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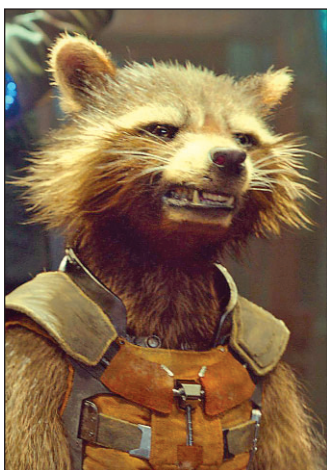


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Natalie Nayokpuk, 9, a member of the Gayville Achievers 4-H club, enters a fleece no-sew blanket during interview judging for Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days. Achievement Days opens to the public today (Friday).

## 4-Hers Begin To See Work Paying Off During Unofficial Start To This Year's Event

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Livestock, projects and 4-Hers brought the Pine Acres Fairgrounds to life Thursday, as the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days unofficially started.

The 4-Hers entered their projects for interview judging and weighed-in their livestock ahead of the weekend's animal shows. Between static projects and livestock, more than 1,100 entries will be on display at the fairgrounds this weekend.

"Those numbers are pretty steady for Yankton County 4-H," said Yankton County Extension office manager Danielle McFarland. "Even though the kids can each only take two static projects to the state fair, it hasn't made a difference for most of the kids in their number of entries here at Achievement Days."

As the 4-Hers entered their projects, Yankton Clovers



member Leah Waid, 14, said interview judging was one of her favorite parts of Achievement Days.

"I really enjoy interview judging," Waid said. "You get to tell the judges about all the work that went into your projects."

David Friedenbach, 14, another Yankton Clovers member, said Achievement Days is always the best part of the year as a 4-Her.

"It's really the end of all the work paying off," Friedenbach said. "You get to see everything you've done all right in front of you, and you get rewarded for it."

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## MMC Moves Ahead On Nursing Program

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Mount Marty College officials say they have taken several steps in their renewed accreditation efforts for the college's new master's degree program in nursing.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) denied initial accreditation for MMC's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. The decision became effective June 23 and doesn't affect the college's other nursing programs, which are accredited.

On Thursday, MMC spokeswoman Kristi Tacke said the MSN accreditation effort has taken a major step forward that could speed up the process.

"We already have a January 2015 visit date scheduled with CCNE and will hear about the final decision in the fall of 2015," she said.

Mount Marty officials said they were surprised at the CCNE decision to deny initial accreditation for the master's program. At least six former students in the MMC program have filed a lawsuit against the college.

MMC interim president Tom Loring told the *Press & Dakotan* he can't comment on the pending litigation. However, he said the college is assisting former students where possible, and the college continues working to gain initial accreditation for its MSN program.

Those moves include the hiring of a consultant, the creation of a new administrative position working with the MSN program, personnel changes within the nursing department and the hiring of a full-time clinical coordinator. MMC has also leased space at neighboring Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for additional room.

Loring has emphasized the

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## Elvis' Guitar Donor Says He Is Rightful Owner

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A man who donated to a South Dakota museum a slightly damaged acoustic guitar played by Elvis Presley that is at the center of a custody battle insisted Thursday he had the right to give it away because he owned it.

The instrument's fate is now in the hands of a federal judge in South Dakota tasked with determining whether blues guitarist Robert A. Johnson owned the guitar when he donated it to the National Music Museum last

year along with a guitar made for Johnny Cash, one of Bob Dylan's harmonicas and other objects.

The museum, located in Vermillion, South Dakota, insisted in a federal lawsuit last week that it is the legal owner of the broken Martin D-35, which "The King" played during his 1977 tour and gave to a fan in St. Petersburg, Florida after a strap and string snapped. But collector Larry Moss argues that Johnson agreed to sell the guitar to him before it was donated.

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## Rising To The Challenge?

Local Officials Seeking Ways To  
Support Growing Archery Tournaments

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D  
With the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Complex attracting increasingly larger tournaments, local officials are looking for ways to assist with the hosting of such events, with concerns ranging from volunteer numbers to lodging space.

With the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Complex attracting increasingly bigger tournaments, there's arisen a need to support more visitors to Yankton.

NFAA president Bruce Cull said a key to attracting and keeping such tournaments is showing that Yankton is able to support people who come with them.

"I think the biggest thing

we have to do is show the archery world that we have the state-of-the-art center that we know we have," Cull said. "We need to have excellent customer service, we've got to show the archers that we're all about archery events and that we know how to run them."

This week, the Easton Complex hosted the Outdoor National Championships. Cull said while his staff has been easily able to accommodate

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