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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2026 4:00 p.m. or until filled.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a completed application and resumé by the deadline to:

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Chokio 1 Rd/W 210 650.00 H

Morris 1 Rwf 265 1,200.00 H

Hawley 1 Char 200 1,000.00 H

Fergus Falls 1 Red 180 750.00 H

Fergus Falls 1 Blk 325 520.00 C

Fergus Falls 2 Red 345 500.00 C

Hawley 7 Char 386 490.00 C

Hawley 7 Blk 458 470.00 C

Ashby 1 Blk 390 470.00 C

Fergus Falls 4 Blk 473 460.00 C

Rothsay 1 Red 425 450.00 C

Fergus Falls 3 Blk 455 450.00 C

Morris 1 Bwf 385 450.00 C

Hawley 1 Bwf 415 450.00 C

Battle Lake 1 Red 445 450.00 C

Henning 7 Blk 480 445.00 C

Fergus Falls 3 Red 418 440.00 C

Fergus Falls 6 Red 515 440.00 C

Vining 7 Blk 491 432.50 C

Battle Lake 11 Blk 563 430.00 C

Brandon 2 Blk 545 420.00 C

Morris 2 Red 487 420.00 C

Fergus Falls 6 Blk 531 417.50 C

Henning 11 Blk 589 410.00 C

Miltona 4 Blk 540 410.00 C

Wendell 8 Blk 614 397.50 C

Battle Lake 1 Red 605 397.50 C

Fergus Falls 15 Red 609 390.00 C

Fergus Falls 3 Blk 591 387.50 C

Hawley 6 Blk 622 387.50 C

Fergus Falls 11 Blk 592 385.00 C

Fergus Falls 11 Bwf 777 382.50 C

Battle Lake 3 Red 628 382.50 C

Rothsay 9 Red 610 380.00 C

Rothsay 2 Red 515 380.00 C

Miltona 1 Blk 460 380.00 C

Dalton 5 Blk 635 375.00 C

Battle Lake 4 Blk 625 372.50 C

Fergus Falls 1 Blk 630 365.00 C

Vining 30 Blk 671 362.50 C

Henning 11 Blk 700 361.00 C

Hawley 1 Blk 540 360.00 C

Miltona 1 Blk 610 355.00 C

Ashby 5 Blk 686 347.50 C

Brandon 32 Blk 743 346.00 C

Vining 13 Bwf 736 343.00 C

Fergus Falls 13 Blk 737 343.00 C

Fergus Falls 4 Red 692 335.00 C

Fergus Falls 7 Blk 622 335.00 C

Dalton 24 Blk 809 330.00 C

Fergus Falls 13 Blk 810 330.00 C

Morris 1 Xbrd 515 330.00 C

Brandon 55 Blk 874 329.00 C

Brandon 55 Blk 873 329.00 C

Rothsay 1 Blk 725 315.00 C

Farwell 1 Bwf 985 290.00 C

Fergus Falls 3 Blk 815 277.50 C

Fergus Falls 2 Blk 540 275.00 C

Brandon 2 Blk 1005 275.00 C

Fergus Falls 10 Holx 889 215.00 C

FEEDER STEERS

Fergus Falls 2 Blk 227 690.00 C

Rothsay 1 Red 340 600.00 C

Henning 1 Blk 345 550.00 C

Fergus Falls 2 Red 417 550.00 C

Hawley 4 Char 348 540.00 C

Fergus Falls 2 Blk 410 535.00 C

Miltona 1 Blk 385 535.00 C

Morris 1 Bwf 415 530.00 C

Hawley 3 Blk 493 505.00 C

Hawley 9 Blk 500 505.00 C

Henning 5 Blk 487 495.00 C

Fergus Falls 2 Blk 405 490.00 C

Battle Lake 1 Red 475 485.00 C

Rothsay 1 Red 495 470.00 C

Miltona 3 Blk 525 470.00 C

Henning 17 Blk 624 430.00 C

Fergus Falls 17 Blk 608 436.00 C

Fergus Falls 14 Red 568 435.00 C

Nelson 10 Blk 570 435.00 C

Fergus Falls 3 Blk 563 430.00 C

Hawley 5 Blk 617 430.00 C

Fergus Falls 1 Red 540 430.00 C

Vining 20 Blk 573 427.00 C

Wendell 2 Blk 590 420.00 C

Battle Lake 3 Red 583 410.00 C

Ashby 6 Blk 623 409.00 C

Barnesville 14 Blk 680 402.50 C

Barnesville 1 Blk 590 400.00 C

Hawley 2 Char 348 400.00 C

Battle Lake 3 Blk 641 392.50 C

Fergus Falls 3 Blk 603 385.00 C

Fergus Falls 16 Blk 714 383.00 C

Dalton 7 Blk 694 382.50 C

Fergus Falls 6 Blk 685 380.00 C

Hawley 6 Blk 690 370.00 C

Hawley 1 Blk 700 370.00 C

Miltona 6 Blk 658 370.00 C

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Brandon 60 Blk 817 369.00 C

Fergus Falls 10 Red 726 367.50 C

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Hawley 6 Blk 764 365.00 C

Vining 51 Blk 769 364.00 C

Battle Lake 4 Blk 672 362.50 C

Rothsay 7 Xbrd 731 362.50 C

Rothsay 8 Xbrd 738 362.50 C

Fergus Falls 8 Bwf 755 361.00 C

Henning 11 Blk 766 361.00 C

Hawley 2 Blk 735 360.00 C

Wendell 10 Blk 775 358.00 C

Hawley 36 Blk 845 355.00 C

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Battle Lake 3 Red 638 355.00 C

Garfield 2 Blk 650 350.00 C

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Henning 9 Blk 1788 183.00 C

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Underwood 1 Hol 1460 175.00 C

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Rothsay 1 Red 1625 173.00 C

Henning 1 Red 2055 172.00 C

Neche ND 3 Blk 1570 171.00 C

Barnesville 1 Blk 1735 170.00 C

Baldwin ND 1 Red 1800 169.00 C

Baldwin ND 3 Blk 1486 169.00 C

Baldwin ND 3 Blk 1720 169.00 C

Neche ND 1 Bwf 1420 168.00 C

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Neche ND 4 Blk 1518 163.00 C

Baldwin ND 1 Blk 1655 163.00 C

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Barnesville 2 Blk 1432 159.00 C

Barnesville 1 Rwf 1355 157.50 C

Henning 4 Blk 1437 156.00 C

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Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1745 153.00 C

Hawley 1 Rwf 1540 150.00 C

Hawley 1 Gray 1320 147.50 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1660 147.00 C

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Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1930 144.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1960 140.00 C

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Underwood 1 Hol 1440 140.00 C

Barnesville 1 Rwf 1400 139.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1680 137.50 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1490 135.00 C

Clitherall 1 Hol 1345 135.00 C

Barnesville 1 Red 1385 132.50 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1905 130.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1850 130.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1575 128.00 C

Clitherall 1 Hol 1520 128.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 2015 127.50 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1775 125.00 C

Hawley 1 Red 1035 125.00 C

Clitherall 1 Hol 1470 119.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1275 117.50 C

Hawley 1 Blk 1225 115.00 C

Lisbon ND 1 Hol 1055 107.50 C

Hawley 1 Bwf 1080 100.00 C

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Henning 3 Blk 1390 233.00 C

Rothsay 3 Blk 1282 232.00 C

Baldwin ND 22 Blk 1322 227.50 C

Hawley 20 Xbrd 1495 226.00 C

Pelican Rapids 1 Xbrd 1520 225.00 C

Pelican Rapids 2 Red 1207 223.00 C

Rothsay 4 Rwf 1325 223.00 C

Starbuck 1 Red 1590 222.50 C

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Henning 2 Red 1436 221.00 C

Hawley 3 Xbrd 1615 221.00 C

Dalton 3 Red 1325 221.00 C

Baldwin ND 7 Rwf 1625 215.00 C

Elbow Lake 1 Bwf 1175 215.00 C

Elbow Lake 1 Blk 1215 205.00 C

Elbow Lake 1 Xbrd 1535 202.50 C

Dalton 1 Blk 1513 202.00 C

Henning 14 Hol 1570 195.00 C

Neche ND 1 Rwf 1740 192.50 C

Elbow Lake 1 Blk 1293 190.00 C

Henning 12 Blk 1596 190.00 C

Dalton 1 Xbrd 1195 186.00 C

Neche ND 1 Blk 1510 185.00 C

Barnesville 1 Rwf 1280 185.00 C

Neche ND 1 Red 1280 177.50 C

Henning 3 Blk 1425 173.00 C

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Rothsay 1 Bwf 1270 225.00 C

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Elbow Lake 1 Rwf 1840 220.00 C

Elbow Lake 1 Red 1365 220.00 C

Hawley 1 Blk 1470 219.00 C

Elbow Lake 1 Blk 1230 215.00 C

Rothsay 1 Red 1565 211.00 C

Neche ND 2 Red 1532 209.00 C

Neche ND 2 Hol 1865 206.00 C

Fergus Falls 4 Char 1425 201.00 C

Neche ND 2 Red 1565 190.00 C

Neche ND 1 Hol 1321 185.00 C

SLAUGHTER BULLS

Henning 1 Blk 1305 200.00 C

Henning 1 Blk 1995 180.00 C

Henning 1 Blk 1575 180.00 C

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Underwood 1 Blk 1725 172.00 C

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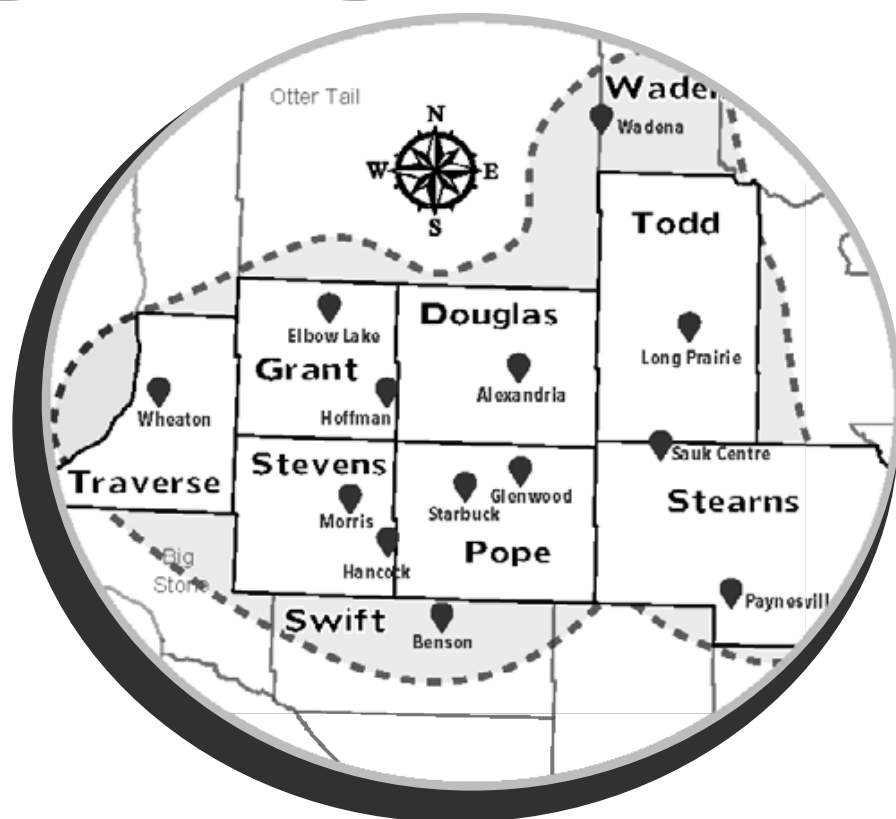
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100 years ago • Jan. 14, 1926 Zion Lutheran congregation has outgrown church

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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.”

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, 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

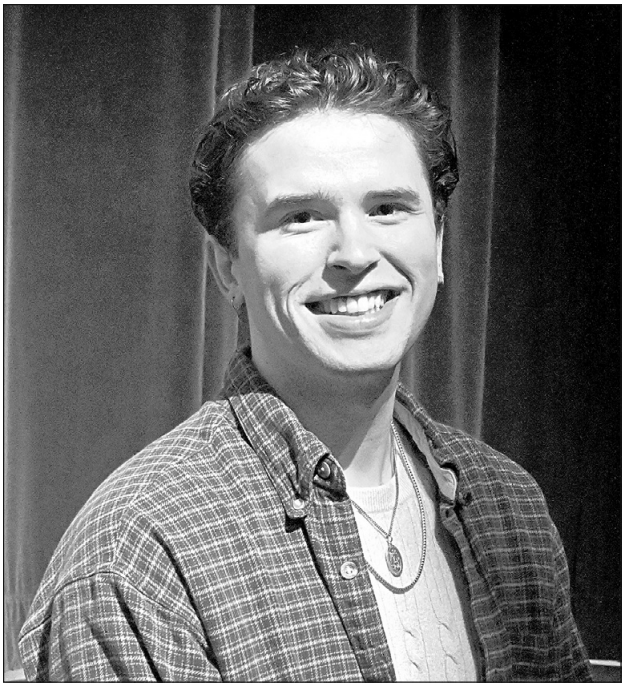


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Ayden Berg sits on stage Jan. 2 at Sauk Centre Public Schools in Sauk Centre. Berg, who has been active in performing since he was about 8 years old, rediscovered his love for theater through back-to-back lead roles.



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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 rehearsing, 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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