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# Ghost Encounters

On This Halloween Eve, We Offer  
A Few Local Ghost Stories ...

## Haunted MMC

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A place with as much history as Yankton is bound to have tales of hauntings.

One of those places includes Mount Marty College (MMC). Having been in the area since 1936, it shouldn't be too surprising that MMC has its fair share of ghost stories.

Hauntedhouses.com has a list dedicated to MMC's alleged hauntings, some of which include:

- A worker fell to his death during construction and makes his presence known around campus by having water fountains run by themselves, showers turning themselves on, footsteps heard when no one living is present and shadows being seen.

An MMC student who wishes to remain anonymous believes to have had a run-in with this ghost. After returning to campus late one evening and approaching Corbey Hall, she noticed what appeared to be a male figure in old-time work clothing standing in front of Marian Auditorium.

- In Whitby Hall, it is said that residents have seen a figure wearing gray pants crossing their room.

Room 200 in Whitby Hall was believed to have been haunted at one time, but a blessing by a priest moved the ghost to 201.

MMC Senior Vincent Raia currently resides in this room and is positive that it is haunted.

"A breeze cannot come through our hallway," he said, as his room resides at the end of an L-shaped hall, with his room in a corner where there is no light. "Carpets will flutter randomly and the door opens and closes even when it's locked."

When it was suggested that the lock might be broken, Raia denied it, saying that a friend of his once spent the night and witnessed the door open and close after he locked it himself.

"The weirdest part is that some nights, I feel like something gets in bed and lays with me. It gets cold."

Despite these oddities, Raia has gotten used to having Tina (as he calls the ghost) as a constant, unseen roommate.

"I love it!" he exclaimed. "When I have a question about something, like what movie to watch, I'll say, 'Tina! What should we watch tonight?' When the door opens, I'll hold up two movies and list them. If she likes one, the door will close."

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## Theatre Thrills!

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A dark and dusty theatre. The cool atmosphere. The fur felt material of the red cushion seats. So comfortable, so inviting to sit down and escape to another world. With all the entertainment to come out of that theatre, many things can never leave. Including the unknown darkness that hides so many things.

The Dakota Theatre has a long history of changes. It first opened in 1902 as the Yankton Opera House. After years of play performances, concerts and a few new owners, it was named the Dakota Theatre in 1929. The venue hosted some of the first "talking pictures" and rising stars. It was remodeled, closed, reopened and is now the home of the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company (LCTC).

Actors, performers, patrons and

staff have come and gone over the years. But some still remain. The theatre is known to possess certain ghostly qualities.

LCTC Executive Director Tara Gill has been working in the theatre since 1999 and she believes the theatre is being haunted by several spirits from days past.

"When I became a board member, you hear about all the urban legends," she said. "We have at least three ghosts haunting our theatre."

Staff members believe the most famous one to be "Carmen." Legend says that Carmen was an entertainer in her 20s who worked in the vaudeville theatre in the early 1900s. She was believed to be walking across the catwalk above the stage when she fell to her death. Since then, Carmen has

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## Ghost Call ...

At one time, I worked at the *Press & Dakotan* as a switchboard operator and proofreader. Occasionally I worked late to finish reading and making corrections on proofs for the next day's paper. By this time the front offices were closed for the day. This was also true of the back area which consisted of the composing room, the job shop and the adjoining press room at the farthest end of the building.

My desk and the switchboard were in the newsroom with the reporters at the front of the building. Whenever I worked late, there was always someone else working in the newsroom as well. Otherwise the rest of the building was dark and vacant.

One afternoon while working late, I was surprised to see the switchboard light flash on for a minute. This was the end of the business day, when all incoming and outgoing phone calls ended and no longer lit up the switchboard.

The light indicated this was an outgoing call ... it seemed that somewhere in the building someone was using a phone. In a few seconds the light went off. I went back to reading proofs and the incident was forgotten — until it happened again.

It was another late afternoon after closing, only the newsroom was in use when again a switchboard light came on showing a phone was being used somewhere in the building. I could see no one in the newsroom was using a phone. In a few seconds the light went off. I thought no more about it and went about correcting proofs. Then it happened again on another afternoon while working late. This time, I decided to check the adjoining offices thinking that maybe someone had returned to make a call. As I walked through each office in the semi darkness, I could see there was no one around. I checked the back rooms as well. Even though it was dark, I could still see that they were empty. The last place to check was the press room at the far end of the building. There again, through the shadows, I could see that it, too, was empty.

I was never able to solve the mystery of these ghostly calls when the switchboard light blinked on, but it made for quite a spooky experience in the quiet darkness of this old building.

Submitted by Dee Munsch

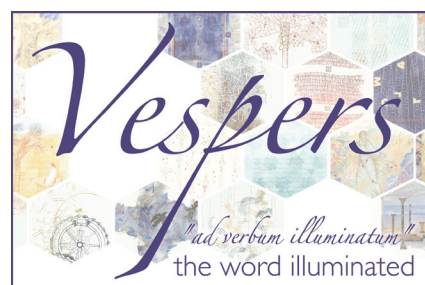
This week at

# MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

OCT. 31 - NOV. 7

Join us for any and all of our events this fall semester! Learn more at [www.mtmc.edu](http://www.mtmc.edu).

Bede Art Gallery | Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm | Framed Illuminations from *The Saint John's Bible* | October 5 - November 20  
The Saint John's Bible on display in MMC Library | Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am - 10 pm | Fri: 7:30 am - 5 pm | Sat: 1- 5 pm | Sun: 1-10 pm



Vespers tickets will be available starting Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at MMC Pages Bookstore and Sacred Heart Monastery Gift Shop.



Join us for REMEDY DRIVE'S *I Am Not a Commodity: Our Fight Against Human Trafficking* on November 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Marian Auditorium.



Visit our MMC booth during Yankton's Downtown Harvest Halloween Festival this Saturday from 8 am - 4 pm! Happy Halloween!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:00 PM JV Volleyball - Nebraska Wesleyan University - Lincoln, NE  
1:30 PM Volleyball - Nebraska Wesleyan University - Lincoln, NE  
5:00 PM Women's Soccer - Concordia University - Seward, NE  
5:00 PM Students Trick-or-Treating for Yankton Contact Center  
7:30 PM Men's Soccer - Concordia University - Seward, NE

THEME: Costume Night!

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:00 PM Mass - Peace Chapel

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:00 PM *The Saint John's Bible* Visits Yankton Interchange - Minervas  
7:30 PM Choral Union Rehearsal - Greg Hall

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:30 PM Yankton Children's Choir Rehearsal - Bistro  
6:00 PM JV Volleyball - Dakota Wesleyan University - Cimpr Arena  
7:30 PM Volleyball - Dakota Wesleyan University - Cimpr Arena  
5:30 PM Women's JV Basketball - Central Community College Columbus  
7:30 PM Men's JV Basketball - Central Community College Columbus  
9:30 PM Rosary - Peace Chapel

THEME: White Out!

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 AM *The Saint John's Bible* Visits Sacred Heart Middle School Religion Classes  
10:00 AM Mass - South Dining Room, Roncalli  
6:00 PM *The Saint John's Bible* Visits Sacred Heart Catholic Church Ignite Night

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:45 AM - 3 PM MMC Endowed Chair Nursing Symposium - ASHH Pavilion  
12:00 PM Noon Forum: "*Get in the Boat: Haiti Mission Trip*" with Merle and Gina Brandt - South Dining Room  
8:30 PM Adoration - Peace Chapel

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 PM Women's Basketball - Grace University - Omaha, NE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:45 AM Women's Cross Country - GPAC Meet - Crete, NE  
11:30 AM Men's Cross Country - GPAC Meet - Crete, NE  
5:00 PM Men's Basketball - Bethany College - Lindsborg, KS



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