bryson Leffers, Katherine Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Owin Little, Cydnee Loos, Hana Maddox, Nathaniel Maddox, Kali Maytum, Cyrena Miller, Kale Nordmeyer, Alex Paider, Elisa Paider, Madison Pavlik, Natalie Plautz, Brett Rhone, Autumn Saltzman, Callie Schroeder, Madison Schultz, Anna Schweitzer, Cora Schweitzer, Lauren Shafer, Natalie Shafer, Antonio Sims, Isabel Stenger, Brian Streeter, Julia Swerczek, Elizabeth Synek, Tyler Thieman, Luke Walters, Jenna Westerbuhr, Ava Wharton, Brenna Wilkie, Mason Wisnieski, Cooper Witte, Abigail Zegar and Connor Zegar.





LEFT: Members of Malcolm's show choir include, from left, Drew Johnson, Bailey Hraban, Autumn Saltzman, Meren Benisheck, Natalie Shafer, Maddie Pavlak, Tyler Thieman, Connor Zegar, Abby Cantrell, Tristan Boehle and Scarlett Battles.

The Freshmore choir at Malcolm for 2021-22 includes, from left: (front row) Natalie Shafer, Izzy Stenger, Izzy Faubion, Owin Little, Alex Paider, Anna-Grace Christensen, Thomas Lewis, Tristan Boehle, Ava Wharton, Ruby Bostock, Maddie Pavlik, Autumn Saltzman, Aria Ferguson, Paige Binzcik, Elizabeth Synek, Brenna Wilkie and Liz Boshart; and (back row) Meren Benischek, Apryl Knisley, Anistyn Klink, Cydnee Loos, Brett Rhone, Nate Maddox, Bryson Leffers, Natalie Plautz, Reegan Bixenmann, Lillie Dalton and Luci Brockhaus.



The Milford High concert choir for 2021-22 includes, from left: (front row) Nienke Westenbrink, Sally Burkey, Desarey Walker, Ashlyn Schildt, Calli Thornton and Krisianna Riley; and (back row) Gwen Whistler, Samarra Castillo, Abigail Brinkmeyer, Kaytlin Keilig, Autumn Wissenburg, Alyxa Barreto, Zackary Parra, and Chance Stutzman. Not pictured are Director Sean Nutzman, Veronika Johns, Lily Kenning, Abby Svik and Ayden Catlin.



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Members of the vocal performance group at Seward High are Jenna Blersch, Ian Fiala, Ian Johnson, Joshua Jurchen, Andres Lopez, Emma Lowther, Sam Matthias, Dominique Newton, Grace Roberts, Conner Rosendale, Rachel Runyan, Kate Shafer and Wyatt Swanson.

RIGHT: Seward High's select choir for 2021-22 includes Eli Adams, Owen Anson, Hannah Bierbaum, Lucas Briggs, Bailey Broadwell, Michaela Broadwell, Noah Brumm, Remi Christensen, Emily Coffin, Alexandra Conde, Morgan Craig, Riley Daniel, Braeden Dey, Audrey Dobesh, Ian Fiala, Noah Fields, Bethayn Gebhardt, Karnie Gottschalk, Nolan Hill, Taylor Hostert, Ian Johnson, Joshua Jurchen, Nicole Kenney, Brynn Kimber, Ellen Klintworth, Kalen Knott, Rebecca Koch, Derek Kouma, Malachi Limback, Andres Lopez, Emma Lowther, Sam Matthias, Justin Matulka, Brenna McAdam, Julya Metschke, Ela Mohnike, Sjoen Munk, Jadyn Nelson, Dominique Newton, Ian Nolan, Nathan Nottingham, Korbin Opfer, Michael Peery, Hannah Peetz, Joseph Persinger, Grace Roberts, Conner Rosendale, Kretyn Roth, Rachel Runyan, Luke Seevers, Kate Shafer, Brooklyn Stanek, Wyatt Swanson, Tanner Todd, Audrey Wang, Isabelle Wohlford and Elianah Wunderlich.



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Tyler Thieman of Malcolm sang the National Anthem for one of the sessions of the state swimming and diving championships.



From left, Alora Ferguson, Cora Schweitzer and Tyler Thieman of Malcolm sang at the Athletic Directors' banquet.



Joshua Jurchen of Seward sang the National Anthem at one of the sessions of state basketball.

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Seward High's swing choir for 2021-22 includes Owen Anson, Izabelle Benedict, Hannah Bierbaum, Lucas Briggs, Michaela Broadwell, Gracyn Burris, Tanner Bye, Morgan Craig, Audrey Dobesh, Ian Fiala, Noah Fields, Bethany Gebhardt, Karnie Gottschalk, Taylor Hostert, Caleb Jackson, Declan Jensen, Ian Johnson, Joshua Jurchen, Julius Justice, Nicole Kenney, Jacob Kimbrough, Ellen Klintworth, Kalen Knott, Rebecca Koch, Drew Kratochvil, Lillian Kronaizl, Andres Lopez, Emma Lowther, Lawson Luebbe, Sam Matthias, Sophia Matthias, Justin Mattulka, Brenna McAdam, Julya Metschke, Ella Mohnike, Jadyn Nelson, Dominique Newton, Korbin Opfer, Michael Peery, Grace Roberts, Kretyn Roth, Rachel Runyan, Luke Seevers, Logan Seilhan, Kate Shafer, Wyatt Swanson, Tanner Todd, Audrey Wang, Collin Warren and Isabelle Wohlford.



Members of the 2021-22 Milford Show Choir are, from left: (first row) Brecken Yoder, Chance Stutzman, Zackary Parra and Gavin Piening; (second row) Sarah Spahr, Avery Roth, Veronika Johns, Allyson Taylor, Krisianna Riley, Ellison Piening and Myranda Schildt; (third row) Desarey Walker, Avery Saltzman, Cassidy June, Calli Thornton, Sophia Birch, Autumn Wissenburg and Savannah Spahr; and (fourth row) Ella Hostetler, Logan Hershberger, Carter Roth, Ayden Shook and Ashlyn Schildt. Not pictured are Alyxa Barreto and Director Sean Nutzman.





The Malcolm High speech team finished as the runner-up in Class C1 at state this spring. Team members are, from left: (first row) Hana Maddox, Cyrena Miller, Brett Baker, Tami Maytum, Austyn McKee, Scarlett Battles and Braxton Dalton; (second row) Katie Lewis, Tyler Thieman, Brian Streeter, Karter Kincaid, Reegan Bixenmann, Ethan Wollberg and Dalton Amen; and (third row) Ethan Coker, Ellana Coker, Anna Schweitzer, Lillie Dalton and Kali Maytum.







The 2022 Milford High speech team includes, from left: (front row) Student Manager Ella Hostetler, Sophia Birch, Allyson Taylor, Calli Thornton, Savannah Spahr, Cassidy June and Morgan McCullough; and (back row) Ashlyn Schildt, Ayden Shook, Zackary Parra, Nolan Eickhoff, Autumn Wissenburg, Abigail Brinkmeyer, and Avery Saltzman. Not pictured is Coach Amanda Gose.



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#### ART CLUB



Milford High's art club includes, from left: (front row) Mara Jade Shepard, Elana Prentice, Sophia Birch, Savannah Spahr, Ashlyn Peterson and Josie Hansen; and (back row) Jaxson Clark, Ren Jensen, Brooke Henriksen, Maizie Kolb, Ellison Piening, Addison Sample, Aydenn Freeman, Brenna Jackson, Gwen Whistler and Myranda Schildt. Not pictured are Morrell Ellwood, Avery Roth and Advisor Mindy Burton.

#### Jazz band



The jazz band at Milford High for 2021-22 includes, from left: (first row) Abigail Brinkmeyer, Sally Burkey, Allyson Taylor, Savannah Spahr, Elana Prentice and Kalyn Schutz; (second row) Director Phil Goddard, Ellison Piening, Sarah Spahr, Sophia Birch, Hannah Fougeron, Nolan Eickhoff, Matthew Roth and Ethan Buchli; (third row) Dylan McDonald, Maizie Kolb, Victoria Mink, Sophia Pierce, Rachel Shively, Ayden Shook, Gavin Dunlap, Elliot Reitz and Brecken Yoder; and (fourth row) Kellan Kubicek, Gavin Piening, Dane Kolb, Carter Roth, Landon Lautzenhiser, Conner Kohout, Thomas Vance, Logan Tejral and Hudson Mullet.



Centennial High performed "Shrek" as its musical in 2022. Cast members included Elijah Utter, Paige Petersen, Lance Haberman, Saige Scheele, Rachel Garcia, Shawn Ratjhen, Keenan Kosek, Jack Wellman, Jesse Dunbar, Zeke Nitz, Ben Sams, Noah Jensen, Reiden Fowler, Cambria Saunders, Gracen Fehlhafer, Grace Schernikau, Caylie Clouse, Natalie Sams, Halle Kinnett, Johnathan Hoops, Liberty Tomjack, Keelie Bronson, Jayden Butzke, Ellie Tempel, Kim Nitz, Jake Bargen, Matthew Hoops, Catelynn Bargen and Ella Wambold. Crew members were Tyler Opfer, Keira Kinnett, Nya Fischer, Teagan Stahr, Marley Olsen, Dakota Boyer, Kobie Kosek, Jon Dunbar and Hope Dunbar; Sandi Swanson and Joshua Harris, musicians; Halle Kinnett and Cambria Saunders, choreographers; and Ryan Jansen and Jarrett Fowler, directors.

## Good luck, area schools! Independent Times

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The Bucket household, from left, Grandpa Joe (Owen Anson), Grandma Josephine (Bethany Gebhardt), Grandma Georgina (Julya Metschke), Grandpa George (Kretyn Roth), Mrs. Bucket (Dominique Newton), Charlie (Wyatt Swanson, seated) and Mr. Bucket (Jadyn Nelson) talk about Willy Wonka's chocolate factory in "Willy Wonka," performed by Seward High March 18-20.



Willy Wonka (Sam Matthias), right, presents Charlie (Wyatt Swanson) with his hat and cane, signalling new ownership of the chocolate factory, in "Willy Wonka," performed by Seward High.

The lucky golden ticket finders (and their parents), from left, Ms. Teavee (Grace Roberts), Mike Teavee (Andres Lopez), Veruca Salt (Karnie Gottschalk), Mr. Salt (Ian Johnson), Augustus Gloop (Damien Gligorevic), Mrs. Gloop (Emma Lowther), Violet Beauregarde (Kyla Novak), Mrs. Beauregarde (Audrey Dobesh), TV reporter Phineous Trout (Kate Shafer), Charlie Bucket (Wyatt Swanson) and Grandpa Joe (Owen Anson) wait outside Willy Wonka's factory.





