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Chokio	1	Rd/W	210	650.00 H	Dalton	24	Blk	809	330.00 C	Fergus Falls	10	Red	726	367.50 C			
Morris	1	Rwf	265	1,200.00 H	Fergus Falls	13	Blk	810	330.00 C	Barnesville	33	Blk	813	367.00 C			
Hawley	1	Char	200	1,000.00 H	Morris	1	Xbrd	515	330.00 C	Hawley	6	Blk	764	365.00 C			
Fergus Falls	1	Red	180	750.00 H	Brandon	55	Blk	874	329.00 C	Vining	51	Blk	769	364.00 C			
Fergus Falls	1	Blk	325	520.00 C	Brandon	55	Blk	873	329.00 C	Battle Lake	4	Blk	672	362.50 C			
Fergus Falls	2	Red	345	500.00 C	Fergus Falls	3	Blk	815	277.50 C	Rothsay	7	Xbrd	731	362.50 C			
Hawley	7	Char	386	490.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Blk	540	275.00 C	Rothsay	8	Xbrd	738	362.50 C			
Hawley	7	Blk	458	470.00 C	Brandon	2	Blk	1005	275.00 C	Fergus Falls	8	Bwf	755	361.00 C			
Ashby	1	Blk	390	470.00 C	Fergus Falls	10	Holx	889	215.00 C	Henning	11	Blk	766	361.00 C			
Fergus Falls	4	Blk	473	460.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Blk	227	690.00 C	Hawley	2	Blk	735	360.00 C			
Rothsay	1	Red	425	450.00 C	Rothsay	1	Red	340	600.00 C	Wendell	10	Blk	775	358.00 C			
Fergus Falls	3	Blk	455	450.00 C	Morris	1	Bwf	345	550.00 C	Hawley	36	Blk	845	355.00 C			
Morris	1	Bwf	385	450.00 C	Hawley	4	Char	417	550.00 C	Fergus Falls	11	Blk	755	355.00 C			
Hawley	1	Bwf	415	450.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Red	348	540.00 C	Battle Lake	3	Red	638	355.00 C			
Battle Lake	1	Red	445	450.00 C	Hawley	4	Char	410	535.00 C	Garfield	2	Blk	650	350.00 C			
Henning	7	Blk	480	445.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Blk	410	535.00 C	Lidgerwood ND	1	Bk/W	495	350.00 C			
Fergus Falls	3	Red	418	440.00 C	Miltona	1	Blk	385	535.00 C	Hawley	5	Red	789	349.00 C			
Fergus Falls	6	Red	515	440.00 C	Morris	1	Bwf	415	520.00 C	Dalton	19	Blk	862	345.00 C			
Vining	7	Blk	491	432.50 C	Hawley	3	Blk	493	505.00 C	Brandon	49	Blk	969	342.50 C			
Battle Lake	11	Blk	563	430.00 C	Hawley	9	Blk	500	505.00 C	Brandon	48	Blk	965	342.50 C			
Brandon	2	Blk	545	420.00 C	Henning	5	Blk	487	495.00 C	Garfield	2	Blk	650	350.00 C			
Morris	2	Red	487	420.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Blk	405	490.00 C	Lidgerwood ND	1	Bk/W	495	350.00 C			
Fergus Falls	6	Blk	531	417.50 C	Fergus Falls	1	Red	475	485.00 C	Hawley	5	Red	789	349.00 C			
Henning	11	Blk	589	410.00 C	Battle Lake	1	Red	475	485.00 C	Fergus Falls	19	Blk	873	342.00 C			
Miltona	4	Blk	540	410.00 C	Miltona	3	Blk	525	470.00 C	Fergus Falls	2	Blk	850	332.50 C			
Wendell	8	Blk	614	397.50 C	Henning	17	Blk	624	439.00 C	Fergus Falls	13	Blk	928	328.00 C			
Battle Lake	1	Red	605	397.50 C	Fergus Falls	17	Blk	608	436.00 C	Fergus Falls	4	Herf	727	325.00 C			
Fergus Falls	15	Red	609	390.00 C	Fergus Falls	1	Red	475	485.00 C	Rothsay	1	Gray	865	322.50 C			
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Fergus Falls	11	Blk	592	385.00 C	Fergus Falls	3	Blk	563	430.00 C	Wahpeton ND	57	Blk	961	315.00 C			
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Fergus Falls	1	Blk	630	365.00 C	Hawley	2	Char	641	392.50 C	Henning	9	Blk	1788	183.00 C			
Vining	30	Blk	671	362.50 C	Fergus Falls	1	Red	590	400.00 C	Henning	1	Red	1815	178.00 C			
Henning	11	Blk	700	361.00 C	Hawley	2	Char	348	400.00 C	Henning	2	Blk	1717	177.50 C			
Hawley	1	Blk	540	360.00 C	Barnesville	1	Blk	680	402.50 C	Rothsay	1	Red	1820	175.00 C			
Miltona	1	Blk	610	355.00 C	Barnesville	1	Blk	590	400.00 C	Baldwin ND	1	Red	1585	175.00 C			
Ashby	5	Blk	686	347.50 C	Hawley	2	Char	694	382.50 C	Hawley	1	Red	1820	175.00 C			
Brandon	32	Blk	743	346.00 C	Fergus Falls	6	Blk	685	380.00 C	Baldwin ND	1	Red	1585	175.00 C			
Vining	13	Bwf	736	343.00 C	Hawley	6	Blk	690	370.00 C	Baldwin ND	1	Red	1800	170.00 C			
Fergus Falls	13	Blk	737	343.00 C	Hawley	1	Blk	700	370.00 C	Baldwin ND	1	Red	1800	170.00 C			
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Fergus Falls	7	Blk	622	335.00 C	Morris	2	Blk	572	370.00 C	Baldwin ND	3	Blk	1720	169.00 C			
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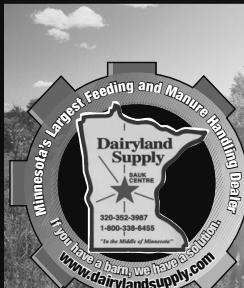
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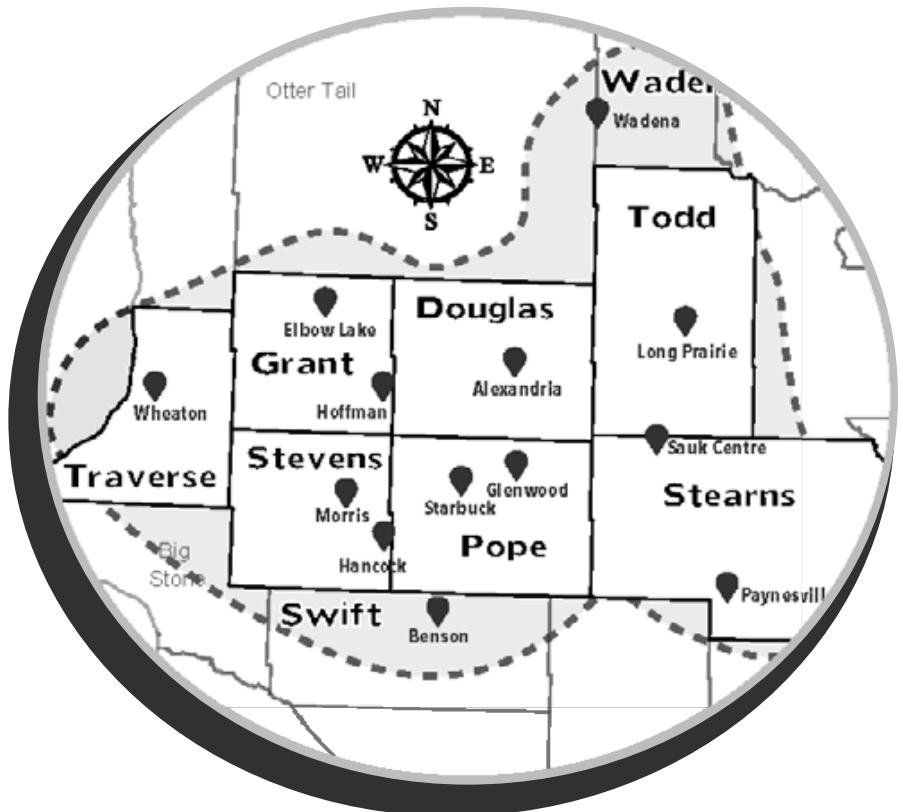
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Way Back WHEN

100 years ago • Jan. 14, 1926

Zion Lutheran congregation has outgrown church

The Zion Lutheran Church has had a successful year. The voter's meeting of the congregation was Jan. 5 at the church, when seven new voters were received. Reports from the Rev. J.A. Stein show over 50 new men, women and children received into the congregation during the past year. At the meeting, it was decided to create a sinking fund to be used for improvements and enlargements of the church, which the congregation has now outgrown.

50 years ago • Jan. 14, 1976

Community approach to lung disease planned

The Stearns-Benton County Medical Society and the Minnesota Lung Association have begun a community-wide approach to the problem of chronic obstructive lung diseases such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

During January, February and March, a program of free breathing tests for smokers will be conducted in Albany, Foley, Melrose, Milaca, Monticello, Sauk Centre and St. Cloud. These free tests can indicate the possible presence of early cases of emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

25 years ago • Jan. 16, 2001

Hinnenkamp keeps truckin' at 80

For 25 years, Fred Hinnenkamp has provided gas and bulk fuel service to customers — mostly neighbors — as well as an engine repair shop near his home in downtown Little Sauk.

Hinnenkamp discovered his knack for all things mechanical at age 12 on his parents' farm near Lake Sylvia. He took apart his father's Model T Ford, which was situated on blocks, and repaired and reassembled it.

Now, at 80, Hinnenkamp has recently taken to restricting his telephone service calls after 5 p.m., reducing his workload of repairing cars, trucks, motorcycles, chainsaws, tractors, four-wheelers and lawnmowers.

10 years ago • Jan. 14, 2016

Kramer accepts management role with STEP Thrift

For the past 17 years, Kim Kramer has spent her time working with developmentally disabled individuals, holding a variety of positions within REM Minnesota and STEP Inc. Most recently, Kramer accepted the position of program manager at the STEP Inc.'s Sauk Centre location, STEP Thrift.

"I'm a huge people person and love working with both the consumer and customer," Kramer said. "This is the ideal job. God has treated me well."

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to canned food.

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Answer: Goods

Home in the spotlight

Community theater reignites Berg's passion

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Ayden Berg did not plan on back-to-back leading roles in musicals. In fact, he said he did not even know the opportunities existed.

Just weeks before Berg took his final bows as Dmitry in Great Northern Theatre Company's production of "Anastasia" in Cold Spring Dec. 14, 2025, he learned the Alexandria Area Arts Association was hosting auditions for "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

"It is one of my dream shows," said Berg of the tale of Quasimodo, a bellringer at Notre-Dame Cathedral. "I think it is one of the greatest musicals ever written. I knew I had to audition, at the very least."

What followed, Berg said, surprised him. He was cast not just in another production, but he was selected for Quasimodo, marking his second consecutive lead role in as many months. The opportunity was a way for Berg to get in touch with a passion he had not pursued while at college.

"I had no idea I was going to do back-to-back shows, let alone leads," Berg said. "I would have been happy being in the ensemble. Especially since 'Anastasia' was my first show with GNTC, and 'Hunchback' is my first time at the Andria (Theatre). I am still floored."

The transition was immediate. Berg closed "Anastasia" on a Sunday afternoon. By Monday night, he was already in rehearsal for "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Berg's connection to the stage began at 8 or 9 years old through Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, returning summer after summer to the program based in Barrett. By seventh grade, he had joined his first school musical, and by high school and college, the theater had become a consistent part of his life.

"I was usually doing one or two shows a year," Berg said.

Berg graduated from Sauk Centre Public



PHOTO BY SHALON WILBER

Ayden Berg sits on stage Jan. 2 at Sauk Centre Public Schools in Sauk Centre. Berg, who has been active in performing since he was about 8 years old, rediscovered his love for theater through back-to-back lead roles.

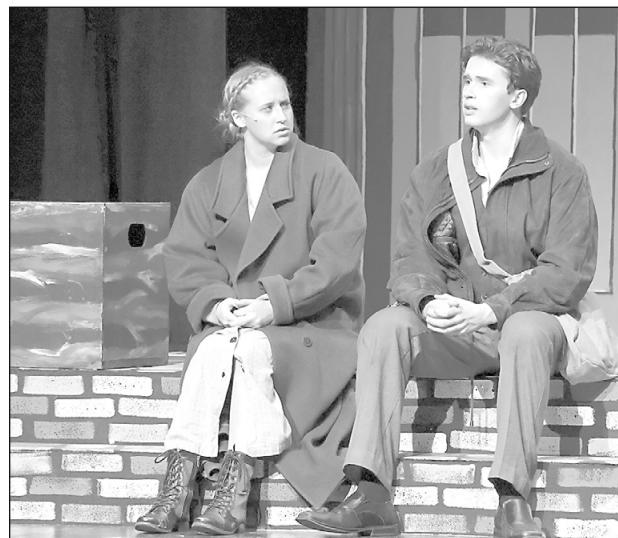


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Ellie Wigham (left) and Ayden Berg perform in Great Northern Theatre Company's production of "Anastasia" Dec. 10, 2025, at Rocori High School in Cold Spring. Berg, a Sauk Centre Public Schools graduate, has found community getting back into local performing through area theater companies.

Schools in 2018 and Moorhead's Concordia College in 2022. After college, he moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where his performing life unexpectedly went quiet.

"For two and a half years, I did not do theater; I did not sing, I did not act," Berg said. "There were opportunities, but I just did not pursue them. I did not realize how much I missed that creative outlet until I came back."

When Berg returned to Central Minnesota and moved into his grandparents' former home just outside Belgrade, the move reconnected him not only with family roots but with a broader theater community.

"I grew up here, but I had no idea how many theater companies were active in this area," Berg said. "Cold Spring, St. Cloud, Melrose, Alexandria. Suddenly, it all felt

possible."

Living within driving distance of multiple communities made participation in several productions realistic.

While Berg values the spotlight, he said theater's greatest draw for him has always been the people.

"It is the community you build," he said. "You are surrounded by people who are incredibly talented and who care deeply about the work. It is easy to admire them."

Berg said it is important to be authentic to the characters he plays.

"I love diving into who a character is," Berg said. "What the writers intended, what emotions they carry and how they interact with others."

For Berg, part of the process involves self-reflection.

"I try to empathize with the character," he said. "When have I

experienced something similar, and what emotions can I bring from my own life to help tell the story honestly?"

That approach is especially important in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," a show Berg describes as far more complex than its animated counterpart. While the music draws from the Disney film, the stage adaptation pulls heavily from Victor Hugo's Gothic novel, layering darker themes and emotional depth into the story, Berg said.

"Quasimodo is incredibly naive about the world," Berg said. "Over the course of the show, you experience both the harsh realities of that world and the incredible beauty that comes from human connection."

Despite years of theater experience, nerves still surface, particularly in leading roles.

"Opening night always makes me nervous," Berg said.

His remedy is preparation.

"The biggest thing is just trusting in your preparation," Berg said. "Trusting that the rehearsals, the run-throughs (and) the dress rehearsals were done for a reason. I get the character into my body."

Memorization remains Berg's greatest challenge, something he combats through repetition and creative study methods, including recorded cue lines and flashcards.

"It is the word-for-word memorization that gets me," he said. "But once it is there, the rest comes naturally."

When audiences watch him perform, Berg hopes they see more than a polished performance.

"I really admire actors who make intentional choices," he said. "Not just saying lines, but meaning them."

That is the standard he sets for himself: to be purposeful, grounded and truthful in every role.

"My hope is that people leave with more than just entertainment," Berg said. "That they take something with them — a lesson, a feeling, or a moment that sticks."

Berg said the recent run of roles has reinforced the importance of creativity in his daily life.

"Doing something creative consistently is what makes me happy," he said.

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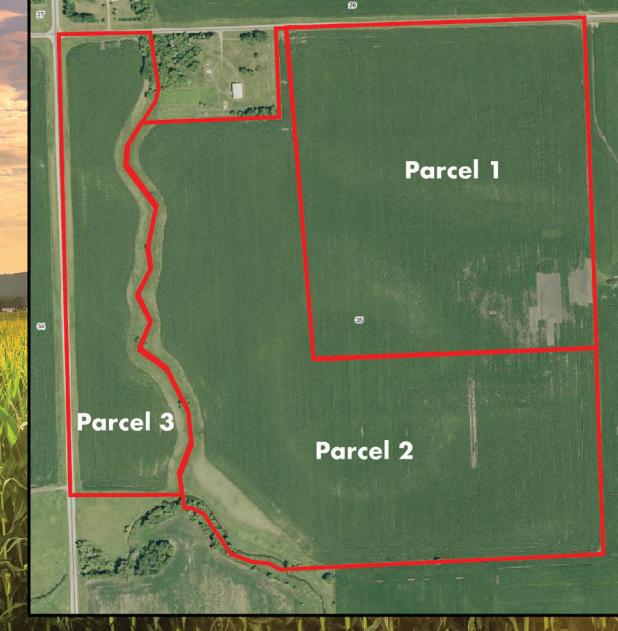
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