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**Marcus Long** is the new  
MMC president-elect.

# New MMC Head Named

## Marcus Long Named College's New President-Elect

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The search for a new president for Mount Marty College came to a close Friday. The school has named Marcus Long as its new president-elect. Long, a native of Missouri, does share a few connections with the area, though.

"I grew up on a farm in mid-Missouri," Long told the Press & Dakotan. "My wife's great-grandmother was born in Yankton. So she ended up going to a lot of family reunions in South Dakota and still has a lot of cousins in that area." Long said his experiences as a student helped guide him toward higher education as a career. "I was a pretty active student at the University of Missouri and, like a lot of involved students,

found my way back to higher education," he said. He added that this experience has also given him some insight into the changing landscape of medical care in the United States, as well as education. "The last eight years, I've worked at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, which is a professional

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## Helping Delmont



PHOTO: ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ

Delmont resident Leita Roberts noted that they initially thought their house had been spared of significant damage, but later realized it was shifting on the foundation. Originally, it was thought that only 22 homes were affected enough to be removed, but the number keeps rising as insurance adjusters and inspectors check out damaged homes. The number was estimated to be more than 80 by mid-day Friday. Other homes have been deemed safe and will be repaired.

## Dog Flu Outbreak Initiates Questions

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South Dakota veterinarians are being asked questions from concerned patrons after a recent canine influenza outbreak in early April, which has affected more than 1,000 dogs since the outbreak in Chicago. "Canine influenza - H3N2 - is a virus that is spread through close contact of dogs and affects a dog's respiratory tract, causing fatigue, fever, coughing and rapid/difficulty breathing," said Russ Daly, SDSU Extension veterinarian.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has not reported any positive cases of dog flu in South Dakota.

He explained the difficulty of diagnosing the dogs on the basis of symptoms alone without conducting an official test.

"There are a lot of things that cause dogs to come in a vet clinic with very similar signs, like kennel cough, that are probably much more common than this influenza virus," Daly said.

Dogs can be tested for dog flu by sending a swab sample from the nose and throat to the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory at SDSU. The time frame during which dogs can be tested is very limited, within two or three days of when they first began getting sick.

"The problem with diagnosing the virus comes in just the way the virus hangs out in the dog itself," Daly said. "Sometimes, that virus comes in and starts causing damage to the respiratory tract, then (the dog gets a) cough and fever where, in the meantime, the animal's immune system has kicked in and gotten rid of the virus - so we're left with the signs, but the virus itself might not be there to be detected anymore."

If the virus is detected, a plan for recovery is put into action between the owner and local veterinarian, as there is no federal or state program in place to quarantine dogs positive with dog flu.

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## Donations Sought For Delmont Victims

From P&D Staff Reports

DELMONT — Donations are now being sought for the victims of last Sunday's tornado in Delmont.

According to a press release from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety Friday, people interested in supporting the Delmont tornado response are asked to consider making donations of money or items that can be used by the survivors.

For financial donations, a fund has been established at the First State Bank in Delmont, Tripp, Geddes and Armour.

Officials working with the Donations Management Center report that items needed by the survivors include non-perishable food and snacks, household cleaners, personal care items, can openers and equipment to work with debris cleanup (gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.).

Donations of new white goods (appliances) need to be coordinated through the Volunteer Reception Center. Contact Lisa Adler at 605-212-9605. Donated items can be taken to the

Donations Management Center, located in the Delmont American Legion. Those delivering such items are asked to enter Delmont from the east, using 284th Street.

Meanwhile, Friday was the first day for organized volunteer efforts to begin the clean-up task in those portions of Delmont hit by the tornado last Sunday morning. Nine people were injured in the storm, but there were no fatalities.

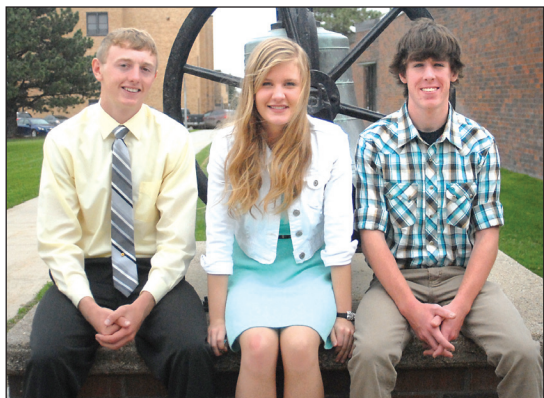
The Department of Public Safety issued these numbers Friday:

- As of 3:45 p.m. Friday, 179 volunteers had registered at the Volunteer Reception Center, which opened Friday morning. The center is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. each day.

- As of noon Friday, 27 cases had been opened with the American Red Cross and Multi Agency Resource Center to assist citizens with recovery needs. The center was open for two days and was scheduled to close at 8 p.m. Friday.

- As of 10 a.m. Friday, 27 families and 110 individuals had picked up supplies from the donation center.

- As of 2 p.m. Thursday, 3,307 meals and 4,817 snacks had been provided by the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.



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Hartington-Newcastle seniors (from left) Tanner Fischer, Hannah Flaugh and Jacob Tanderup are among the 27 seniors forming the first graduating class from the newly consolidated district.

## Hartington-Newcastle Seniors Make History

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — At today's (Saturday's) graduation ceremony, Hartington-Newcastle senior Hannah Flaugh plans to talk about change.

It's a subject she and her classmates have lived on a daily basis since the two northeast Nebraska schools merged last summer. The Newcastle district had seen its enrollment dwindle, and the two districts pursued consolidation.

"This year brought changes for our school," she said. "I'll be talking about change and being able to handle change. I will also talk about what happened through the year and the memories from high school."

H-N senior Tanner Fischer, who like Flaugh comes from Hartington, said the past year brought a number of new experiences. He will recall great memories of being part of the new district's first graduating class.

"During the last half of the (school) year, we all melded together," he said. "We didn't talk about who was from Hartington and who was from Newcastle."

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## Yankton Fires Under Investigation

Yankton firefighters were called at 4:03 a.m. Friday for a reported deck fire at Circle C trailer Court. On arrival, firefighters discovered a small metal shed full of newspaper burning next to a mobile home. While extinguishing the fire, another trailer fire was discovered in the same trailer court. The first trailer received minor damage to the exterior while the second trailer was gutted by fire. Firefighters were hampered for a short time by a down live power wire until the power crews could shut the power off. Cause of both fires are under investigation. Firefighters were on scene for more than two hours and were assisted by Yankton County Ambulance and Yankton Police Department. The police had no comment on the situation when contacted by the Press & Dakotan Friday afternoon (Photo: Yankton Fire Department).

