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MMC Moves Ahead With Projects

With Search For New President Ongoing, School Looks To Future

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

A new president is not in place, but Mount Marty College is moving forward with two major renovation projects.

Interim president Carrol Krause said a new president could take office shortly after New Year's Day. MMC has already received a dozen applications, and Krause expects 50 to 60 candidates by the time screening begins.

has started a \$350,000 fund drive to restore Marian Auditorium. And right behind that project is a \$3-4 million renovation of the old library to house a state-of-the-art science center.

Krause previously served as an interim president at MMC. He plans to hold his current position for only another six months.

"My goal is to work myself out of a job," he said with a chuckle.

The process of selecting a new president is well under way, Krause said.

"The ads began running nationally and online in early June," he said. "In addition, we have sent well over 200 letters to various institutions. We have sent them to Catholic schools nationwide and to public universities in South Dakota and the surrounding region. We have asked them for nominations."

Mount Marty is not recruiting other colleges' presidents, Krause said.

"We are seeking ideas for possible individuals, those who are qualified

and may be interested in our presidency," he said.

The applicants thus far have come primarily from the Midwest, Krause said. However, some East Coast candidates — including those from religious institutions — have shown interest.

MMC will accept applications until Sept. 1, Krause said. A search committee will screen candidates and narrow the field.

"We want the final list of candidates presented to the board of trustees so they can conduct inter-

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D Interim president Carrol Krause continues to move Mount Marty College forward while the Catholic school searches for a new president. MMC expects the new leader to take office by mid-January.

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Storm Delivers Surprise

Near-100 MPH Winds, Damage Reported Near Lesterville

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

Having tracked severe thunderstorms for about two hours Tuesday night, local storm spotters thought the worst had passed as midnight approached.

However, the system had a belated surprise in store for the area.

"At midnight, Lesterville Fire Chief Paul Scherschligt started recording wind gusts two miles south of Lesterville in the 45-55-mile an hour range," Yankton County Emergency Manager Jeremy Dangel said. "Within two minutes, it went from 55 mph to 70 to 85 to 98.7 mph."

The same high winds occurred in Bon Homme County minutes before, according to Jon Vavruska, that county's emergency manager.

In Lesterville, bins at the grain elevator were damaged, trees were uprooted and some minor structural damage occurred to buildings.

Similar damage was reported in the Tyndall area, Vavruska said.

"There were a few homes and businesses that lost windows and shingles," he stated. "There were some tree branches on cars. It was fortunately nothing major."

Approximately five miles south-

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ABOVE: This grain bin in Lesterville was blown off its foundation during a Tuesday night storm that produced winds that approached 100 miles per hour. LEFT: The storm also caused considerable tree damage in Tyndall and other portions of Bon Homme County. The powerful storm swept through the area after most spotters thought the worst of the stormy weather had passed the region.

McChrystal Out; Petraeus Picked For Afghan War

BY JENNIFER LOVEN AND ANNE GEARAN

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama sacked his loose-lipped Afghanistan commander Wednesday, a seismic shift for the military order in wartime, and chose the familiar, admired — and tightly disciplined — Gen. David Petraeus to replace him.

Petraeus, architect of the Iraq war turnaround, was once again to take hands-on leadership of a troubled war effort. Obama said bluntly that Gen. Stanley McChrystal's scornful remarks about administration officials in interviews for a magazine article represent conduct that "undermines the civilian control of the military that is at the core of our democratic system."

He fired the commander after summoning him from Afghanistan for a face to face meeting in the Oval Office and named Petraeus, the Central Command chief who was McChrystal's direct boss, to step in.

By pairing those announcements, Obama sought to move on from the firestorm that was renewing debate over his revamped Afghanistan policy. It was meant to assure Afghans, U.S. allies and a restive American electorate that a firm hand is running the war.

Expressing praise for McChrystal yet certainly he had to go, Obama said he did not make the decision over any disagreement in policy or "out of any sense of per-

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Petraeus

Cardboard Boat Races Set For This Weekend

BY EMILY NOHR

Two Yankton youth have spent nearly a month designing and building a boat. And not just any boat — a boat made of cardboard.

"We have a pretty simple design. It kind of looks like a canoe. It's pretty short and small to the ground," Jeremy Schrempp said.

Schrempp and John Vollmer are just two participants in the annual Yankton Cardboard Boat Race. This year's event takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at Lake Yankton and is sponsored by the Press & Dakotan and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The duo, who competed last summer and finished empty handed, are excited about another shot at the race to see how well they can do.

"The people last year who won it probably had one of the funniest looking designs. They

almost broke it jumping in, but somehow they won it with the fastest time," Vollmer said.

The boat race, which started in 2005, was established to help boost attendance at the Lewis and Clark Festival.

"We thought that it would be something unique, something different and something that would draw people in, and it did," said Karla Zeutenhorst, park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Now, the boat race is held in conjunction with a water festival that has water safety games and activities for kids and parents. The festival is held from noon to 4 p.m.

Zeutenhorst, who has helped organize every Yankton Cardboard Boat Race since its inception, has seen boats of all shapes and sizes.

"One of the most memorable (boats) was a refrigerator box cut in half and slapped together with a little bit of

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Challenging A Community To Give

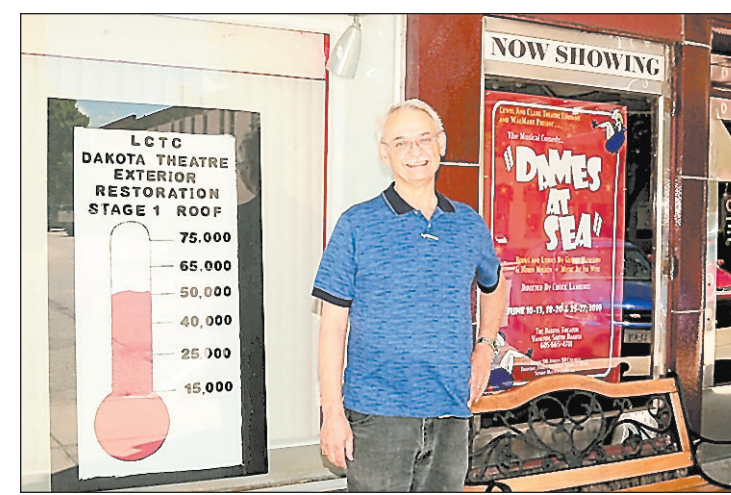
BY SHAUNA MARLETTE

Larry Ness and First Dakota Bank in Yankton have a long tradition of supporting worthy causes in the Yankton community. So, it should come as no surprise that when Chuck Lambert, executive director of Lewis and Clark Theatre Company, approached Ness about the renovation projects needed for the Dakota Theatre, Ness stepped up in a very big way.

"Larry Ness and First Dakota Bank have pledged \$20,000 to the roof project if the community will step forward and match that amount," Lambert said. "We had hoped to be able to put off the project a bit with the economy the way it is, but this last hard winter has made replacing the roof imperative to the structural integrity of the Dakota Theatre."

Renovation plans for the theatre had been in the discussion stages when it became apparent that repairs would have to begin sooner rather than later. So the board of directors of the theatre devised a three-stage plan.

"Several years ago when they



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

Chuck Lambert, executive director of the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company is pictured in front of the fundraising thermometer prominently displayed at the Dakota Theatre. The theater's roof is in desperate need of repair and Larry Ness of First Dakota Bank has issued a challenge to the community. Donate \$20,000 to the theater's renovation fund and he will match it.

decided to acquire the state theatre First Dakota put up \$30,000 to help acquire the building at that time to make that acquisition happen," Ness said. "It is an old building that needs a lot of things done to it, but it is a good building. It is a great building for our

needs in the community and we have to put a new roof on it. If we don't do that, (LCTC and the Dakota) are going to lose a lot." The first phase of renovations has a goal of raising \$75,000.

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