

## Henry High School senior Carter Hoffer is a playwright and loves acting



These three Henry seniors are a part of the cast of the one act play - "Chasing Juliet". Shown above, left to right, are Carter Hoffer, Cassidy Ford and Jeff Wanner.

Hoffer is not only a cast member but is the writer of the one-act play and is assisting in directing it along

with instructor Shana Vander Grift. To his knowledge - Hoffer is the first in Henry's school history to have written a play to be performed by their students.

The play will be performed on January 18 at the Region One-Act Play competition in Watertown.

Like many seasoned actors in the entertainment industry moving on to writing and producing part of a production is often the next step.

Carter Hoffer of Henry has already taken that step and he hasn't even graduated from high school yet.

Hoffer who graduates in May from Henry High School has written the one-act play that the high school cast will be performing at the upcoming Region One-Act Play competition. The contest will be held on Wednesday (today), January 18 in Watertown.

Hoffer, the son of Scott Hoffer and Kimberly Fuller has been in the spring plays and one-act plays since starting high school. "I loved acting so I wanted to take it a step further," stated Hoffer.

"I just got an idea and decided to run with it. I asked Shana if I could do this first. After she said okay, I started writing. I knew I could do this."

To his knowledge, writing ones own play has never been done at the school before by a student.

The Class B school competition category this year is 'serious' and in describing the plot of Hoffer's play - serious is an understatement.

His play is named "Chasing Juliet" and the story deals with a troubled teen named 'Andrew' played by

**Hoffer**  
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Randy Angermeier started mid November as Clark County's Ambulance Administrator. Angermeier lives near Henry with his wife Melissa (Decker) and three children, Chase, Tanner and Ashlyn. He's been an EMT with Clark County previously on a part-time basis as well as being on the medical staff at the Serenity Hills rehabilitation center in Watertown.

## Angermeier is the new Clark County ambulance administrator

"My goal here is to keep business as usual and keep the county taken care of. The people around here are good people and they deserve a good service."

"Making sure that everyone is taken care of to the best of our means and that our colleagues are safe, educated and trained is very important to me," stated Clark County's Ambulance Administrator Randy Angermeier.

Angermeier started in his position in mid-November, taking on full-time EMT duties as well as his administrative duties.

Bob Koistinen is the full-time paramedic and Pam Grensberg and

Justin Bowers are EMTs that round out the full-time roster at the Clark County Ambulance Service. "I also appreciate our great volunteer staff in Willow Lake. They are always there when we need them and are a very knowledgeable and trained staff to work with."

"We couldn't do without our part-timers and EVOC drivers," noted the administrator who appreciates the work of his staff as well as local officials who assist when called upon.

"We work hand in hand with

**Angermeier**  
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## Randy and Karen Gruenwald named state business delegates

Randy and Karen Gruenwald of Dakota Butcher in Clark were among the business owners and operators who served as Business Delegates for a legislative briefing sponsored by the South Dakota Retailers Association (SDRA) on Monday, January 9 in Pierre.

As part of the Business Delegate program, business people from each legislative district were invited by SDRA to participate in a legislative briefing regarding key issues expected to be considered during this year's state legislative session.

The briefing kicked off with Gov. Dennis Daugaard providing an overview of the issues he planned

to address in his State of the State Address to the Legislature the next day including an update of the eFairness issue in which the State is currently defending its right to require out-of-state online retailers who sell merchandise to customers in the state to collect and remit the same sales tax as local brick and mortar stores.

Attendees also heard presentations from Speaker of the House Mark Mickelson of Sioux Falls, Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton of Burke, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Labor and

**Gruenwalds**  
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## Vacancies listed on local governing boards

Several notice of vacancies for positions on local governing boards will appear this week and next week in the *Clark County Courier*. In addition to area town board seats, registered resident voters may file petitions for the Henry School Board. The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Petitions for any of these boards may be obtained from the town finance officer or in the case of the Henry School, from the business manager at the school office.

Petitions may be circulated beginning Friday, January 27 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. at Henry School) on Friday, February 24, 2017.

Position openings include:

**Clark:** Four council positions and the mayor position will become vacant in Clark due to the expiration of the present terms of office. In Ward I, there are two council positions, currently held by Vicki Orris and Belinda Hanson, one is a three-year term and the other is a one-year term. Ward II council with incumbent being Kerry Kline has a three-year term available and Ward III with Dennis Larson being the incumbent, also has a three-year term. The position of mayor in Clark, currently held by Larry Dreher will also become vacant, this is a three-year term.

**Henry School:** Henry School

District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. Two three-year terms are open with the incumbents being Adam Hartley and Paula Blue. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School.

Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

**Raymond:** One three-year term currently held by incumbent Larry Brannan will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

**Garden City:** One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term.

One three-year term currently held by Doug Loomis is open. Jeanette

**Vacancies**  
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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 10	13	-1	.14
Jan. 11	2	-2	0
Jan. 12	1	-19	0
Jan. 13	10	-6	0
Jan. 14	14	-1	0
Jan. 15	24	6	0
Jan. 16	23	5	0
2017 precipitation to date	.17		
2016 precipitation to date	tr		

## Logan Pioneer Cemetery originates in 1885

One of the oldest cemeteries in Clark County is Logan Township's Logan Pioneer Cemetery which originated in 1885.

Approximately 32 names are identified who are buried there, but it is assumed that many more than that are laid to rest in the cemetery.

Dale Foiles has taken over the job of mowing the cemetery hay every year since 2003. Before that his father John Foiles took care of the cemetery for 10 years or so. Delmar Foiles, John's brother, had the duties for the 60 years previously.

The year 1921 appears to be the last burial in the cemetery according to records kept. Unfortunately many records/documentation are just not there of the many graves that appear to be in the cemetery.

"Our family has put up the hay on that cemetery for as long as I can remember, so it does not become overgrown and forgotten," notes Dale Foiles. "Badgers like to burrow in ground that has already been worked up and one can also tell by the dips in the sod where the gravesites are."

### The Children's Blizzard of 1888

"I was told that a lot of children who died in the bad blizzard that started on January 12, 1888 are buried there. They would wrap them up in a blanket, bury them and note the gravesite with a wooden marker. Over time, the white crosses/wooden markers have deteriorated," Foiles said.



Dale Foiles is shown at the northwest corner of the Logan Pioneer Cemetery which originated back in the late 1880s. His uncle Delmar Foiles, then his father John Foiles had the duty of mowing the Pioneer Cemetery for many years before Dale took over the position in 2003.

Located nine miles west, two miles south and one-half mile west of Clark (along 175th Street), the centu-

The bad blizzard in January of 1888 started in the mid morning after so many were already at school. So many school children and teachers perished trying to get home in the bad blizzard, it has been called "The Children's Blizzard of 88" in local history books.

ry old cemetery has but few headstones remaining.

Many buried there were victims of the Children's Blizzard of 1888, called such as it stranded so many children and teachers who lost their lives.

The four metal corner posts to the left of Foiles are what's left of a fence that surrounded Willie and Harry Driver's headstones - two young boys who died in the blizzard after going out to bring the milk cows home.

Two younger boys who were reportedly around six and seven years old, Willie and Harry Driver were two of the known victims of the Children's Blizzard. They went to get the milk cows for the evening chores and they never made it back home. They didn't find them until

spring down by Frosty's Windmill corner which is about one mile west of the former Logan School location along 175th Street and about a half mile from the cemetery.

**Logan Pioneer Cemetery**  
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Governor Dennis Daugaard delivers his State of the State address to a joint session of the South Dakota Legislature.

## Daugaard announces sales tax deal with Amazon in his State of the State address

The effort to quell lagging state sales tax receipts received a boost on Tuesday with Gov. Dennis Daugaard's announcement that Amazon would voluntarily start collecting sales tax on its online sales in South Dakota.

Daugaard made the announcement to a joint session of the Legislature during his annual State of the State message.

Sales tax collections are estimated to be down \$5.8 million more than the projections shared by Daugaard in his budget address late last year. The governor said that while the agreement with Amazon doesn't fix the state's sales tax problem, "It's a

big step in the right direction."

While the deal with Amazon will mean more money for the state budget, how much more is a mystery. "The best information we have is very rough," Daugaard said, addressing the budget question at a press conference after the State of the State address. He said that Amazon has declined to provide the state with information about its sales in South Dakota.

Daugaard said that Amazon has been a recent proponent of collecting sales taxes.

"They don't want absence of tax-

**Daugaard**  
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