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DPRCA's 'Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses' opens April 9



The cast of "Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses." Back row (from left to right): **Josh Widmer, Drew Relling, Peyton Piatz**; front row: **Hannah Guilinger, Emma Bennett, Paige Thomas and Tessa Hartl**. Courtesy photo.

BY AMY WOBBERA

Love is in the air, but something else is apparently in the water.

Welcome to the Lovers' Landing Beach Hotel, a popular wedding destination that has acquired a certain mystique as the home of Sandy Toes and Salty Kisses.

Lovebirds Traci Ruth-

erford-Smythe and Peter Mudd arrive at the hotel, with the meddling mother of the bride in tow, to discuss their upcoming nuptials.

Meanwhile, new owner Audrina Brown discovers that her Uncle Bubba, the hotel manager, is running a variety of "extra-curricular activities" on the property.

It's a mystery. It's a love

story. It's a farce. This romantic comedy of mistaken identities will have you laughing until you cry.

DPRCA's cast of familiar faces present characters that are fantastically facetious. Peyton Piatz and Emma Bennett star as the happy couple, Traci and Peter. Paige Thomas plays "Dragon Lady," the meddling mother of the bride.

New Rockford native and local favorite Tessa Hartl returns to the stage as hotel owner Audrina Brown, while Drew Relling portrays Audrina's uncle, Wilberforce "Bubba" Brown, the hotel manager.

Rounding out the cast are Hannah Guilinger as the receptionist, Candy, and Josh Widmer as Douglas DuPont, a guest on a quest to expose the hotel's secrets. This production is recommended for ages 13 and up due to some adult themes and humor.

"Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses" opens Thursday, April 9 and is live at the Old Church Theatre in New Rockford for eight performances only. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through April 19.

The Bistro is back, open 90 minutes before showtime each night. Choose from among their popular flatbreads, salads and sandwiches or try one of the new rice bowls on the menu.

Book your seats and reserve your table with a call or text to (701) 399-9634, or purchase show tickets online at www.dprca.com.

HONOR ROLL

Carrington High School – Third Quarter

Highest Honor

12th grade: Jacob Boeshans, Madison Brame, Molly Hansen, Lauren Hendrickson, Rowan Jess, Abigail Lee, Jaedyn Lura, Aubrey Neis, Bailey Ness, Kelsi Neuman, Reese Schaefer, Sam Simons, Kaitlyn Solwey, Nicholas Steffen, Sienna Topp, McKade Zink

11th grade: Briley Carr, Jeremiah Gacho, Alexis Harris, Harper Kollman, Journey Pelletier, Andrea Sanchez Peralta, Sophie Spitzer

10th grade: Jocelyn Biel, Macy Fiebiger, Samuel Garr, Eric Hallwachs, Cally Hansen, Aniston Hoornaert, Marah Johnson, Josie Kollman, Maara Kutz, Kambry Linderman, Isaiah Richter, Kale Tebelius, Kenedy Trostad, Vera Wittman

9th grade: Brooke Almond, Laken Johnson, Mya Neis

8th grade: Violette Nava, Anastyn VanRay

7th grade: Emerson Grenz, Weston Irmen, Paisley Lura, Emma Mertz, Averie Neis, Chloe Pierson, Sarah Simons

High Honor

12th grade: Kirsten Biel, Juliet Davis, Connor Gast, Peyton Harrington, Grant Johnson, Reilly Matt, Tyson Scanson

11th grade: Gabriel Clifton, Laura Coffey, Molly Fiebiger, Nicholas Garber, Calleigh Hewitt, Kaylee Kollman, Cyrena Kuss, Andrew Matt, Ryder Schlafman-Hieb, Berkley Somsen, Alec Threadgold

10th grade: Parker Bickett, Rachel Boeshans, Bella Clark, Mya Cook, Kate Fiebiger, Nehemiah Gacho, Sebastian Gonzalez, Joie Helseth, Kenleigh Hinrichs, Kaydence Kirkeby, Brandt Klein, Kyah Lura, Emery Patzer, Madelyn VanRay, Ella Volk

9th grade: Gemma English, Brooklyn Knudson, Nicholas Pierson, Adisyn Reimche-VandeHoven, Howard

Simonson, Brina Wolsky

8th grade: Emerson Baumann, Nathan Boeshans, Cade Helseth, Kahri Kollman, Henry Pavelko, Emma Smith

7th grade: Alivia Blahna, Daphne Dreher, Paityn Knudson, Graham Kuginskie, Maci Linderman, Leighton Rzaszutak, Caroline Simonson, Della Wittman, Jensyn Wolf, Aleah Wolsky

Honor Roll

12th grade: Maddy Davis, Annalisa Gentili, Michela Gronseth, Benjamin Gustafson, Avery Konschak, Maddox McIlonie, Nela McKibben, Cody Otto, Madison Sherman, Nevaeh Sorensen, Maximus Whitman, Tate Wolsky

11th grade: Madalina Ciubotoreanu, Charles Jorgensen, Taylen Mehring, Bryar Page

10th grade: Charles Eversvik, Addyson Gussiaas, Paxton Harrington, Justin Hone, Jameson Kutz, Jimena Solis, Noah Spitzer, Kodi Thiel

9th grade: Blake Braaten, Gabriel English, Leighton Ness, Isaiah Oatis, Aysa Reimche-Nelson, Jamisyn Schroeder, Kallen Wolsky

8th grade: Kaylee Brunette, Kaydri Cabler, Aurora Cates, Jade Christensen, Mason Cook, Paige Fiebiger, Alyssabeth Gronseth, Alayna Gussiaas, Grace English, Kreed Kirkeby, Jayce Kollman, Jordyn Kollman, Jessa Larsen, Jennie Lee, Kaylee Mehlhoff, James Rau, Ryan Turenne, Jaxon Wilson, Krew Wolsky, Linda Yuja

7th grade: Adeline Beal, Wyatt Carr, Radke Hooley, Johanna Mehlhoff, Brooks Mozelle, Adrian Oatis, Theodore Ostlie, Chase Somsen, Aryanna Turenne, Michael VandeHoven, Amari Whitman, McKenzie Whitney

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PRIMARY —

Board.

The primary election will take place on Tuesday, June 9 at the Carrington City Library community room from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in running for an open seat should file a petition with the appropriate local office on or before Monday, April 6 at 4 p.m.

In order to have their name placed on the ballot, a candidate must obtain signatures from residents equal to not less than 10 percent of the votes cast for that office in the last election.

City and park board candidates should file with the city auditor and candidates for county offices should file with the Foster County Auditor.

As the election draws closer, read the Independent for more information about the candidates for local offices. An absentee ballot application and a sample ballot will be published in this newspaper in the coming weeks.

Questions about the election can be directed to Foster County Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy at 701-652-2441 or find answers to common questions online at vote.nd.gov

SILVER GYMNASTS TAKE 7TH AT STATE

First team award for club; E. Monson wins vault, four to regionals —

The Carrington Gymnastics Club earned their first state meet placement as an organization, taking seventh place in the Silver Division at the 2026 North Dakota USA Gymnastics state championships, the battle for the "Candy Crown."

The state meet was held at All Seasons Arena at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot Friday-Sunday, March 20-22.

Carrington scored 109.80 points, finishing behind co-champions Bismarck and TNT's 114.675. They were just 0.75 of a point out of a top five finish, achieved by Jamestown.

The CGC had one event champion, as Ellie Monson took the Junior B Bronze title in vault with a 9.375 score.

By achieving all-around scores of 35.5 or higher in the Silver Division, four other club members earned qualification to the Xcel Regionals in Sioux City, Iowa, to be held April 17-19.

All making the trip to Regionals are Gretchen Britton (36.4, fifth, Jr. C, including second in vault with 9.525); Rubie Saueressig (36.075, eighth, Jr. C); MaKayla Jost (35.925, 12th tie, Sr. D); and Ainsly Wolsky (35.550, seventh, Jr. A).

Other Silver finishers were Arabelle Johnson, 35.475 (Jr. C); Grace Stober, 34.775 (Sr. A); Hazel Pavelko, 34.500 (Jr. B); and Bristol Zink, 32.750 (Sr. B). Also



Top photo: Silver gymnasts posing with the team banner are **Maddie Roller, MaKayla Jost, Bristol Zink and Grace Stober**. Courtesy photo.



Right photo: Gymnasts pictured are, back row: **Gretchen Britton, Arabelle Johnson and Hazel Pavelko**. Front row: **Rubie Saueressig and Ainsly Wolsky**. Britton, Saueressig and Wolsky qualified for the regional competition. Courtesy photo.

in the Silver class, Maddie Roller was the only competitor in the Adult division, scoring 34.425 points.

Along with Monson's vault crown, Lily Wiedmeier earned a spot at the national meet May 29-31 in Hilton Head, S.C. with an all-around score of 37.225 for fourth place in the Senior B Bronze Division.

Additional Bronze scorers were Charli Reisenauer, 36.075 (Sr. B); Ellie Monson, 35.750; and Krosbi Kouba, 35.525 (Jr. B).

Gold Division gymnasts were Anna Monson, 34.075, 13th (Jr. B); and Kennedy VanRay, 33.350, 16th (Jr. B).

The program is coached by Tammy Sorensen.

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AGRONOMY —

The Foster County teams are coached by Bruce Bachmeier, Joel Lemer and Breanna Pastir.

Right: Junior 4-H'ers (left to right) **Jackson T., Jack S., Linda Y., Jade C., Jameson T., Tristen T. and Benjamin B.** competed at the state 4-H agronomy judging contest. Courtesy photo.



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