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PHOTO: BRENDA K. JOHNSON
Mount Marty College students recently brought non-perishable food they collected for the Food Pantry, another program offered at the Contact Center. Squashes in grocery carts for all came from a gardener's bountiful harvest. "Food for Fines" is a Yankton Community Library alternative for library patrons. Items go to the Food Pantry.

'Tis The Season For Giving

BY BRENDA K. JOHNSON
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Giving and receiving heartfelt presents can be complicated for someone in need. The Contact Center, located in the basement of the Yankton County Government Center at Third and Broadway has a dedicated second-generation staff. Its goal is to assist emergency needs in the Greater Yankton area while people in crisis stabilize their lives. "Holiday Food and Fruit Baskets" is one of the Contact Center projects for public givers and receivers. This project ensures that Yankton area individuals and families have ingredients for a hardy Christmas meal. Receivers prepare the meal for themselves the way they like with the trimmings. Liz Lynch and other Contact Center staff help with the Holiday Food and Fruit Baskets project. People new to the Contact Center are welcome to sign up. "To get the basket, they need sign up here by Dec. 12," Lynch said. "They need to have an active SNAP or food stamp

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Happy Holidays



Nov. 25
30 shopping days to Christmas

Ferguson: No Indictment

Grand Jury Does Not File Charges In Shooting Death Of Missouri Teen Last August

BY JIM SALTER AND DAVID A. LIEB
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FERGUSON, Mo. — A grand jury has decided not to indict Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown, the unarmed, black 18-year-old whose fatal shooting by a white officer sparked weeks of sometimes-violent protests and exposed deep racial tension between many African-

Americans and police. St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch announced the decision Monday evening. A grand jury of nine whites and three blacks had been meeting weekly since Aug. 20 to consider evidence. The panel met for 70 hours and heard from 60 witnesses. McCulloch stressed that the grand jurors were "the only people who heard every witness ... and

every piece of evidence." He said many witnesses presented conflicting statements that ultimately were inconsistent with the physical evidence. "These grand jurors poured their hearts and soul into this process," he said. As McCulloch was reading his statement, a crowd gathered around a car from which it was being broadcast on a stereo. When the decision was heard, Michael Brown's mother, Lesley McCulloch, who was sitting atop the vehicle, burst into tears and began screaming before being whisked away by supporters.

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Back To School



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MMC Unveils First Dakota Masters Scholarship

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For many teachers in the Yankton area, continuing their education beyond a bachelor's degree is something that has required them to leave the community to finish. However, a newly revamped program offered through Mount Marty College (MMC) is giving them the chance to obtain their master's degrees while staying

home and more importantly staying in their classrooms. Mount Marty College's Master of Education Program Director Dr. Debbi McCuin said the master of education in curriculum and instruction degree track is an important opportunity for the teachers, which has been made more attractive due to the generosity of Larry Ness and First Dakota National Bank.

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Riverside Field Naming Rights Put On Hold

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A new name for the Riverside Park baseball stadium is now on hold until other parties involved in naming the field can be involved. The Yankton City Commission Monday chose to table a motion that would have renamed the stadium "Riverside Field at Bob Tereshinski Stadium" effective for a 20-year period. Director of Parks & Recreation Todd Larson said the new name is meant to keep familiarity with the location. "There's a large scoreboard down there that has the words on it — 'Riverside Field,'" Larson said. "Without going through the expense of trying to change out that scoreboard and have new names put on it ... this is where Mount Marty College and (MMC baseball coach) Andy Bernatow came up with (the idea) to leave Riverside Field so we don't have to change that and add 'at Bob Tereshinski Stadium' or (vice versa). It's a naming and branding issue. People know it, it's on the scoreboard, but this way, Bob Tereshinski does get the naming rights." Commissioner David Knoff said he doesn't foresee confusion arising from a name change to the stadium itself. "I don't know how much confusion you'll have," Knoff said. "Anyone that's from here is going to know it as Riverside Park or Riverside Field. Maybe they'll call it Tereshinski Stadium. I don't think it matters what we call it."



Larson

Commissioner Pauline Akland felt that the order of the name ought to be changed. "I would move that it be changed to Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field," Akland said. Commissioner Charlie Gross raised some concern that the Yankton Baseball Association (YBA), which contributed money along with MMC and the city for infield improvements and naming rights, was absent in the decision-making process Monday night. "I would think that they would have input also," Gross said. "This (discussion) sounds more like it's between the city and the college as opposed to the city, the college and the baseball association."

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'America Sings!'

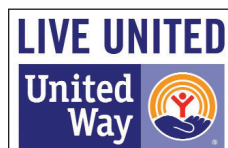


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Early American flagmaker Caroline Pickersgil (portrayed by Hannah Irwin) beseeches the audience to join in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the Stewart Elementary School concert, "America Sings!," held at the YHS/Summit Activities Center Monday night. Students from grades 1-3 presented a patriotic program celebrating the country and its traditions. The combined classes also honored the state on its 125th anniversary by singing "Hail! South Dakota." To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net/.

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