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MMC Student Named Miss SD Collegiate America

On March 6. Mount Marty College student Azure Rodriguez was named Miss South Dakota Collegiate America 2015. The pageant that produced the crown for Rodriguez was held in Rapid City. Rodriguez is currently a sophomore human services major at Mount Marty College

Rodriguez is not new to pageants, with this being her third competition. As Miss South Dakota Collegiate America 2015, she will have two appearances a month and support the organization's national platform BRAVE (Building Respect and Values for Everyone), an anti-bullying campaign to create awareness and to promote a bullyfree and safe environment. Rodriguez will travel to Orlando, Flo. on July 4-5 to compete in the national competition for the title of Miss Collegiate America.

At Mount Marty College, Rodriguez has been a honoree of the Dean's List on three occasions, was involved as an Orientation Leader, a volunteer during the Day of Calling, Halloween Carnival at Mount Marty volunteer, Heartland Humane Society volunteer. Sack-Pack Program volun-teer, set up donations for a Thanksgiving meal to a family in Yankton and for Christmas presents to children at the Banquet, Special Olympics basketball volunteer, set up an Easter egg hunt for children at the Banquet, volunteered to read to



Rodriguez

children at the elementary school and has had 120 hours of service at Ability Building Services. The Miss

Collegiate America Pageant competition exists for

the purpose of providing personal and professional opportunities for collegiate women. It is the organization's goal to provide outstanding ladies the opportunity to compete in a pageant system that has the highest of moral values and earn scholarship dollars.

Rodriguez is excited about her reign as Miss South Dakota Collegiate America 2015. "In the short time that I've held the title it's already been rewarding. I've had multiple opportunities that allowed me to not only bring awareness to our national platform of BRAVE, an anti-bullying campaign, which I hope makes a difference for the people of South Dakota but a voice in other important programs and issues in the community.'

Rodriguez, originally from Rapid City, is the daughter of Eddie and Tami Rodriguez. She has four older brothers Alexis, Adrian, Aris and Asau. She may be contacted about sponsor and appearance opportunities at azure.rodriguez@mtmc.edu.

She's Prepping For Doomsday

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Ray:

My husband and I are doomsday preppers. We're moving to Florida and want to buy a vehicle that will give us the most flexibility in the event of various possible disasters (e.g., EMP, lack of available conventional gasoline, worthless money, etc.). Assuming for a moment that we're right about future disaster scenarios, do you have any suggestions, other than a bicycle or rickshaw? Natural-gas-powered Honda Civic? Diesel/biodiesel? Which would give us the most options? Thank you.

_ Lynne In Florida? I think a pontoon boat would be my vehicle of choice,

I think natural disasters are far more likely to hit Florida than anarchy and lawlessness — although Florida has been ground zero for both hanging chads and spring break, so you do have a point,

But if your concerns are surviving electromagnetic pulse attacks and



Ray **MAGLIOZZI**

worthless money, then you want to go with diesel. Unlike gasoline engines, diesel engines don't require spark, so engine electronics become a nonfactor. Your diesel engine would run after an EMP attack, assuming you can get it

started without a battery.

So you'll need to get a stick-shift car, and live on a hill so you can rollstart it. I don't think there are many hills in Florida, so you'll have to build one. Or maybe you can buy a house next to a large waterslide?

And if money is worthless, you would need to have your own supply of fuel. Again, diesel would be the choice here. You could bury a couple of 500-gallon tanks in your backyard and store your diesel fuel

Then, when disaster strikes, you

could either hang around your compound and make forays out to the abandoned 7-Eleven to loot Slurpees, or you could fill up the back of your car with jerrycans of diesel fuel, and start driving — if you think fuel is more valuable than food and water.

Where would you go? I have no idea. But you'd have to somehow get around all the dead cars clogging the

highways after the EMP attack. That brings me back to the pontoon boat, Lynne. And a map of Cuba.

Why do unmitigated cheapskates like Ray continue to buy nothing but old clunkers? Find out by ordering Click and Clack's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Ibarolle-Koenig Receives \$1000 Grant From The PEO Program



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Shanna Ibarolle-Koenig has received a \$1,000 grant from the PEO Program for Continuing Education through Yankton PEO Chapter BT.

Shanna will complete her BA degree at Northern State University, majoring in English with emphasis on secondary education.

She will also be coaching track and volleyball at Summit HS (Summit, SD). Pictured left to right is chapter

president Veronica Trezona, Program for Continuing Education chairman Marilyn Nyberg, recipient Shanna Ibarolle-Koenig.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) is a sisterhood focussing on education with six programs: Cottey College, Program for Continuing Education, Educational Loan Fund, International Peace Scholarship, Scholar Awards and Star Scholarship.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Aprul 13. 2015 Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk

Nursing Scholarship

Available For Students

Yankton Elementary

Schools Monday — Nachos Tuesday - Chicken Burger Wednesday — Stuffed Crust Thursday — Hot Dog Friday — Chicken Bites

Yankton Middle School

Monday - Nachos Tuesday — Cold Sub Wednesday — Chicken Noodle Thursday — Beef Sticks Friday — Popcorn Chicken

YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Shrimp Poppers Tuesday — Spagheti Wednesday - Chicken Noodle Thursday — French Toast

Friday - Chicken O's **YHS B Line Menu**

The Avera Sacred Heart

Foundation is offering the

Lori Ann Schrempp Memo-

rial Nursing Student Schol-

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The Lori Ann Schrempp

Memorial Nursing Student

who are continuing their

education to become a

Scholarship was estab-

lished in 2002 in memory

of Lori, a nurse at Avera

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Sacred Heart Hospital for

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LifeNet nurse on board.

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Registered Nurse.

Monday - Cheeseburger Tuesday - Beef Stew Wednesday — Egg Roll Thursday — Broccoli Soup Friday - Ham & Cheese

YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Footlong Tuesday - Chicken Fajita Wednesday — Corn Dog Thursday — Stuffed Crust Friday - French Dip

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday - Chili Tuesday — Sub Sandwhich Wednesday — Supreme Nachos Thursday — Pizza Casserole Friday - Sweet-N-Sour Chicken

The Center — Yankton

Monday — Chicken Fried Steak Tuesday — Tater Tot Casserole Wednesday - Swedish Meat-

Friday - Beef Stew **Tabor Senior Citizens Center**

Monday — N/A Tuesday — Swiss Steak Wednesday — Hamburger Patty Thursday — Oven Omlet Friday — N/A

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Applications will con-

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resume, letter of reference

from a faculty member,

and a written narrative

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Heart values of hospitality,

compassion and steward-

ship.
The deadline for all applications is April 15. The

award is given in May of

each year. This scholar-

mailed to The Avera Sa-

cred Heart Foundation,

501 Summit St., Yankton,

SD, 57078. For further in-

formation, contact the

Foundation at (605) 668-

an applicant once.

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Applications are to be

Antelope, Boyd, Cedar,

Holt, Knox or Pierce.

Entrepreneurs Sought for SD Technology Business Center Accelerator Challenge

SIOUX FALLS — A proven program for fast-tracking company start-ups and entrepreneurial launches is seeking its next group of

business ideas. Through April 20, the outh Dakota Technology Business Center (SDTBC) is accepting applications for the 2015 Accelerator Challenge. The program is sponsored by SDTBC with Forward Sioux Falls, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the US Small Business Administration and South Dakota EPSCOR.

"The Accelerator Challenge is designed to boost emerging South Dakota entrepreneurs who are starting up, approaching launch or entering a high growth stage," said Pam Boehm, SDTBC Entrepreneurship and Incubation Manager. "The program focuses on essential business principles, and gives participants a wide range of resources, funding, networking opportunities and strategic guidance to help them get their businesses growing fast."

The 2015 Challenge kicks off with a three-day Business Launch Boot Camp beginning on May 20, followed by monthly one-day sessions from June through September. The program culminates with a "Pitch Day" where participants have an opportunity to to representatives from four angel funds. Throughout the program, participants are also eligible to "pitch" their ideas for project funding from a pool of \$50,000 and take advantage of no-cost or low-cost space at SDTBC. In addition, all participant businesses will be showcased during the 2015 Innovation Expo on Oct. 1.

The Business Launch Boot Camp and Accelerator Challenge were initiated in 2012. Since the program was introduced, 20 participants have accepted the challenge, 15 of which have grown their businesses to employ a total of 60 people and have raised more than \$2.5 million in investment dollars. In a few cases, participants have determined their ideas were not viable, which can also be a valuable benefit of participation.

"The Accelerator Challenge is all about preparing the next generation of great

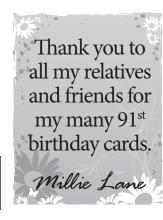
business innovators and giving them the tools they need to succeed," Boehm said. "The program offers essential business training and strategic guidance related to all aspects of operadevelopment stages—which can rapidly bring a new company into the marketplace."

Entrepreneurs and individuals planning start-ups or developers of emerging businesses are encouraged to submit applications outlining their business concepts. Businesses or business ideas will be evaluated for viability and ability to fill a market need, scalability, readiness to launch and likelihood for operational success. Finalists will then be selected for personal interviews. The entrepreneur's or business team's relevant experience, skills, leadership ability, willingness to learn and overall passion, motivation and commitment to drive the business forward will also be considered. Up to ten qualified participants will be selected.

Applications and guidelines are available at

www.sdtbc.com/accelerator and will be accepted through 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 20. There are no program entry fees or expenses, however, participants are responsible or their own travel and lodging if coming from outside Sioux Falls. This year's Accelerator Challenge participants will be announced on May 5.

"It's an exciting program, and a very intense, concentrated program designed to make a difference in the potential for new businesses," added Dr. Mel Ustad, Director of Commercialization for the Governor's Office of Economic Development. 'The Accelerator Challenge has also proven successful in preparing South Dakota entrepreneurs to help build our state's economy.



Parents of the couple are

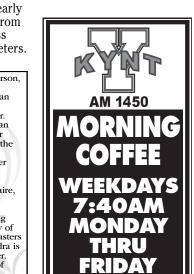
Archery Championship Volunteers Needed www.yankton.net

Looking to lend a hand? Organizers for the 2015 World Archery Youth Championship are looking for vol-

During this nine-day tournament in June, there will be more than 40 different volunteer positions and nearly 1,000 shifts that range from helping with field access control to bus stop greeters.

Find more information and register to be a volunteer under the Registration

www.yankton2015wayc.org.



Yankton's Home Team!

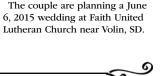


Cayla Christiansen and Robert Graves, both of Platte, SD, would like to announce their engagement and upcoming

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dents are preferred and should be a resident in Person - Thunker one of the following coun-

Kendra Person and Mike Thunker were married February 7, 2015 at Lutheran Church of the Master, Omaha, NE and officiated by Senior Pastor Kip Tyler. Parents of the couple are Ken & Rita Person, Omaha, NE; Dale & Terri Thunker, Yankton, SD. ties in which Avera Sacred Heart Hospital serves: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Gregory, Hutchin-

Bridesmaids were Rachel Person, Lindsay Kozney, and Marla Peterson. Flower girl was Livian Thunker, niece of the couple. Best man was Brian Thunker. Groomsmen were Brady Bulian and Josh Weiland. Ring bearer was Brody Dohn, nephew of the

Science in Marketing, Teaching Certificate from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a Master in Secondary Education. Kendra is a high school business teacher. The groom has a Bachelor of Science from Minnesota State University. Mike is a Territory

Manager for Boston Scientific The couple resides in Omaha, NE

Junior attendants were Parker and Payton Poppe. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Le Voltaire, Omaha, NE. The bride has a Bachelor of