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Area Contestants Receive Top Honors At SD Oral Interp Festival

From P&D Staff Reports

STURGIS — Several area contestants won superior honors at the 106th annual South Dakota State Oral Interpretation Festival in Sturgis this past weekend. The event was sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.
In Class A, area students won superiors in the following events:
• Non-Original Oratory — Erica Moen, Vermillion;
• Serious Reading — Jacob O'Hara, Beresford;
• Duet Interpretation — Brennan Stone and Ethan Simmons, Vermillion; Kelsey Barnett and Chloe Noteboom, Wagner;
• Reader's Theater — Vermillion: Erica Moen, Sophi

Dudley, Libby Sykes, Natalie Swanson; Bon Homme: Samantha Burgi, Courtney Eddy, Danielle Johnson, Heidi Hassing; Parkston: Alyssa Applettoft, Brooke Bigge, Karleen Murtha, Tim Schmidt.
Bon Homme, coached by Linda Haar, and Vermillion, coached by Mary Begley, won team awards.
Area results in Class B were:
• Non-Original Oratory — Bethany Wollman, Freeman Academy;
• Serious Reading — Polly Carlson, Freeman Academy;
• Humorous Reading — Ashley Fink, Freeman Academy; Jacque Verdoorn, Viborg-Hurley.
Freeman Academy, coached by Todd Jones, brought home a team award.

USD Political Science Students To Intern At SD And US Capitols And Law Firm

VERMILLION — Several University of South Dakota political science students have secured Spring 2016 internships in Pierre and Washington.
USD's Farber Fund provides financial support for all eligible undergraduates who major in political science and land an internship.
Besides state and U.S. capitols, students in the past also have worked at Parliament in London.
Students, their hometowns and where they will serve internships for academic credit next semester:
• U.S. Sen. John Thune's

office in Washington: Shukri Jama, South Sioux City, Nebraska;
• U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds' office in Washington: Jordan Hanson, Watertown; Josh Jorgensen, Sioux Falls;
• South Dakota Legislature in Pierre: Chesney Garnos, Wall; Emily Wall, Chamberlain; Stephen Gemar, Moberly; Thayme Watson, Brookings; Catie Dougherty, Sioux Falls; Cole Morgan, Mitchell;
• Tieszen Law Office in Pierre: Casey Matthiesen, Jasper, Minnesota; Dan Long, Lake Preston.

Onward

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downtown," she said. "We didn't want to just move ahead without actually surveying the people and seeing what they think of it, what their perceptions are and how they think we can improve it."
Two separate surveys have been distributed — one to downtown business owners and a second, available online, for the general public. The public survey asks people how often they visit downtown and why. It also gives people a chance to offer feedback on current downtown services, parking and what they would like to see added.
One participant in the survey will receive \$250 in Yankton Chamber Dollars after the survey closes Dec. 21. The goal is to get at least 500 responses to the survey overall.
The public survey was

opened the week of Thanksgiving and, as of Friday, had received 178 responses. For the business and property owner survey, the committee has so far received 11 responses with more expected.
Committee member Carmen Schramm told the *Press & Dakotan* that the board is getting local help in putting the results together for presentation.
"Mount Marty College is helping us put this information together in a format that we'll be able to present to the Downtown Business Association, to the City of Yankton and to all of the stakeholders that we need to make sure they understand the difference between what each entity is thinking and what the business and property owners are thinking," Schramm said.
Cwach said they've already noticed a few trends from the completed surveys currently available.
"We asked people how often they visit because we want to know, 'Are you guys coming downtown?' Are

you not?" she said. "Fifty percent of respondents are visiting downtown once per week or more, but then only 20 percent are shopping downtown once per week or more. There's definitely a disconnect in how often they go downtown versus how much they shop. Forty-seven percent shop once per month."
She added that ratings of downtown have been a bit mixed from the survey so far. "The majority of people had average things to say," she said. "They said there weren't exciting things going on downtown and nothing that repeatedly drew them downtown. They complained of vacant storefronts, some deteriorated buildings, lack of housing options ... lack of consistent store hours and limited options."
"They also had some great things to say about downtown," she said. "They love the proximity to the river. They love the small-town, friendly atmosphere. They love the historic buildings, the character that downtown

has and that everything is within walking distance."
Cwach said the results show that there is great promise for the district.
"The feeling we're getting so far from the survey is that downtown Yankton has so much potential," she said. "People are really excited about it, but we're surveying them to see how we can improve it."
Schramm said that the survey is a sign that people want to see some action taken in the downtown area.
"We found that out through the Onward Yankton submissions as well, but the comments are positive about what they want to see," she said. "There's a few negatives in there, but people just want to see some stuff happening there."
To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/downtownyankton>.
Follow @RobNielsenPandD on Twitter.

Applied Engineering Awarded By Top Shops Benchmarking

Applied Engineering of Yankton recently was awarded the Top Shops Benchmarking Honors Program winner in the machining technology category.
The 90,000-square-foot facility, which specializes in machining precision aluminum components, uses a variety of multiple-machine flexible manufacturing systems (FMS) as well as single machines

fitted with pallet pools for continual machining.
Tom Bohnet, company president, and his son, Tom, who is the company project manager, recently spearheaded a transition into an improved tool crib system, which resulted in a 62 percent reduction in scrap and an 18 percent reduction in tool costs throughout a year.

SDSU Extension Hosts Climate & Agriculture Workshop In Mitchell

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension is hosting a climate and agriculture workshop in Mitchell on Tuesday, Dec. 15.
The workshop will highlight trends in temperature and precipitation in the region and some agronomic best management practices to adapt to a changing and variable climate.
Speakers for the one day workshop include: Dennis Today, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist; Chris Graham, SDSU Extension Agronomist; Febrina Mathew, SDSU Oilseeds Plant Pathologist; Adam Varenhorst, SDSU Extension Entomology Specialist; Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist; and Windy Kelley from the USDA's Northern Plains Regional Climate Hub.
This is the first workshop of its kind in South Dakota, to focus primarily on farm management with climate and weather in mind. The speakers will discuss agronomy, insect pests and plant disease. The topics will

primarily address corn and soybean farming, but all agriculture producers are invited to attend.
CCA CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
The workshop is sponsored in part by USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Continuing education credits will be available for Certified Crop Advisers as well.
The workshop will begin with on-site registration at 8:30 a.m. the program will start at 9 a.m. and should conclude by 2 p.m. Registration fee is payable by cash or check the day of the event.
The event will be held at the Davison County 4-H building in the V-Tel room, Mitchell (3200 West Havens).
RSVP is not required, but requested. To RSVP or with questions, contact Laura Edwards at 605-626-2870 or by email at laura.edwards@sdsu.edu.
Visit the iGrow events page for more information.

River Basin Natural Resource District Oversight Advisory Task Force To Meet

PIERRE — The River Basin Natural Resource District Oversight Advisory Task Force will meet on Friday, Dec. 11, in Room 413 of the Capitol in Pierre. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. (CST). The public is invited to attend.
Senate Bill 2, as enacted by the 2015 Legislature, provided for the creation of the River Basins Natural Resource Districts. This task force has been tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of these districts. At this meeting the task force will be discussing the establishment of district boundaries and subdistrict boundaries and the process to elect council members from each subdistrict. Maps

to be considered by the task force may be reviewed at the following website: <http://legis.sd.gov/Interim/Committee-Documents.aspx?KeywordID=454&Session=2015>.
All interested parties are invited to attend to comment to the task force about the tasks assigned to the task force.
The River Basin Natural Resource District Oversight Advisory Task Force consists of eight members: Kim Vanne-man, Chair (Ideal); Rep. John Wiik, Vice Chair (R-Big Stone City); Sens. Jason Frerichs (D-Wilmot) and Arthur Rusch (R-Vermillion); Rep. Steven McCleery (D-Sisseton); and Paul Casper (Lake Preston), Karl Jensen (Whitewood) and Denny Kiner (Mitchell).

Obama

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the presidency that he has used infrequently. He's made televised statements from the Oval Office just twice, the last in 2010 when he announced the end of combat missions in Iraq.
While Obama has spoken frequently about the Islamic State in recent news conferences and other events, the decision to speak in prime-time reflected concern among his advisers that his message isn't breaking through. The White House has been particularly concerned about the heated rhetoric from Republican presidential candidates about Muslims.
The president implored

Americans to not turn against Muslims at home, saying the Islamic State was driven by a desire to spark a war between the West and Islam. Still, he called on Muslims in the U.S. and around the world to take up the cause of fighting extremism.
The spread of radical Islam, he said, is "a real problem that Muslims most confront without excuse."

OBITUARIES

Marion Heusinkveld

Funeral services for Marion R. Heusinkveld, 85, of Springfield will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, with burial in the church cemetery, rural Springfield.
Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.
Marion Robert Heusinkveld was born July 5, 1930 west of Springfield, SD, the son of Derk and Johanna (Wynia) Heusinkveld. He went home to be with his LORD on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Marion attained the age of 85 years.
Marion grew up on the family farm. He attended school at Kirkwood Country School and Springfield High School.
Marion, Robert Ludens and Clint Dykstra opened Springfield Radio and TV in 1953. In 1955, he started college and graduated in 1959. The TV Shop was sold and Marion began teaching in the Electronics Department at Southern State College in Springfield.

Marion attended USD and received a Masters Degree in 1962. He also attended many summer institutes. They were Rutgers University, University of Michigan, Northeastern University in Boston, University of Illinois, and the University of Colorado. Marion taught for 25 years at SSC/USD-S until the College was closed in 1984. He finished his career by teaching at SDSU for 9 1/2 years. Marion taught for a total of 34 years of which he immensely enjoyed. There never was a day that he did not want to go to work.
Marion became a member of the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield in 1948 and remained a faithful member all of his life. In his retirement, he was twice elected as an Elder of the church.
Due to failing health, Marion entered the Assisted Living Center in Springfield and in June of 2015 became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall.
Marion enjoyed golf and spent much of his time throughout his life restoring old cars. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his witty, dry sense of humor and the gift of faith in his LORD. His family often thought of him as a cousin, rather than an uncle. Marion loved the good times with the Wynia and Heusinkveld cousins.
Thankful for having

shared his life are his brother Glenn and wife Jessie of Springfield; sister-in-law Bernice Heusinkveld of Iowa; nieces and nephews: Elaine, Daryl, Gretta, Dennis, Harold, Willard, Sharon, Carol, Betty, Kevin, Rodney, Brent, Chester and Kayleen and their families.
Marion was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Garret and wife Edith and Delbert; sister Susan and husband James Namminga; and niece Joyce Brinker.

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Gladys Braunesreither

Gladys Luverne Braunesreither, 93, of Yankton, passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.
Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Martinus Lutheran

Church, rural Utica, with the Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories immediately following the service with a lunch at the Ernest-Bowyer VFW.
Visitations will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. prayer service and video tribute. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

Gerald L. Reade who passed away December 7, 2014

Charles R. Branaugh who passed away December 8, 2014

Leon K. Prezler who passed away December 12, 2014

Thera Ann Sherman who passed away December 13, 2014

Stella Kalda who passed away September 8, 2002

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