The fact that this year's Gothenburg High School one-act production has many returning veterans is a big plus.

As is "The Play Called Noah's Flood."

"We know what to do with our speaking roles and its very natural to us," said senior Brett Mann who plays Pipe Mandel. "We've made a lot of progress in a short amount of time."

Dramatic Publishing describes the play as taking place at the end of the 15th century in the tiny town of Frodsham where townspeople muster resources to produce a play-within-a play.

Characters mirror their biblical pageant counterparts, including the Seven Deadly Sins.

Director Lori Long said the play provides a humorous glimpse of medieval stagecraft and the panic of performers who must go on before the show is ready.

Long said they've cut the play, with the author's input, to fit the 30-minute time limit.

What's exciting about the piece, Long said, is that it presented a bible story for audiences before print Bibles were readily available.

"Different festivals were held throughout the English countryside for audiences to see these stories and share celebrations with area communities," she explained.

Long said she and co-director, Erin Feather, have tried to enforce a strong literary value in their one-act play selections and many of have had a strong historical thread.

"It's been a while since we've done a comedic piece and this fits our cast and philosophy very well," she said.

Mann noted that the script fits the seniors in the play well.

When one-act practice began the week of the musical, students rehearsed in the wrestling room.

"And it was hard to concentrate because of being involved in the musical and other activities," said senior Betsy Potter who plays Petula Talbot.

Senior Trenton Long, who is John Talbot, describes the play as entertaining and very humorous.

Freshman Dominic Long, who plays Ira Talbot, said the play is energetic and "the cast is really into it."

Long said the audience will be able to relate to and find themselves in characters in the play.

She added that the play's team leaders are excited and ready to put on a fabulous and competitive show.

The public will have two opportunities to see the production locally this year in the GHS performing arts center.

Tuesday, Nov. 19— Gothenburg Play Production Invitational, GHS performance at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3— Public performance and dessert bar at 7:30 p.m. A free will donation will be collected.

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'THE PLAY CALLED NOAH'S FLOOD'
(in order of appearance)

Hester/Gluttony—Shaylee Scott
Verba—Abbie Mazour
Loquilla—Amanda Kowalewski
Lavidia/Lechery—Carlin Daharsh
Lavidia/Lechery(for SWC)—Shelby Mannel
Pipe/God—Brett Mann
John/Noah—Trenton Long
Enoch Thornscew/Greed—James Shuman
Petula/Mrs. Noah—Betsy Potter
Ira/Shem/Anger—Dominic Long
Nicholas/Japeth—Drake Brand
Stephen Fitz-Stepheas/Pride—Roman Schmidt
Yerna/Mrs. Shem—Alayna Collins
Jenny/Mrs. Japeth—Rachel Rice
Henry/Ham—Rhett Lindholm
Eleanor/Mrs. Ham—Kayla Trevino
Laggard/Sloth—Joseph Darling
Page—Jett Seimer
Criticus Crinch—Drake Langley
Musician—Tyler Baker
Townspeople/animals—Abigail Cary, Gage Taylor, Connor McCoy, Faith Rickertsen, Stuart Moore, Mallory McCoy, Sara Picci, Cole Crisman, Courtney Brown, Remmy Rocha, Iqra Farah, Dylan France, Bailey Rickertsen, Jason Jobman, McKinley Harm, Nate Jobman, Julyssa Rocha, Jacob Myers, Kayla Anderson, Jordanne Boehle, Kassi DeBoer
Crew—Zach Wolf, Dylan Folkers, Stephen Ostergard, Archer Jensen, Tyson Miller, MaKaela Franzen, Roy Slack and Jacob Clark
Directors—Lori Long and Erin Feather
Assistant to director—Ashley Wilkerson
Technical director—Jim Long