

## Yankton Co. Dems Offering Rides To Polls

Yankton County Democrats are offering rides to polling places for any citizens who need assistance today (Tuesday).

"We'll help folks regardless of political affiliation, no questions asked," says Jay Williams, the county Democratic chair.

Williams said voters should call 665-8393 or 660-6357 or 660-5989 for rides.

He said Democrats will be headquartered at the Rounding Third party room at 307 Cedar Street in downtown Yankton on election day. Anyone who wants to assist as drivers or callers should also call the above numbers.

Democrats will remain at the Party Room after 7 p.m. to watch the local, state and national returns. Everyone is invited to join the election night event with the local candidates.

"The speeches are over, it's time for counting the votes and then to start working together as one state and one country," Williams said.

## Tickets For MMC Vespers Available Wednesday

The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and the Mount Marty College Music Department will present their annual Vespers performance on Sunday, Dec. 2. The free performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College campus.

This year's Vespers will feature music from Gregorian Chant to contemporary compositions. The performance will feature the choir of Mount Marty College, under the direction of new Director of Choral Activities Kenneth Tice. The central piece for this year's performance is Z. Randall Stroope's, "Hodie! (This Day)", accompanied by professional brass and percussion ensemble. The audience will be joining in on traditional holiday carols throughout the performance.

The Yankton Children's Choir will be the featured guest performers on both performances, and sing the prelude to the 7 p.m. concert.

Tickets to Vespers are free, but space is limited to 500 people per performance. Tickets can be picked up in advance at The Carpenter's Shop behind Walgreen's in Yankton or on the Mount Marty College campus in the Bookstore beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

## HHS Offering Adoption Event Featuring Cats

Heartland Humane Society offers adorable cats ready to go home with you during "9 Lives for \$9" Adoption Event.

Saving a cat this holiday season has never been easier, or less expensive, than during Heartland Humane Society's Nine Dollars for Nine Lives event Nov. 7-17.

"HHS is drastically reducing the adoption cost to help every cat find a home this holiday season," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director for HHS. "Around 33 percent of all American households have at least one feline member and we are hoping this event can bring the area one step closer to no more homeless pets."

The event includes all kittens and cats available for adoption at Heartland. You can view the available animals at [www.heartlandhumane.org](http://www.heartlandhumane.org) or stop by the shelter at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton.

"We all want to be with our families for the holidays, and so do these animals. They'd like a stocking stuffed with catnip, a food bowl with their name on it, a cozy pillow by the fire," said Schmidt.

The adoption event is part of Best Friends Animal Society's national mission of No More Homeless Pets®, which aims to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. Heartland Humane Society is a participating member of the No More Homeless Pets® Network — <http://nmhpnetwork.bestfriends.org/> — a program of Best Friends Animal Society, and offers help and support to animal rescue groups that save lives in their communities.

## RiverWalk Submission Deadline Nov. 30

Artist applications for RiverWalk, Yankton's sculpture walk, are due on Nov. 30. The committee will be selecting 15 sculptures to be on display in Yankton May 2013-May 2014. Selected artists and sculptures will be announced in January 2013.

Artist submissions must be original concepts and include two color photos of the sculpture or a scale model. Selected artists will receive a \$600 stipend to help defray travel and material costs.

Selected sculptures will be displayed in downtown Yankton and Riverside Park for one year. They will be installed in May 2013. The mission of RiverWalk is to enhance culture and art in the community.

Interested artists may apply via our website [www.YanktonRiverWalk.org](http://www.YanktonRiverWalk.org) or by mailing in their application. Artist applications, rules and regulations are all available on the website, or call Michelle Kolda at (605) 665-3636 if you'd like to receive an application through the mail.

## USD Mortar Board Chapter Receives Award

VERMILLION — The Keystone chapter at the University of South Dakota was among the outstanding Mortar Board chapters recognized at the 2012 Mortar Board National Conference in Chicago.

The Keystone chapter received the Silver Torch Award, which is presented to chapters executing timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. Silver Torch Award recipients are selected based on a review of national records, requiring that the chapter meet all of the national minimum standards and deadlines.

Chapter president Wade Wilkinson of Sioux Falls was present to accept the chapter's award.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, the Society has grown from four to 229 chartered collegiate chapters with more than a quarter-million members across the nation. The Keystone chapter at USD was chartered in 1928 and currently has 26 members.

Mortar Board provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. Some notable Mortar Board members include pioneering engineer Lillian Gilbreth, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Emmy-winning actor Rue McClanahan, astronauts Judith Resnik and Janice Voss, adventurer Aron Ralston and lifestyle expert Bruce Littlefield.

# Memorial Set Up For Yankton Native

From P&D Staff Reports

MINNEAPOLIS — A Yankton native who taught in northeast Minneapolis left a mark on students, friends and loved ones when she passed away suddenly last week.

Lori Blomme — known to students as "Ms. Lori" — was standing in front of a class Oct. 29 when she collapsed, according to FOX 9 News in Minneapolis-St. Paul. She was a science teacher at Menlo Park Alternative High School.

Students were escorted to the gym while paramedics arrived on scene and took Blomme, 40, to the hospital. She died before



Blomme

"She was a great teacher. She was the best teacher anyone could ask for," said Marshaun Williams, a sophomore in Blomme's class.

her husband could reach her.

"I don't think anyone thought anything was serious," family friend Gloria Tollefson told FOX 9 News last week. "Her heart just stopped. We don't know why."

According to students, Blomme was strict but admired.

"She was always on you about your work, though. She didn't play about the work. She always wanted you to get your work done."

Lori Anne (Hoebelheirich) Blomme was a 1990 graduate of Yankton High School.

Funeral services were held in Minneapolis last week.

She leaves behind her husband, Dean, and daughters, Olivia and Maddie.

Donations to the Lori Blomme Memorial Fund can be made at any Wells Fargo location, or by mailing a check made out to the Lori Blomme Memorial Fund to Wells Fargo, 5120 Co Rd 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

## THREE'S A CROWD



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Three vehicles were involved in an accident near the intersection of Broadway and E. Eighth St. at 12:14 p.m. A report was received stating that a van pulled out in front of a car. The van then hit another car. The driver of the second car was transported to the hospital. The driver of the van was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way.

## Wagner To Host Annual Veteran's Day Program Nov. 12

WAGNER — The annual Wagner Veteran's Day Program will be held in the Wagner School theater at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12. All veterans in the area are encouraged to attend and should expect students to greet them as they enter the school as they want to be able

to individually introduce them during the program.

The public is invited to attend the program, but should come early to ensure a seat as the theater is expected to be full at the start of the program.

Lunch will be served following

the program so everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to visit with area veterans and to socialize.

For more information, contact Dana Sanderson, Counselor, Wagner School at 384-5426.

## OBITUARIES

### Jeanette Culhane

Jeanette Ann Culhane, 84, Oro Valley, AZ, and Mitchell, SD, died Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at her home in Oro Valley under hospice care.

Prayer services will be held from 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, at the Rancho Vistoso Memorial Chapel in Oro Valley. Memorial services and burial will be at a later date in Mitchell, SD.

Arrangements are with the Bittner Funeral Chapel. In Lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to be made to the Don and Jean Culhane Endowment in care of the Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education, 1510 W. Elm, Mitchell, SD.

She was born October 14, 1928 at Ethan, SD to Leo and Dorothy (Hohn) Coyne. She grew up at Ethan where she attended grade school and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Mitchell in 1946. She also attended St. Teresa College in Winona, MN. On September 2, 1948 she married Donald Culhane in Mitchell. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the 20th Century Club, Oscar Howe Museum Madrigal and Avera Queen of Peace Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Donald, five sons: Terry (Sue), Omaha, NE; Kevin (Margi), Sioux Falls; Steven (Bonny), Mitchell; Mark (Michelle), Ather-ton, CA; Christopher (Camy), Rapid City; four daughters: Karen (Bob) Twitchell, Rockville, MD; Ann (Tom) Neale, Danville, CA; Donna (Wayne) Eberenz, Knoxville, TN; Constance (Bill) Kaminski, LaPorte, IN; 22 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, two sisters: Eileen (Claire) Tystad, Gering, NE; Carol (Roman) Pumper, Fort Meyers, FL; and one brother, Jim (Frances) Coyne,

New York, NY.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Tystad and husband Milo and two brothers, Pat and Mike Coyne.

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### Stella Jordan

Stella K. Jordan died Oct. 30, 2012. She was born March 31, 1916.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Loyd; sister, Sophie Koziol; and her brothers: twin

brother Stanly Koziol, Kasmer Koziol and John Koziol.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda (James) Williams; a son, Dennis (Lora) Jordan; four grandchildren: Christina Lyons, Tennile Forker, Kimberly Lind and Spencer Jordan; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Joseph (Sheila) Poleck; and a sister, Josephine (Frank) Strehle.

Private services were held.

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The staff at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory invite you and your family to attend a special Service of Remembrance honoring those close to us that have died. Please join us for an evening of music and prayers as we celebrate the special gift of life and the life of your loved one. The service is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Kevin Opsahl or Tami Keller at 665-9679.

**Service of Remembrance**  
**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> • 5:30 p.m.**  
 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, 601 West 21st St., Yankton

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