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Homecoming coronation is this Monday

"The Olympics" is the appropriate Faulkton High School Homecoming theme. Homecoming week begins Monday, Sept. 17 with the coronation program at the school auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

This year's candidates are, left, Allison Lowinske, Kyle Hall, Jacob Schlechter, Kayla Mendez, Kent Hall, Kaitlin Heitmann, Austin Thomas, Emily Meyer, Dade Monroe and Taylor Melius.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18 the FHS volleyball team hosts Highmore Harrold with junior high, junior varsity and varsity matches beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 the competitive cheer team attends a competition at Sioux Valley. Friday, Sept. 21 will be the homecoming parade, pep rally and football game vs. Warner. The week ends with a volleyball tournament at Mobridge on Saturday, Sept. 22.

For more details see FHS Principal Craig Cassens column on Page 14.



Executive director Jen Dickenson, with co-director/actors Eric Hedlund and Matt Cook.

Faulkton is the first cast for Dakota Players all new show!

There is no Z for this Zebra. No Xena the Zebra is an X all the way. The Dakota Players (formerly the Children's Theater Company of South Dakota) are back in town, this time with a brand new show that is having its debut here in Faulkton.

The Faulkton Area Arts Council and Dakota Players invite everyone to attend the performance of X is for Zebra for either a matinee at 1:30 p.m. or the evening show at 7:30 p.m. at the Faulkton School Gymnasium. Tickets will be sold at the door.

"We're working with a whole different alphabet here," said co-director Matt Cook.

"This particular Zebra has no stripes and that forms many intellectual and emotional quandary's for her. As she adventures, trying to discover her true nature she must face an evil zoologist," said co-director and actor Eric Hedlund. "That's about all I can say without spoiling the plot, except maybe that lessons will be learned and disaster averted at the same time."

"This is a brand new show," said Matthew Cook, recent Augustana College theater graduate. "And Faulkton is the first town to feature this show on its first tour. The writing and design work was mostly done by people from South Dakota, with some consultants from surrounding states. The music is all-new and all original, using genuine African instruments to give a very nice savanna feel to the show."

"I'm going to come right out and say that it's the best written children's show that I've ever been a part of," said Hedlund.

"That's the reason Jen's out here really," said Cook. "There

are some unique challenges to this show. Music with a different kind of rhythm, characters with special dialogue or traits. We need strong actors for Xena and Winston, the Evil Zoologist as well as a strong singing voice for Leonardo the Lion, someone who can do a French accent and somebody who's ready to misbehave as Charlie the Cheetah. It could be a challenge for just two people to manage."

"I'm actually not performing, just directing," said Jen Dickenson, whose title for this week's show is that of executive director. "This is a final training week for this new show, and I'm here to support and supervise the team, though I've got every confidence in these two."

Hedlund, who toured to Faulkton three years ago with the company said that he can't wait to see how the Faulkton students meet that challenge.

"What I remember from **Dakota Players story** (Continued on Page 2)

Something for everyone at the Cancer Walk/Run Event

"Survivor" is Eureka native

Walk/Run featured speaker Holly Hoffman was born and raised in Eureka where she also graduated from Eureka High School. She attended Northern State University after graduation. She and her husband, Charlie, manage a cattle ranch in north central South Dakota. Charlie also serves as a Representative in the State Legislature in District 23 which includes Faulk County.



They raised three children who all attended South Dakota Universities. Austin, their oldest son, graduated from South Dakota State University and is now employed with Keloland TV in Sioux Falls.

Alexandra Hoffman graduated from South Dakota State University with a broadcast journalism degree in May, 2011. She lives in Omaha, Neb. where she is employed with KETV. Alex was Miss South Dakota Teen USA in 2006 and Miss South Dakota 2008 where she placed in the top 15 in the Miss America Pageant.

Elizabeth is a graduate from the University of South Dakota and is now attending medical school. She plans on being an obstetrician-gynecologist. Elizabeth was Miss South Dakota Teen USA in 2008.

After raising their children Holly decided it was time to do something for herself so she applied to be on the reality show *Survivor*. She was the last woman standing, and last member of the Espada Tribe in the game. Hoffman placed fourth in Season 21 *Survivor* Nicaragua.

Holly is now traveling making appearances and speaking to various organizations and schools. By sharing her *Survivor* experience she has become a motivational speaker. She will also be traveling throughout the United States attending reality fundraising events and speaking.

Holly will be autographing t-shirts at the Walk/Run and those attending may get a picture taken with her for \$5 – proceeds going to the ACS.

The Faulkton Community Center/gym complex is once again the site of Faulk County's Walk/Run Event for the American Cancer Society that will be held this Sunday, Sept. 16.

This unique event is a celebration of life in honor and in memory of those whose lives have been touched by cancer. It is a place where friends, family and loved ones come together as a community to celebrate survivorship and renew efforts to fight cancer.

This is the fifth year the Faulk County Unit of the ACS has hosted the event. This year's Walk/Run theme is "Survivor/Never Give Up" featuring Holly Hoffman from the 21st season of the TV show *Survivor* as the inspirational speaker (see inset.) Sponsorship of the speaker is the result of the grant-writing efforts of April Sorensen, RD, LN, Education and Wellness Coordinator of the Faulkton Area Medical Center for community educational cancer programs. Sponsorship of the race t-shirts are provided by 33 area businesses.

Registration will take place at the Faulkton Community Center beginning at 3 p.m. for teams to turn in any additional donations and pick up their t-shirts which will be sorted and ready to give out. Individual registration will follow at 3:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and youth under 18 which includes the 2012

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RECORD NOTES

Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., Sept. 4	88	48	
Wed., Sept. 5	79	55	
Thurs., Sept. 6	84	48	
Fri., Sept. 7	70	44	
Sat., Sept. 8	78	34	
Sun., Sept. 9	78	55	
Mon., Sept. 10	97	55	

Tom Bartholomew, Observer

The total amount of moisture in 2012 is 12.64. Total moisture to date in 2011 was 23.46.

For current weather conditions: climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp