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30 Days, 30 Reasons

MMC Participates In Giving Tuesday

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Those looking to give back to a higher education institution don't have to look far.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, is known nationally as Giving Tuesday, where non-profits throughout the country encourage citizens to give back to a cause near to their hearts. Mount Marty College (MMC) is one of those places.

Last year, MMC joined in Giving Tuesday with the hashtag #MMCGives to ask for scholarship donations. The

school ultimately raised more than \$20,000 that day for student scholarships, and officials are looking for a repeat success this year.

"We like the spirit of Giving Tuesday," said Shannon Viereck, director of annual giving. "Being a Benedictine and Catholic institution, we like the idea of celebrating the real 'reason for the season.' It's an opportunity for people to step back and see that the holiday season isn't so much about what you get, but what you give."

The donations made will go into MMC's annual scholarship fund, mak-

ing the day beneficial to not only the college, but also the students.

"The great thing about these scholarships is that you don't have to be a certain major, be from a certain town or be a certain year in school to receive them," Viereck explained. "These scholarships are for the average students who have a financial need but don't fit the criteria for a specific scholarship."

Last year's hashtag campaign — which was used on Facebook, Twitter

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Mount Marty College is participating in Giving Tuesday by asking for scholarship donations. Part of their campaign involves having students write what they plan to do with their degrees. (Courtesy Photo)

All In The Family



Thomas, Morgan and Austin Hill of Yankton are shown at Morgan's Eagle Scout ceremony on June 28, 2014. All three brothers have reached Eagle Scout status within the last two years. Thomas received his designation earlier this month and is in the process of planning his ceremony.

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A Family Of Eagles Takes Flight

Three Local Brothers Earn Eagle Scout Honors Within Two Years Of Each Other

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Prepared. For Life. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have a time-honored tradition followed by generations of scouts and scout leaders, who incorporate practicing life skills into a family affair.

No one knows that better than the Hill family of Yankton. Greg and Tracy Hill are actively involved in BSA along with their three sons: Austin, Morgan and Thomas. All three brothers have earned the rare honor of achieving Eagle Scout status within two years of each other.

According to the BSA handbook, a scout must progress through the six ranks, earn the 13 required merit badges plus at least eight more merits badges of his choosing (completing approximately 325 different requirements), serve six months in a troop leadership position and develop a service project before he can become an Eagle Scout.

"It's a daunting task to do all those activities by yourself," Greg Hill said. "But with the help of the troop, it becomes a group event."

This extensive "to do" list could explain why only 5 percent of scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle, according to the National Eagle Scout Association.

Hill taught all three sons the value of the organization when each of them was very young. Each of the boys began their journey in Cub Scouts when they reached the first grade.

Their father had a hand in the organization as well by starting out as Tiger leader and working his way up. He was scoutmaster of Yankton's Troop 102 from 2012-2014.

"We got them started in it just because I had been in Scouts when I was a kid," Hill said. "I knew it was a good organization and they wanted to have some fun. I thought it would be a good activity for them."

Austin (20), the oldest, earned his Eagle Scout rank in January 2013. Morgan (19),

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Sports



Hawkeyes Top
Huskers, Take
Perfect Mark Into
Big 10 Title Game
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Happy Holidays



Nov. 28
27 shopping
days to Christmas

Bloomfield Makes A Mark With Grant

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
P&D Correspondent

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Creating an exciting atmosphere at Bloomfield High School has been very rewarding for staff and for the students; it doesn't even seem like school anymore. There's a lot of excitement in the hallways and it's all about new learning experiences.

Through the hard work of business teacher LeeAnn Runyon and K-12 principal Shane Alexander, a reVision grant was written for the district to develop its career education.

Last school year, while the Bloomfield school district was working with the study of a five-school district in northeast Nebraska, there was also a town hall meeting held to get community feedback about their thoughts on improving the student education process. It became clear graduating a competent workforce to fill manufacturing needs as the economy changed was a priority for Bloomfield.

"Community feedback definitely helped when we were writing this grant," Alexander said.

The five-school study has withered with time, but Bloomfield is dedicated to its students and offering them a more vital education related to changing times.

To fill these priorities, a reVision grant was written for advanced technology opportunities in grades 7-12. A plasma cutter, commercial-grade embroidery machine and 3-D printer became integral parts of the grant along with course revision to include career readiness, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities district-wide and entrepreneurship education.

The district qualified for Phase One and received a \$50,000 grant with the

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SD Regulators To Decide On Dakota Access Pipeline

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota regulators are expected to decide Monday whether to grant a construction permit for a pipeline that will cross through the state as it carries oil from North Dakota to Illinois.

The 1,130-mile Dakota Access Pipeline proposed by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners would move at least 450,000 barrels of crude daily from the Bakken oil patch in western North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois, where shippers can access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

It needs approval in all four states. South Dakota's Public Utilities Commission held a public hearing on the project in late September and early October.

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