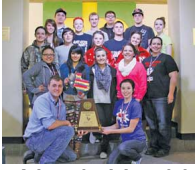


North Hopkins High School One-Act Play headed to Area

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North Hopkins High School theater students are advancing from zone to the Area One-Act Play competition with their interpretation of Jerome McDonough's "Asylum."

This marks the second time the theater troupe has advanced this year in OAP. They scored high enough at the zone contest on March 18 to advance to district. Then, on Wednesday, March 26, they advanced from the district OAP competition to the area OAP competition; both zone and district contests were held at Paris Junior College in Paris.

Three students also earned individual accolades at the district competition for their acting abilities.

NHHS senior Rheston Sills was named Best Actor at both the zone and district contests. Junior Miriam Castro was named to the All Star Cast at both zone and district. Freshman Victoria Wilburn, who earned All Star Cast honors at the zone contest, went on to receive Honorable Mention All Star Cast honors at district.

The cast and crew whose contributions helped the play advance from district to area OAP competition Wednesday included seniors Blake Adams, Miguel Orozco, Jessie Williams, Chelsea Houser, Jeron Leber, Dalila Cortez, Rheston Sills and Elizabeth Wilburn; juniors Miriam Castro and Denise Franco; sophomores Colton Wheeler, Abreeanna Bisenius, Miranda Rushin, Mason Virgel and Lindsey Perry; freshmen Sheyenne Mitchell, Victoria Wilburn and Alliyah French; and play director Jenifer Lucas.

The Area One-Act Play competition will be held Monday, April 7, at Grayson College in Denison.

Lucas is planning to hold a public performance in the near future, but has yet to work out all of the details. The school will post the announcement as soon as the date has been set.

Jerome McDonough's "Asylum" calls for a cast of upwards of 10 actors who take the audience through a kaleidoscope, with one episode dissolving into another like an absurd dream.

"Each episode lets you see some aspect of yourself as a perceptive artist sees you, and the view is not always pleasant," according to Dramatic Publishing. It explores what asylum really means, whether it's the world of "normal" people or that of everyone else. "The feeling of Asylum is one of space rather than a stage, a nameless place rather than a specific location."

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