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A former Imperial resident, Connor DeWalt, has a lead role in the Southwest Nebraska Community Theater Association's production of "All Shook Up!"

The staging will take place this weekend and next at the historic Fox Theatre in downtown McCook, and highlights the Elvis era, which some believe changed the perception of American music.

DeWalt, 25, of McCook plays an Elvis-like heart throb named Chad. He shares the stage with Rachel Gordine, who plays Natalie Haller. When rejected by Chad in the story's beginning, Natalie disguises herself as "Ed" to become a friend to Chad, which leads to all kinds of complications.

That's just one of the romantic stops in "All Shook Up!" which will also feature more than two dozen of Elvis' biggest hits, including "Heartbreak Hotel," "Jailhouse Rock," "Love Me Tender," "Hound Dog," "Burning Love" and a lot of dancing.

DeWalt attended grade school in Imperial through fifth grade, moving with his family in 1999. He is the son of Keri Ohlson of McCook and Craig DeWalt of Hastings.

The show will be staged this Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9, and next weekend, March 14-16. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. CT. Curtain time for the Sunday matinees is 2 p.m. CT.

Charles Coleman of McCook is director.

Reserved tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for age 12 and younger, and are available now at Hershberger Music Co., and Janssen-Kool Honda in McCook, as well as Amy's Salon in Cambridge. If available, tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 and \$10.

Tickets can also be reserved in advance at the lower prices through Janet Hepp, 308-345-5387, and they will be held at the door.