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# **SDHSAA 106th Oral Interpretation Festival To Be Held This Weekend**

PIERRE — Students from 81 South Dakota high schools will compete in the 106th annual South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) State **Oral Interpretation Festival** on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, in Sturgis at Šturgis Brown High School.

This year's festival competitors have qualified through a combination local school, district and regional competitions. The festival will feature a combined total of 296 Class "AA," Class "A" and Class "B" entries. The Class "B" State Oral Interpretation Festival competitors were determined by advancing from one of

the 10 district contests to a Class "B" regional contest and advancing from their region contest to the state festival. The Class "A" State Festival competitors qualified for the State Festival after advancing from one of five Class "A" regional con-tests. Class "AA" contestants have advanced to the State Festival as a result of intraschool competition in their own schools.

The 2015 State Oral Interpretation Festival will showcase competitive performances by 91 entries from 13 Class "AA" schools, 104 entries from 30 Class "A" schools and 101 entries from 38 Class "B" schools.

During the state festival, the students will compete to achieve a "Superior" rating which is the equivalent of a state championship in their contest event. State **Oral Interpretation Festival** competition is divided into seven contest events: Non-Original Oratory, Interpretation of Serious Reading, Storytelling, Poetry Reading, Humorous Reading, Duet Interpretation and Readers Theatre.

The State Oral Interpretation Festival competition will begin on Friday morning, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. The festival's second and third sessions will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon and

at 7 p.m. Friday evening, respectively. The festival will conclude with two sessions at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The awards for each session's competition will be announced at the conclusion of the session. "Team Excellence" awards, recognizing the high schools whose over-all entries excelled during the State Festival, will be presented at the conclusion of competition on Saturday afternoon.

The public is encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions of the State Festival.



**KELLY HERTZ/P&D** 

This tree in downtown Yankton was covered with snow Monday night after a day of heavy snow. Tuesday brought only flurries but stronger winds, which reduced visbility.

### Weather

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that comes off the Pacific Ocean — helped created the unseasonably warm temperatures during the first part of November, Todey said.

"El Nino is partially to blame for the warm fall, but we also had a ridge of warm air consistently over us," he said. "The warmth allows more moisture to be around and helped contribute to the big (storm) system.

Todey released figures showing how the past month in Yankton stacked up with previous Novembers:

– 11.5 inches of snow, seventh largest for November and 5.3 inches above average;

-2.46 inches of liquid for November, 10th wettest and 1.08 inches above average;

- 40.4 degrees F for the month, the eighth warmest November and 5 degrees F above average.

Yankton also finished above average for the fall, consisting of September through November. – 55.1 degrees F, the

second warmest fall on record and 5.2 degrees above the coming month, Dux said. 'The December trends continue to support high probabilities of above-normal temperatures," he said. "As far as precipitation is concerned, there is no strong above or below (the normal

indication)." The Yankton region will remember the recent Thanksgiving weekend as ending with the "big dig" and "big melt" of snow, along with high winds and poor visibility.

However, Thanksgiving weekend storms aren't unusual, Todey said.

"From a personal standpoint, I twice got days off going to Iowa State when large systems came at the end of Thanksgiving break," he said. "They cancelled (classes) so people didn't have to go back (to school) through the storm.

The holiday also marked the arrival of a historic weather event 10 years ago, Todey said.

'The big ice storm in 2005 was also at the end of Thanksgiving weekend," he said, noting the storm that paralyzed portions of the Yankton region for up to two weeks.

That type of weather doesn't appear on the horizon in the coming week. And while winter doesn't officially start until Dec. 21, its arrival brings one bright spot - the days start getting longer.

## NMM Live! Holiday Concert Set For Friday

VERMILLION - A holiday tradition is in the making at the National Music Museum, in Vermillion. People will be coming in from the cold at noon this Friday, Dec. 4, and warming up to the spirited seasonal sounds of the popular South Dakota Brass Quintet.

The holiday noon concert is usually our most popular NMM Live! show of the year. Great music, great crowd, great energy," says NMM spokesper-son Patricia Bornhofen.

This year, the South Dakota Brass Quintet will be performing "music from the Renaissance to the present, and from Bach to Sweelinck," says horn player and USD professor Gary Reeves. "Our music will celebrate the holiday season, including tubist Chuck Dibley's latest wonderful Christmas

**OBITUARIES** 

Linda Louise Johnson,

age 62 of Menno, SD passed

Memorial services will

away, unexpectedly, at her

residence in Menno, SD.

December 5, 2015 at the

Tieszen Memorial Home,

Marion, SD with Rev. Steve

Unzicker officiating. Burial

Visitations will be one

of her cremated remains

hour prior to the service

will be at a later date.

be 1:00 p.m. Saturday,

Linda Johnson

medley. We'll also perform pieces that are not specifically Christmas music but still in the spirit of the season."

The popular quintet is comprised of Dr. Rolf Olson, on trumpet; Dr. Clayton Lehman, on trumpet; Dr. Gary

Reeves, on horn; Dr. Jonathan Alvis, on trombone; and Chuck Dibley, on tuba. All but Lehman teach in the University of South Dakota's music department. (Lehman is a USD professor of history.

We very much look forward to the NMM Live! holiday show. And we cordially invite all who may be seeking a little winter cheer to join us!" says Reeves.

This NMM Live! starts at 12:05 p.m. and ends at 12:55 p.m. Admission is free to all. (National Music Museum

admission is free on Fridays. This December that is possible thanks to the support of local sponsor CorTrust Bank.)

The holiday concert is the last NMM event for the 2015 academic semester, but a full roster of Winter/ Spring 2016 NMM Live! shows and movies will be announced shortly.

The NMM's public programming is also underwritten by the USD Student Association and the South Dakota Arts Council, the support for which is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism and State development, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mic Johnson and their families. Linda was preceded in death by her grandparents,

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automobile accident on

the Mount Marty Campus.

Johnson, Ryan Johnson,

Freddie and Agnes Johnson and her father, Virgil.

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served as editor, where she shared family recipes and stories. She self-published

begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel on

borg, SD on September 11, 1953 to Virgil and Madelyn Johnson. She attended

Grandview School and then graduated from Viborg High School in 1971. She retired in Menno, SD and passed away peacefully in her

Linda is survived by her mother, Madelyn Johnson; two brothers, Gerald (Terryl) Johnson and Warren Johnson; nieces and nephews, Rachel Anderson, Heather Johnson, Brittany

and shared the collection,

fondly remembered her

"Mother Cooking." She also

home.

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Monday, Nov., 30, 2015. A memorial service will

Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD is assisting

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Club.

### **Charles 'Charley'** Trantina

Charley was born in the Czech community of Dante in South



with the service details.

Linda was born in Vi-

Survivors include his

wife Linda; son Charles Scott

(Judi) Trantina from Eugene,

(Frank) Calliss from Tempe,

rial Home, Marion, SD.

Dakota. He was a baby of the Great Depression and arrived on September 21, 1929. to Charles and Tillie Trantina,

local merchants in the rural area of Southeast Dakota. Upon his arrival, the family moved their business eight miles away to the town of Wagner where the high school would be more accessible.

Trantina

After graduating, it was decided that Yankton College would be a logical choice. His college days brought some success in oratory and debate. Upon graduation from college in 1951, the Korean conflict was awaiting most graduates and he spent the next four years in the USAF Financial Division. Upon leaving the Air Force, Charley moved to Arizona and was a Junior High teacher for the next three years. Salesmanship was always a challenge that he wanted to pursue and in 1958, he affiliated with State Farm Insurance Company and established his agency. The business began in Phoenix, later moving to Sun City. He spent 38 years providing security to families. During this period, he was recognized as one of the top leaders in sales in Arizona and nationwide. In 1996, he retired from the business world and he and his wife Linda spent many years in a summer home in Munds Park, Arizona. They also spent many summers in worldwide travel. In 2014, he was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yankton College for serving over 30 years on the Board of Trustees. He and Linda offered dozens of college scholarships to deserving students during this time. He was a student of Blackjack and a member of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. Other affiliations included the American Legion, ELKS and the Sun City Rotary

ÀZ and Sten-Daughter Deborah (Ed) Dow residing in Surprise, AZ.

OR; daughter Dr. Debra

Services will be held at a later date and memorial contributions may be made to Yankton College, P.O. Box 133, Yankton, SD 57078. Please join Charley's family in sharing memories, photos and videos on his tribute wall at www.caminodelsol.com.

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#### **Roana Ostrom**

Roana Jo (Merritt) Ostrom, 74, died, with family by her side,

on Friday, November 20, 2015 in Las Cruces, NM. At her



life, will be

held at a later date in the Black Hills of SD.

Roana was born on May 15, 1941 in Deadwood, SD to Joseph Edward and Linnie Mae (Alexander) Merritt. Upon graduating from high school, she married Donald H. Ostrom on May 31, 1959. Together they raised five beautiful and talented daughters in Parker, SD

Roana enjoyed several professions, most importantly the one of homemaker and mother to her daughters, later loving the grandbabies as they arrived. She wrote a column for the Parker New Era, a weekly paper for which she later

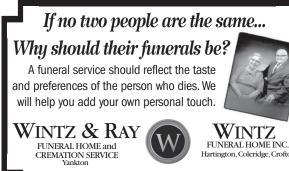
time traveling and driving as an over-the-road truck driver and as a departmental secretary at The University of South Dakota, where she retired in December 2006.

While living and working in Vermillion, SD, she met her dear friend, Eugene Welch, and upon retirement, they set out on their crosscountry RV adventures. Settling in Deming, NM, they enjoyed desert gardening, feeding the quail and deer, and rock hunting on four-wheelers. She recently built a "she shed," where she enjoyed stamping, fiber arts and beading. Her friends and loved ones will forever cherish the many hand-made holiday and birthday cards sent over the years. Always original, stylish and creative, her quick wit endured throughout her lifetime.

Thankful for sharing her life are her five daughters Kathy (Terry) Nelson, Vermillion, SD; Kelly (Larry) Alexander, Ft. Myers, FL; Kristy (Jim) Butcher, Kaneohe, HI; Kerry Ostrom, Spearfish, SD; Kammy (Carter) Krumbach, Sleepy Eye, MN; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchil-dren, with two more on the way; partner Eugene Welch; sister Linda Matzen; and cousin Glenda Bowens. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother James and a great-granddaughter. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 2, 2015

#### **Ashley Riibe**

Ashley J. Riibe, 30, of Yankton, passed away from injuries received from an



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Visitation with the family present will be two hours prior to the start of the service.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Kahler Funeral Home, Dell Rapids. Online condolences can

be made at www.kahlerfh.com.

#### Johanna Stone

Johanna M. Stone, 74, of Wagner died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Burial is in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is Friday, Dec. 4, from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

– 9.22 inches of inches of precipitation, the eighth wettest fall and 2.83 inches above average

The arrival of December also signals the arrival of a warmer weather pattern, according to NWS meteorologist Matthew Dux.

The week's forecast for the Yankton region calls for sunny weather with highs of 28 degrees today (Wednesday), 36 degrees Thursday and 39 degrees both Friday and Saturday.

The warm-up that will begin this week and continue into the next week should see temperatures climb back towards 40 degrees or warm-er," Dux said. "This should melt or significantly reduce the snow on the ground." Look for the warming

trend to continue throughout

The Press & Dakotan received the following rescheduled events:

• The Yankton High School Chorus and Orchestra Holiday Concert that was scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed until 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the YHS/ Summit Activities Center theatre.

• Vermillion's wrestling match against Sioux Falls Roosevelt, which was scheduled for Tuesday, has been rescheduled for Dec. 8 in Vermillion.

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# Vermillion Downtown Holiday Stroll

Wednesday December 9th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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