



Snow White and the Seven Endings by Tracy Wells was performed at the Clark High School Monday night, April 29 under the direction of Alaina Wellnitz. Top left: The Evil Queen (Brianna Dale), left, wraps Snow White (Leah Nelson) in rope in an attempt to kidnap her.

Top right: The cast and crew, from left to right, in the back row are Ashlan Wren, Brianna Dale, Aleisha Naze, Madison Pickrel, Olivia Fuller, Nevaeh Rusher, director Alaina Wellnitz, Oliver Reitz, Jayla Easthouse, Kendra Wren and Xander Chlamon. Kneeling in the front row, from left to right are Kaden Janisch, Leah Nelson, Kayla

Arthur, Alayna Merkel, Nevaeh Reitz, Kendra Warkenthien, and Tre Reitz. Bottom left: Plucky (Pickrel), left, Hag #2 (Arthur) and Mirror (N. Reitz) share in laughter as Snow White (Nelson) is knocked out on the floor.

Bottom right: From left to right, Spindiana Jones (K. Wren), Twinkle Toes (Fuller), Daring (O. Reitz), Plucky (Pickrel) and Grimmly (Rusher) all cry out in shock at Snow White's (Nelson) body on the ground.

Photos by Carolynn Olson

Snow White and the Seven Endings performed at Clark High School on Monday

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Clark High School and middle school students performed in the annual all school play on Monday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym. *Snow White and the Seven Endings* by Tracy Wells was the play chosen this year. It was a comedic retelling of Snow White's classic princess fairytale.

Synopsis: Happily-ever-after gets turned on its head in this comedic retelling of Snow White's classic princess fairytale. When the seven forest dwell-

ers (who can be tall or short, it doesn't matter) reminisce about their recent run-in with a royal runaway, they each have a different take on how the story unfolds and who the real hero is. But, which is the real ending? The only thing they agree about is that the Prince shouldn't get the credit.

Starring in the play were Nevaeh Rusher as Grimmly, Aleisha Naze as Clumsy, Oliver Reitz as Daring, Madison Pickrel as Plucky, Jayla Easthouse as Scarlett, Olivia Fuller as Twinkle Toes, Kendra Wren as Spindiana

Jones, Leah Nelson as Snow White, Brianna Dale as Evil Queen, Alayna Merkel as Hag #1, Kayla Arthur as Hag #2, Nevaeh Reitz as Mirror, Kendra Warkenthien as Huntsman and Kaden Janisch as the Prince.

Stage crew included Ashlan Wren on lights, Xander Chlamon on curtains and Tre Reitz on sound. Alaina Wellnitz was the director.

"The performances went way better than any of us dreamed," said director Wellnitz. "We ran into issues at every turn it seemed like. We had a really

hard time getting kids to practice because everyone was just so busy with other activities," she explained. "We were never able to practice ALL together until Monday night's show."

There was a lot of help behind the scenes as well. "The Building Trades class finished the set on Friday, three days before the performance, so Sunday and Monday were the only days we were able to practice with a real set," Wellnitz added.

Alaina's husband, Jeremy, the City of Clark Police Chief, also had a hand

in the production. "Jeremy spent most of Saturday afternoon figuring out the sound system so we could utilize the headset microphones," she explained. "I owe so much to him for taking the time to help me out because, without him, the audience would not have been able to hear some of our quieter cast members," she stated.

"I will be completely honest and say that this play was extremely stressful but absolutely worth it when all was said and done," Wellnitz shared. "I felt immense pride in our cast and crew.

These students brought everything they had, and they pulled it off. I can't thank them enough!" she exclaimed. "Through it all, the kids were flexible and understanding. They are a very creative bunch of students, and I really enjoyed being their mentor these last few months. I love them all dearly," she concluded.

As for next year, there will be three fewer faces on the stage, as seniors Nevaeh Rusher, Madison Pickrel and Brianna Dale will be graduating.



Scholar of Excellence Banquet celebrates graduating seniors

The sixth annual Clark High School Greater Clark Area Community Foundation Scholar of Excellence Banquet took place at the Clark Golf Clubhouse on April 28. Eight seniors with GPA's of 3.7 or higher, along with their guests, parents, high school staff and Clark Community Foundation members were all in attendance. The event was originally scheduled for March 26 but was rescheduled due to winter weather.

There was a meal followed by a short program to recognize the seniors, with each student's future plans and favorite school memories shared. Each senior invited a person to the banquet that has impacted their education

over the years. Those people were recognized with their senior along with the reason that they were nominated.

Greg Furness, representing the Greater Clark Area Community Foundation, announced that Nevaeh Rusher will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for serving on the board for two years as a high school member.

Pictured with their Scholars of Excellence awards are, back row, from left to right: Tyson Huber, Jack Helkenn, Aaron Zemlicka and Collin Gaikowski. In the front row, left to right are Sara Thonvold, Madison Pickrel, Nevaeh Rusher and Danielle Batchelor.

Photo Courtesy of Tammie Paulson



The South Dakota Boys and Girls State delegates were recently selected from Clark High School. They are pictured above, from left to right: Blake Lenzen, Alivia Gehrke, Raigan Flatten, Katelynn Merkel, Hannah Heiman, Talyn Ortberg and Parker Schmidt.

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Girls and Boys State delegates chosen at C.H.S.

By Carolynn Olson
Raigan Flatten, Alivia Gehrke, Talyn Ortberg, Hannah Heiman, and Katelynn Merkel have been selected as Girls State delegates at Clark High School for the 2024 session. Blake Lenzen and Parker Schmidt have been chosen as Boys State delegates.

Raigan Flatten will be sponsored by the Larry F. Hartman Post No. 108 - Bradley American Legion Auxilliary. She is the daughter of Casey and Valerie Flatten.

Alivia Gehrke will be sponsored by the Raymond Baker Post 209 American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Danny and Janet Gehrke.

Talyn Ortberg will also be sponsored by the Raymond Baker Post 209 American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Matthew and Lacey Ortberg.

Hannah Heiman will be sponsored by the Clark Cagley Smith Post #60 American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Heath and Erin Heiman.

Katelynn Merkel will be sponsored by Clark Area Snow Queen. She is the daughter of Nathan and Megan Merkel.

Blake Lenzen will be sponsored by the Clark Cagley Smith Post #60 American Legion. He is the son of Jessica Lenzen and Jeremy Elsen. Parker Schmidt will be spon-

sored by the Raymond Baker Post 209 American Legion. He is the son of Ryan and Amanda Schmidt.

WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
April 23	68	37	0
April 24	61	34	0
April 25	65	34	0
April 26	70	43	0.49
April 27	52	44	0.48
April 28	48	41	0.02
April 29	42	37	0.97
2024 precipitation to date	5.22"		
2023 precipitation to date	3.35"		

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