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ance poet M.L. Liebler and Moby Grape founding member Peter Lewis. The artists will also meet with MMC students while in Yankton.

"I am looking forward to meeting Peter and M.L.," Goeden said. "I was planning on playing some drums behind them — snare, hi hat, brushes. We'll get a chance to run through the songs. It's up to M.L. and Peter whether or not I play drums. We'll just have to see if it works."

Tuesday's audience will enjoy a unique sound, said Jim Reese, associate professor of English at MMC and founder of the Great Plains Writers Tour.

"The show is pretty hip. It's a cool marriage between music and poetry," he said. "It's an eclectic mix. There isn't a combination of spoken word and music very often. It should be an enjoyable experience. We hope it's something that interests a lot of people."

Reese thinks the Yankton area will enjoy the experience.

"This is the first time we have done this," he said. "Hopefully, it will go pretty well."

Reese met Liebler and Lewis during a poetry festival last November in Detroit. Reese gave a reading at the festival and invited the two artists to perform at MMC.

Reese characterizes Lewis as a singer-songwriter who plays guitar, while Liebler is a poet who does some singing with the spoken word.

"Actually, one of (Lewis') songs is based on the title poem from my new book, 'Ghost On Third'," Reese said.

From the beginning, Reese knew that he wanted to incorporate Goeden into Tuesday's program. "I thought Chris' music fit in really well with the music and poetry combination. His music is very rooted in country and Americana," the professor said.

Reese met Goeden in Lincoln while attending college, the two men have become good friends. They have performed together, as Goeden has played background music for Reese's readings.

Goeden, a graduate of the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, works as an electrical engineer for the J.A. Woollam Company in Lincoln. However, he still pursues his music, which he characterized as a mix of rock-n-roll, garage country and Americana.

"I don't really know — you just do what you do," he said.

Goeden wrote all but two of the "13 County" songs, and the album met with critical acclaim. He considers himself "a full-time musician in my basement" as he works on his craft. He plays solo in and around the Midwest.

The "13 County" band played mostly Lincoln clubs and some small towns, Goeden said. The band broke up, but it can be found on the website www.the-bandbrokeup.com.

"It was myself, Rob Rothe, and Marlen Pinkleman that started the band at the suggestion of Kent Heine, all Cedar County boys," Goeden said. "Marlen moved and Nick Donner took over on drums. Dan Jenkins joined on guitar. We don't play anymore. Rob and I have played together but not lately."

Tuesday's event will feature a new combination for Goeden.

Named St. Clair Shores first Poet Laureate, Liebler is internationally known and recognized.

He is a professor at Wayne State University and has performed his work in Israel, Russia, China, France, United Kingdom, Macao, Italy, Germany, Spain, Finland, Turkey and most of the 50 states.

Liebler has also received many awards and was most recently selected as "Best Detroit Poet" by *The Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit's Metro Times*. He was also awarded the Barnes Noble Poets Writers for Writers Award in 2010.

The final guest performer brings an internationally-known background.

Son of the legendary Hollywood star Loretta Young, Lewis was a founding member of the band Moby Grape, whose first groundbreaking self-titled album is now rated by *Rolling Stone* magazine as one of the 10 finest rock albums ever made.

At present, Lewis lives in California and regularly performs live. In the past few years, he has released two solo records. A third solo album is now being finished and will soon be released.

The Great Plains Writers Tour, now in its fifth year, has gained a strong following, Reese said.

CORPS

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campers around here, but it will impact certain areas where people can use the parks," said Gary Ledbetter, lake manager with the Corps of Engineers.

Visitors at day-use areas were required to vacate the locations by 12:01 a.m. today (Saturday). Visitors currently camping will be required to leave by 8 p.m. Sunday, and no reservations will be accepted until after the shut-down ends.

Other areas affected include the free camping locations along the Nebraska tailwaters, as well as the fishing areas near the boat ramps on Toe Road below Gavin's Point Dam.

Additionally, no new visitors

or reservations will be accepted until after the federal government shutdown ends and people will not be allowed to camp by the ungated area near the boat ramps.

Ledbetter said the Corps has placed closed signs along the affected areas so residents will be "fully aware" of what locations are off limits this weekend.

The GOP and the Obama administration have been locked in a standoff over differences in the federal budget.

If Congress and the White House failed to reach an agreement by midnight Friday, when the current spending measures expire, portions of the federal government will shut down.

It has been reported that all 394 National Park Service sites would be closed and nearly 20,000 park service employees would be idled.

The last time the federal government went into shut-down mode was in 1995.

Ledbetter said closing national parks is not unprecedented.

"I was not here in 1995 and 1996, but we have closed parks before. There have only been a couple of times it's happened since I've been here," he said. "We've had to make signs and put them up."

"All we're doing is asking people to abide by the marked areas," he added. "As soon as we find out if there are any changes, then we will immediately reopen the parks."

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