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## All State Choir and Orchestra Festival Held in Rapid City



**BY GARRETT ADAM**

Singing and resounding orchestra music filled the chilly air on October 26-27<sup>th</sup> in Rapid City, South Dakota during this year's All-State Choir and Orchestra Festival. Music filled the halls and arena of the Rushmore Civic Center over the weekend.

Nearly 1000 choir members and approximately 200 orchestra musicians from various regions in the state vigorously rehearsed for an exemplary performance on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The performance was filmed and will be shown again on the Thanksgiving weekend on the South Dakota Public Broadcasting Service (SD PBS).

Sixteen young and talented musicians made All State Choir from Yankton High School. They were split up into four parts, and the sopranos consisted of Brianna Kelly, Hailey Baugh, Madeleine Logue and Mikayla Trenhaile. The altos consisted of Sarah Santos, Lexi Fokken, Johanna Lippert and Erica Westerman, and the tenors were Matt Watt, Austin Saraceni, Grant Cammock and Noah Vetter. And lastly, the basses were Jase Likness, Paden Schmidt, Cody Geary and Joseph Kelly. Also there were two All-State Orchestra participants. Qualifying on Bassoon was Sophie Drotzmann and making it on Flute was Garrett Adam. These two students also made it into All-State Choir which gave the opportunity for Madeleine Logue and Austin Saraceni to participate in this event.

Cody Geary said, "Making All State isn't just something that's handed out to you; you really need to dedicate yourself and work hard. The experience is almost overwhelming because of the hundreds of kids getting together to form a unified group."

Erica also expressed, "My favorite part was probably just meeting people from all over the state and getting to know everyone from the Yankton choir better."

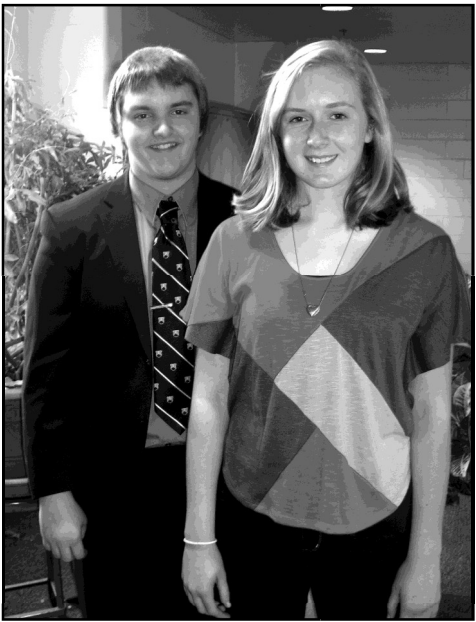
After 14 hours of practice, the choir and the orchestra finally got together to run through the dress rehearsal the day of the concert.

The concert was a rewarding experience with all of the best musicians in the state



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Above:** The following students represented YHS at All State Choir. **Row one:** Erica Westerman, Sarah Santos, Johanna Lippert, Lexi Fokken; **Row two:** Brianna Kelly, Hailey Baugh, Madeleine Logue, Mikayla Trenhaile; **Row three:** Joseph Kelly, Noah Vetter, Paden Schmidt, Grant Cammock, Cody Geary, Austin Saraceni, Jase Likness, and Matt Watt



**Right:** Garrett Adam and Sophie Drotzmann performed at All State Orchestra.

getting together and showing what South Dakota music can do!

Mikayla Trenhaile was eager to be a part of this event, "I was excited about making it, considering I'm a freshman. The concert was fantastic, and I'm glad that all of our hard work paid off."

Johanna Lippert said, "The overall experience was very positive. I felt I learned a lot about my voice and a lot of singing techniques."

With this event, the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA)

hires two world renowned directors, one for the orchestra and one for the choir. The choir director was Dr. Anna Hamre, the choral director from University of California-Fresno, and the orchestra director was Brian Cole, the orchestra conductor for Moorhead High School in Minnesota.

### Editor's Note

This past week we observed Veteran's Day to honor our soldiers who are currently serving or have served in previous years.

People across the nation showed their support by wearing our nation's colors, or hanging American flags— even sports teams wore camouflage jerseys in honor of soldiers.

I know for a fact that the majority of Americans love their military and what they do for our country.

However, I do not believe that athletes who get paid to play a game should be paid more than people who defend our liberty at home.

Professional athletes do well at what they do and bring millions of dollars into our bigger cities with fans coming from all corners on the nation to watch these sporting events.

But, do they sacrifice their lives to play a game?

No.

Soldiers leave everything at home to make a sacrifice to ensure our safety.

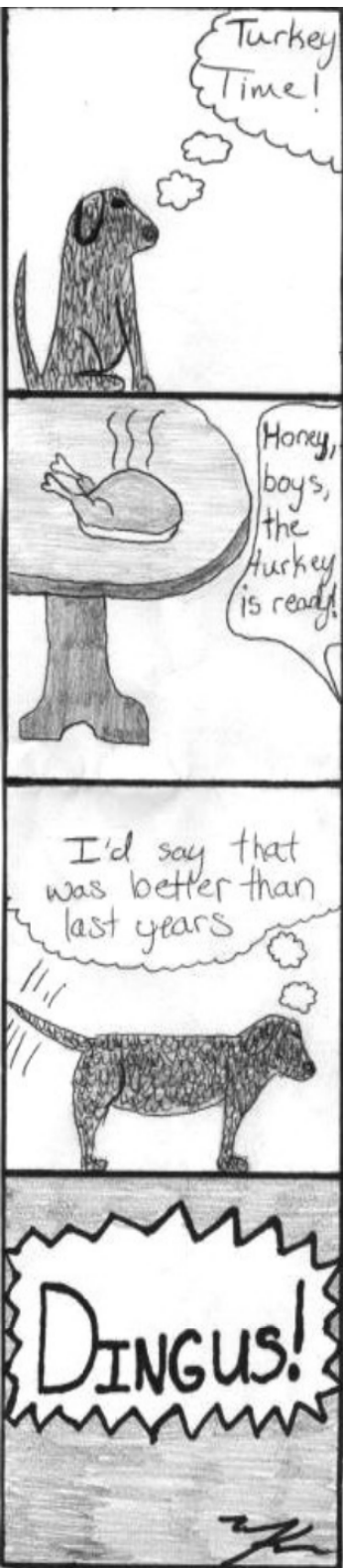
I think before we start paying athletes more, soldiers need to start making more money. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have games and sporting events to attend.

I would also like to personally thank all the soldiers and veterans for everything that you do. This country would be nothing like it is now without people like you risking your lives for us.


Nick J. Robinson

### Dingus

BY TOM KELLEN



## Nutcracker Performance Slated for Holiday Weekend



**BY MADISON DANGLER**

With this holiday season upon us, most of us are bust with buying gifts, wrapping presents, and preparing food. However, the cast and crew of the *Nutcracker* are busy putting on the final touches of their danced-filled version of the *Nutcracker*.

This year, Dorota Dannenbring and Linda Haar are putting on this production for the enjoyment of the community. This is

the first time in many years that Terry Winter has not been one of the directors for the Yankton Production of the *Nutcracker*.

The *Nutcracker* is a delightfully choreographed dance that makes the famously known holiday story of *Nutcracker* magically comes to life on stage.

It is intriguing to watch the soldiers, toy dolls, sugar plums, candy canes, and more dance through the night while telling the story of the *Nutcracker*.

Starting rehearsals in September, the cast has been very dedicated in making this *Nutcracker*

the very best it can be. Countless hours are put into the making of the *Nutcracker*.

The cast includes many local dancers, from second to twelfth grade, along with adults, who spend hours upon hours rehearsing, memorizing choreography, and altering the costumes.

Having to balance work, school, other extracurricular activities, and many *Nutcracker* rehearsals, I applaud Dannenbring, Haar, all of the dancers, parents, tech crew, and design crew that all help make this production come to life.

With the *Nutcracker* showing only every-other year, I highly recommend watching one of the outstanding performances coming up this Thanksgiving weekend.

The *Nutcracker* is a great production for all ages to watch and is bound to get you in the holiday spirit. Between the amazing dancers, the beautiful costumes, and joyful music, the *Nutcracker* is a must see!

So keep in mind this holiday season the amazing production that is being presented at the Yankton High School Theatre. Make sure to grab your friends and family and make a point to break away from your busy schedule to relax, and enjoy the production of the *Nutcracker*.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23-24 and 2 p.m. Nov. 24-25 .

## Early Bird Shoppers are Rewarded on Black Friday



**BY LESLIE ALARCON**

Black Friday occurs the Friday morning after Thanksgiving night. The idea of Black Friday is the beginning of seasonal Christmas shopping.

Many retail stores around the country have outrageous sales that delay one's sleep. Store openings range from Thursday night to early Friday morning.

Some people go insane and euphoric as the day approaches. Though it is not an actual holiday, some people act as if it is.

Black Friday could be a benefit for you or a detriment. There are simple ways to be successful on this chaotic day and walk away with Black Friday deals.

Many people believe they know what they are in search of, but in reality, they are impetuous shoppers. Before heading to stores, people should make a list of what they are looking for and head to a Black Friday website ( <http://www.blackfriday.com>) to locate the stores where these items could be found. So, when you head to the stores, you are not just purchasing items, because you feel the need to.

One should take caution of inconsiderate people. As a Black Friday shopper, I have witnessed many people argue over things they claim to be theirs. I watched some women argue over a pair of boots. They were making a scene and acting inane. While shopping on this chaotic morning, it could frustrate you, but one thing to remember through the morning is to respect everyone.

Patience is key. You may have to stand in line for more than an hour to receive the flat screen you have been expecting. Remain in line, and all will be well. Brace yourself and come prepared with a coat due to the cold morning. At the end of your shopping, you will have accomplished purchasing items at prices up to 75 % off.



PHOTO BY TERI MANDEL

Yankton sophomores, Alexandra Foxhoven and Tyler Wenande, are shown scanning advertisements for Black Friday savings.

If you are not one who has the energy or time to get up and shop at midnight, then Cyber Monday is for you. Cyber Monday is the following Monday after Black Friday. Spontaneous sales occur online instead of at a store. The deals online are similar to Black Fridays' deals. The sales begin Monday morning at midnight and last until Tuesday at noon.

One disadvantage of Cyber Monday compared to Black Friday is during Black Friday, once you have an item in your possession, you can look around the store for other items and still maintain the items. Online, there are thousands of people shopping as well. Keep in mind, that once you put items into your cart, you would want to make your purchase as soon as possible due to the fact that they could be sold out before you even realize it.

At the end of your chaotic weekend, you could be incredibly satisfied, but do not let the stress get to you.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are days for you to enjoy the fabulous deals!

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