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**REGION DIGEST**

**Latest 'Paddlefish' Edition Now Available**

Mount Marty College has announced that the fourth annual issue of Mount Marty College's literary journal "Paddlefish" is now available. It features stories, essays, and poetry written by award-winning authors such as Leo Dangel, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Jim Daniels, and M.L. Liebler amongst others.

"Paddlefish" is edited by Jim Reese and associate editor Dana DeWitt, along with selected Mount Marty College faculty and students. Students play a major role in the publication and gain hands-on editing and publishing experience.

Due to an overwhelming response of more than 2,000 submissions for the 2010 issue of "Paddlefish," the submission period has been narrowed this year. Submissions for the 2011 issue will be accepted Nov. 1 through Feb. 28. All genres and styles of poetry, short fiction, graphic fiction, nonfiction, illustrated essays, graphic memoir, and narrative documentary photography may be submitted. A variety of media arts will be accepted for the online extension of the journal including: video, motion graphics, and animation. No previously published work qualifies.

To purchase a copy of the 2010 journal or to reserve a copy of the 2011 "Paddlefish," stop in to Pages Bookstore on Mount Marty's Yankton campus; or for more information, contact Editor Jim Reese at james.reese@mtmc.edu.

**Funding Available For S.D. Fire Departments**

WASHINGTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program through Sept. 17, the office of Sen. John Thune has announced.

South Dakota fire departments can apply for funding to use for recruiting and training new firefighters.

"South Dakota's fire departments are tasked with protecting the lives and property of citizens across our state," Thune said. "The SAFER grant program can help provide necessary resources to keep our neighborhoods safe. I encourage fire departments — large and small — to learn more about this program and consider applying for these resources."

FEMA is a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Application materials and more information are available at www.fire-grantsupport.com.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Joyce Graham**

Joyce E. Graham, 81, of Yankton died Friday (Aug. 27, 2010) at her home in Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with the Rev. Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Monday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a prayer service, video tribute and time of sharing at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

To send an online sympathy card, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

**Florence Glanzman**

Florence Marie Reid Glanzman, 84, of Yankton died Friday (Aug. 27, 2010) at Prairie Homes Assisted Living, Yankton, after a long illness.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton. Burial will follow at the Glanzman family plot in Bloomfield, Neb.

Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

**LOTTERIES**

Due to an early an early press time, the Press & Dakotan was unable to run Friday's lotteries. Below are the lotteries from Thursday.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

**8/26/10**  
**PICK 5:** 2-20-22-25-27  
**PICK 3:** 7-2-0  
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**VERMILLION**

**School To Help USD Ed. Students**

Revamped U Programs Receiving Help From The School District

BY DAVID LIAS  
 Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — While providing an education to young people in the community beginning this week, the Vermillion School District is also playing a unique role in the teaching of prospective teachers majoring in education at the University of South Dakota.

The local district's involvement with USD will be growing in the coming years, thanks to a revamping of the programs offered by the university's School of Education.

The USD School of Ed is among eight university systems in the three-state region of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to participate in a redesign of its teacher education program.

This revamping of the university's educa-

tion program is made possible by the Bush Foundation Initiative.

"We received a \$4 million grant; we're going to get that money spread out over about five years, and that money is going to be used exclusively to redesign the teacher program at USD," Rick Melmer, dean of the USD School of Education, recently told members of the Vermillion School Board.

The recruitment of more and higher quality teacher education candidates is one of the goals of the initiative's funding.

"We have about 100 students a year that graduate from our teacher ed program right now. Of that 100 students, we probably have about 60 to 70 that are elementary ed majors, and the rest are secondary ed majors," Melmer said. "We are going to hopefully, over the next five to 10 years, double that number to 200 students, and we hope in addition to that to increase the number of secondary ed students that we have in our teacher ed program."

Melmer said in his experience as a school superintendent, he usually would receive 50 applicants for each open elementary teaching position while only receiving five applicants for every secondary teaching position that needed to be filled.

"For the most part, good, quality applicants are hard to come by, so we're going to try to do a better job with that," he said. "We're really going to get a lot more aggressive, and try to encourage young people to think about a career in teaching, because we just simply don't have enough young people looking at that as an option."

Another goal of the Bush grant is to introduce new, more effective ways of preparing university students for teaching career.

"We're going to try to catch them in that first year, and get them into a first year experience course, where we begin to talk to them about the impact that they can have as an

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**UNITED WAY KICK-OFF**



Keeley Passick, 9, feeds her 2-year-old brother Oscar a potato chip at Thursday night's Thursday on the Plaza, held at Ratingen Platz in Vermillion. The evening also served as the United Way of Vermillion's annual kick-off barbecue.

TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/P&D

**EMS Workshop To Be Offered In Hartington**

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Emergency Medical Services Program of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will offer a workshop on "Cardiac Emergencies" for emergency medical technicians and first responders. The workshop will be held at the Hartington Ambulance Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 14, running from 7-10 p.m.

The workshop is worth three continuing education hours.

For more information, contact Carrie Crawford, Northeast Nebraska Emergency Medical Specialist, at 1-877-227-3609.

**College Access Challenge Funding Renewed**

PIERRE — The South Dakota College Access Challenge program, which will provide \$1.5 million annually for the next five years, has been renewed to help Native American and other underrepresented K-12 students in their transition to postsecondary education.

The initiative informs students and families about post high school opportunities. Many of the targeted students will be the first generation in their families to attend college.

The College Access Challenge includes a financial component to link students with possible scholarships and grants, and it helps

families with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid process. The program also contains a small need-based scholarship component.

Gov. Mike Rounds has designated the South Dakota Department of Education's Office of Indian Education as the College Access Challenge administrator.

The program began in South Dakota in August 2008.

A diverse set of partners in both K-12 schools and institutions of higher education provide special assistance to underrepresented students and families across South Dakota, with an emphasis on Native American

students and families.

Data from the South Dakota Board of Regents and Census 2000 indicate Native Americans in South Dakota are significantly underrepresented in higher education, and a disproportionate percentage of them are classified as living in poverty.

"We're acutely aware of the achievement gap and underrepresentation of our Native American students in South Dakota universities," Rounds said. "By involving their families, the College Access Challenge helps bridge that gap and promotes enhanced educational opportunities for those young people."

The program includes college and career counseling; advising and mentoring; college visits; and workshops that focus on postsecondary options, preparation for continued education after high school, and financial aid.

In addition to systematic professional development to help guidance counselors inform students and parents about college admissions and financial aid processes, South Dakota's public universities will conduct orientations and coordinate college transition and retention services on individual campuses and system wide.

**Boy Scouts To Hold Recruiting Event Sept. 2**

The Yankton area Cub Scouts are holding a city-wide Introduction to Scouting event at 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Yankton Middle School Cafeteria.

Representatives from Cub Scout groups at each of the elementary schools will be there to introduce potential new Scouts to the program.

Joining a Cub Scout Pack is usually very first step into the largest and best organized youth development program in the world. Scouting has been described as "fun with a purpose." That fun comes in many different types of age appropriate activities and challenges.

All Yankton boys are welcome to attend this special event, featuring challenging activities, information for parents and an opportunity to find out what makes Scouts so special. Potential new Scouts should bring a parent.

For more information about Scouting, contact Derek Lee at 605-321-9819

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