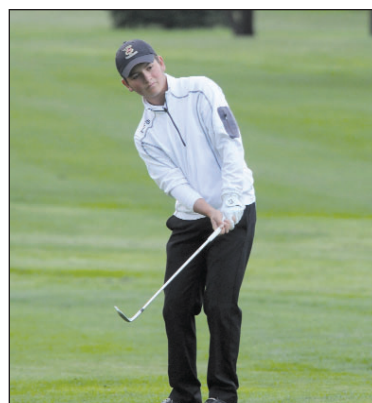




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# A New Frontier For Mount Marty



ABOVE: Jim Sorenson, chair of the Mount Marty College natural sciences division, welcomes visitors and shares humorous insights before opening the Avera Science Laboratories for tours. BELOW: Visitors admire the plant life in the Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory following Friday's dedication of the Avera Science Laboratories on the Mount Marty College campus.

## MMC Celebrates The Dedication Of New Science Facilities Friday

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As chairman of the natural sciences division, Jim Sorenson often met with prospective Mount Marty College students and their parents. "I would talk to them about our strong nursing major and our high rate of students who went on to graduate schools," he said. Then, he led a tour of the college's science facilities — and cringed. "I took them on a tour of the lab on the third floor of Bede Hall, and I was leery," he said. "We had plaster falling off the wall, paint missing here and there, and the water was rusty." For Sorenson and other MMC science instructors, those days are gone. After nearly two years in progress, the Mount Marty College Avera Science Laboratories project is complete. An open house, dedication and blessing ceremony were held Friday. The \$3 million building renovation project consists of two phases. The first phase, which was celebrated Friday, involved renovation of the old library into six state-of-the-art science laboratories including the glass-enclosed Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory. The second phase, the Avera Nursing Laboratory

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ADDENDUM

In the caption for Friday's *Press & Dakotan* photo for the 9/11 commemoration at Beadle Elementary School, it should have noted that the students also sang the National Anthem in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key on Sept. 14, 1814.



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## A Can-Do Attitude

Yanktons First Women's Business Conference Showcases Success

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"Tell me I can't ... and I will." These words embodied the theme of the first Women's Business Conference of the South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO), which was held Friday at the Yankton Kelly Inn Convention Center, and was a great success, said event organizers. "Our goal was to have between 75-100 attendees," said SD CEO founding director Helen Merriman. "Instead we are very pleased that we totally surpassed our goal with 130 women attending. Better yet, we had women from across the state, that were able to attend and network with other women in business." Merriman said the goal of the event was to help women in business enhance their networking base using speakers from the across the state and locally who have ex-



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Kristi Palecek, general manager of Yankton's TruXedo, Inc., addresses the crowd at the Women's Business Conference, held Friday at the Kelly Inn in Yankton.

celled in their professional fields. "It's who you know that can make a difference," she said. "Who knows you, can make an even bigger impact on business success."

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## Sapa To Add 50 Jobs

Grant To Aid Yankton Firm With Expansion

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Sapa Extrusions, Inc., of Yankton announced Friday they had been approved for a \$24,280 South Dakota Jobs grant — helping pave the way for a major expansion that will boost production and eventually add 50 full-time jobs to the operation.



Clifton

Plant manager John Clifton told the *Press & Dakotan* Friday this will be a huge asset to the Sapa Group's local operation. "We are adding a fifth extrusion press to the plant — it's a major expansion," Clifton said. "It'll increase our capacity by approximately 25 percent over what it is currently and will be housed in a building addition on the south (side) where Alumax Rd. used to be."

The addition will be 54,000 square feet. The additional workers would bring the Yankton plant's total employment to 450.

Clifton expects the project to get under way soon. "The project has been approved," he said. "We're doing the engineering work right now, final building design is under way and we should be moving dirt within the next three to four weeks. We expect the new press to be up and operational by mid-summer of 2015."

In a press release issued Friday, Pat Costello, commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) said: "The ultimate goal of the SD Jobs grant program is to expand operations or upgrade equipment. Job creation is vital to our state's economy, so whenever we can financially assist a company looking to create jobs, we are happy to award those funds."

Rob Stephenson, chairman of Yankton Area Progressive Growth, told the *Press & Dakotan* the local entity worked hard to get the plans approved.

"It's a real nice thing for Yankton," Stephenson said. "They're local folks (that have been) working hard to have their corporate folks approve an additional press here in town. They worked, got that done and are going to be

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## Ebola Patient In Omaha Eats Ice Cream

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Officials at the Nebraska Medical Center where an American aid worker infected with Ebola is being treated say the patient is getting his appetite back.

Dr. Rick Sacra was flown to the Omaha, Nebraska, hospital on Sept. 5 for treatment in the hospital's specialized 10-bed isolation unit.

Sacra's doctors and his wife, Debbie, have said the 51-year-old doctor's condition has steadily improved since he arrived.

On Friday, the hospital released a statement saying Sacra's appetite is finally starting to come back. The hospital says Sacra sated a craving for ice cream with a pint of Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough.

Debbie Sacra says the ice cream helped her husband exceed doctors' orders for him to start eating at least 1,000 calories a day.