



John Wilkes Booth, portrayed by Francisco Morales, forces his accomplice to take down his manifesto after he assassinated Abraham Lincoln during a scene of 'Assassins,' a play that will take place at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. The performance attempts to tell the twisted stories of nine separate assassins who tried to kill presidents. Some succeeded. L&T photo/Earl Watt

Play dives into the mind of a killer

By EARL WATT • Leader & Times Why did they do it? That's one of the first questions asked after a tragic shooting occurs, and the newest production of the drama department at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is seeking to share the answer.

"Assassins" will take the stage tonight and share the perspective of nine twisted people who attempted to kill the president. Some succeeded, starting with John Wilkes Booth.

The play is considered PG-13, according to director Alison Bridget Chambers, and with the raging debate over gun control, this was her way of sharing her "two cents."

For Chambers, the play hits close to home. The mother of one of her college friends worked as a psychologist at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. Mary Sherlach was one of the victims of the shooting. Twenty children and six adults were killed in the massacre.

'Assassins' takes shot at gun control debate

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