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Election Day 2012!

Polling Hours SOUTH DAKOTA 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (local time) **NEBRASKA** 8 a.m.-8 p.m. (CT)

Yankton County Voting Centers

Yankton County residents can vote at ANY of the following voting centers today:

Yankton City Hall 416 Walnut St.

Yankton Middle School 2000 Mulberry St. **JoDean's Steakhouse**

and Lounge 2809 Broadway Ave.

The Rock House 31120 Quarry Drive **Gayville Community** Center

404 Washington St., Gayville

Broomtree Retreat and Conference Center

KELLY HERTZ/P&D Yankton Lincoln Elementary School first-grader Cody Markee examines a flag he received Monday from members of 40 et 8 group as part of its "Flags for First Graders" program. Representatives explained the history of the American flag, as well as the proper way to fold and care for the flag.

EYES ON THE FLAG

Weekend Conference To **Draw Attention To Hunger**

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Decision 2012 Obama, Romney **Sprint To The Finish**

Election Day Arrives With Polls Tight

BY JULIE PACE AND KASIE HUNT Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The White House the prize, President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney raced through a final full day of campaigning on Monday through Ohio and other battleground states holding the keys to victory in a tight race. Both promised brighter days ahead for a nation still struggling with a sluggish economy and high joblessness.

"Our work is not done yet," Obama told a cheering crowd of nearly 20,000 in chilly Madison, Wis., imploring his audience to give him another four years.

Romney projected optimism as he neared the end of his six-year quest for the presidency. "If you be-

no claims they were on the verge of victory in pursuit of the 25 seats they need to gain control. National opinion polls in the presidential race

made the popular vote a virtual tie.

In state-by-state surveys, it appeared Obama held small advantages in Nevada, Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin — enough to deliver a second term if they endured, but not so significant that they could withstand an Election Day surge by Romney supporters. Both men ap-

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29827 446th Ave., Irene

Lesterville Fire Hall

Lesterville NOTE: The other old polling stations will no longer be open on Election Day.

TONIGHT!

Join the PRESS & **DAKOTAN** for an online **Election Night chat on** local, state and national races. To join in, go to: www.yankton.net

Yankton Men **Arrested For Robbery In Sioux Falls**

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Three Yankton men were arrested early Monday morning in connection with a Sioux Falls robbery that took place Sunday night.

Alexander Koller, 18; Dillan Anderson, 18; and Collin Olson, 20, were all arrested on two counts of first-degree robbery.

Sioux Falls authorities reported Monday morning that two male suspects entered the Casey's General Store at 500 N. Kiwanis Avenue at 9:23 p.m. Sunday. One of them took cash from a customer and then demanded cash from the clerk, while the other suspect stood by a door with a knife in his hand.

The two then fled on foot with an undetermined amount of money.

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Every day, more than 16,000 children around the world die from hunger-related causes.

To help spread awareness of this growing problem and to let area residents know what they can do about it, Kids Against Hunger of Yankton (KAHY) will present its first Hunger Conference at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Yankton High School Theater.

"I think it's so easy to shut our eyes to what we see in Yankton and around the world," said KAHY director Steve Mach. "We see Haiti on the news when there's an earthquake, but then they're kind of out of sight, out of mind. We forget that there are thousands of kids that die every day because they don't get enough food to eat. We just don't think about that in the United States and we don't think about that in Yankton.'

The evening will feature representatives from KAHY, the Yankton Sack Pack program, the Yankton Contact Center and the ministry of Helping Hands for Haiti who will describe their respective

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D Kids Against Hunger of Yankton director Steve Mach will be one of several representatives of

local hunger-fighting organizations present at this Saturday's Hunger Conference in Yankton.

lieve we can do better. If you believe America should be on a better course. If you're tired of being tired ... then I ask you to vote for real change," he said in a Virginia suburb of the nation's capital. With many of the late polls in key states tilting slightly against him, he decided to campaign on Election Day in Ohio and Pennsylvania, where he and Republicans made a big, late push.

The presidency aside, there are 33 Senate seats on the ballot Tuesday, and according to one Republican official, a growing sense of resignation among his party's rank and file that Democrats will hold their majority.

The situation was reversed in the House, where Democrats made pealed to an ever smaller universe of undecided voters.

More than 30 million absentee or early ballots have been cast, including in excess of 3 million in Florida. The state also had a legal controversy, in the form of a Democratic lawsuit seeking an extension of time for pre-Election Day voting.

There were other concerns, logistical rather than legal.

Officials in one part of New Jersey delivered voting equipment to emergency shelters so voters displaced by Superstorm Sandy last week could cast ballots. New York City made arrangements for shuttle buses to provide transportation for some in hard-hit areas unable to reach their polling places.

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IN CONCERT



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Violinist Maria Formiller of Sioux Falls Lincoln is shown performing with other young musicians at the Yankton College/Yankton High School Orchestra Festival concert, held Monday night at the Summit Activities Center. Nearly 200 musicians performed at the annual event. To see or purchase images from the concert, visit www.yankton.net.

Seeking A Stronger Foundation

Group Looks For Help In Final Leg Of Fundraising

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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With the Yankton Area Foundation well on its way to reaching a \$200,000 fundraising goal by the end of the year, its board members hope the community will respond to a final push for success.

According to Wayne Kindle, presi-dent of the board, approximately \$160,000 has been pledged since the drive began earlier this year.

"We have a number of contacts still out there, and we're doing a follow-up," he said. "We're really optimistic that we're going to hit our goal.'

The Yankton Area Foundation is taking part in a challenge posed by the South Dakota Community Foundation. If the local 501(c)(3) can raise \$200,000, the South Dakota Community Foundation will give it \$25,000. It marks the first time the Yankton Area Foundation has conducted a pledge drive.

Contributors can pay a lump sum, or they can choose to pledge in annual installments during the next three vears.

The Yankton Area Foundation was incorporated in April 1991. The South Dakota Community Foundation manages the investment of the fund, just as it does for more than 60 similar community foundations around the state.

A 14-member board oversees giving away the earnings on the endowed fund, which currently amounts to approximately \$18,000 per year. Kindle estimates that, if the fundraising goal is met, annual giving by the Yankton Area Foundation will increase to \$30,000.

"We want to grow that contribution to the community to be more," said Gail Kennedy, a member of the Yankton Area Foundation board and also a past president.

She said the board is proud of the causes to which the Yankton Area Foundation has distributed funds.

"We don't usually do a recurring do-nation," Kennedy noted. "It's more to get things going."

Among the organizations and projects that have received assistance are Habitat for Humanity, the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter, the Auld-Brokaw Trail, the Yankton Ice As-



COURTESY PHOTO

Yankton Hy-Vee Store Director Tonya Graff (center) presents a \$5,000 check to Yankton Area Foundation Chairman Wayne Kindle and committee member Sheila Woodward. The foundation is aiming to raise \$200,000 by the end of the vear.

sociation and Keep Yankton Beautiful.

During the course of the Yankton Area Foundation's history, it has received requests for approximately \$360,000, and it has approved more than \$250,000 in contributions.

"That's a significant amount of money we've put back into the commu-

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