

## VERMILLION WINS QUIZ BOWL



Vermillion recently competed in and won the 2011 KK93 Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl is an academic contest with 16 area school teams. KK93 broadcasted the Quiz Bowl finals live from the campus of Mount Marty College in Yankton on March 26. Mr. Terry, Sam, Kevin, Alex and KK93 station owner Carolyn Becker are pictured.

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country as well. "It was a good day for our country because bin Laden had been one of the only reasons as to why we still had troops in Afghanistan," he said. "Whenever you can bring troops home, it's a good day." Sophomore Courtney Ahlers agreed and said it showed America's commitment to its efforts. "I think it's a victory for the United States. It shows that we're determined and will keep working until we get things done," Ahlers said. Despite most students general good feelings about bin Laden's murder, one student, who wished to remain anonymous, believes otherwise. "Violence just begets more violence," she said. "We should be afraid of an attack, because it's typical to continue the war-

type efforts. I don't ever think killing a person is the right answer. I know he's not a good person, but I still don't agree with killing."

A major concern in many students' minds is the possibility of a terrorist attack in retaliation to the death of bin Laden.

"We should be more afraid of repercussions, but al-Qaida is more disorganized now without their leader," Boyd said.

Blake agreed that the United States should prepare for an attack, but it will be from a weakened al-Qaida.

"I think (bin Laden's death) will splinter al-Qaida. There will be a run to take his place, but because there will be no central figure, it will just be little groups around the world," he said. "There will be slight retribution - al-Qaida has been reeling from U.S. attacks. My thought is that we will see something from them, but it will not be a massive counter-attack."

## Nelson receives Advocacy Award

Each year, South Dakota Advocacy Services and the Protection and Advocacy Developmental Disabilities Program's (PADD) Advisory Council presents a Legislative Advocacy Award. This award is in recognition of the importance of the legislative processes and an individual support for and participation in legislative activity that benefits the disability community within the larger community in South Dakota. The recipient for 2011 is former South Dakota Secretary of State Chris Nelson of Pierre.

In 2009 this individual was awarded the Election Center's Professional Practices Award in recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. In 2010 the recipient received the Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association.

## Some 200,000 South Dakotans have renewed driver licenses already

Nearly 200,000 South Dakotans have received or renewed their driver licenses in the 16 months since the State implemented security documentation required by federal law.

That's nearly one-third of the 602,000 South Dakota residents who hold a driver license or non-driver ID card, says Cindy Gerber, director of the State Driver Licensing Program.

"We knew there would be a learning curve and some frustration when the requirements took effect," Gerber said. "There has been, but South Dakotans generally have adjusted and are able to present the basic documents needed to complete the process successfully."

The 2009 Legislature passed a law bringing the state into compliance with the federal requirements, and the phase-in of the new, more-secure driver licenses began on Dec. 31, 2009. Since then, an average of 13,300 people a month have successfully obtained or renewed a driver license or ID card.

A South Dakota Driver

license or ID card is valid for five years. The additional documentation is a one-time requirement, Gerber reminded citizens.

"Once a person has a federally compliant license, that card and two proofs of a current address will be the only documents necessary to renew the license in five years," she said.

Gerber encouraged anyone struggling to find any of the documents required by federal regulations to call the Driver Licensing Program at 1-800-952-3696 or visit the web site at www.dps.sd.gov.

"We will do whatever we can to help applicants have a successful experience with our program," she said. "We can provide a temporary permit for persons experiencing delays in obtaining the needed documents. In some case, if people find they simply can't produce one of the documents, hardship exceptions may be available. We really want people to contact us and see if we can work together in those situations."

Here is a summary of the

documents required for obtaining a driver license:

One identity document, such as a certified birth certificate or a valid unexpired U.S. passport. (Note: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name, such as a certified marriage certificate, adoption document, or divorce decree. A passport will work, if the name on the passport matches the name on your current driver license).

One document proving Social Security number. Acceptable documents are a Social Security card, W-2 form, SSA 1099 form or pay stub (which must include Social Security number and name)

Two documents proving residential address. Acceptable documents include utility bill, credit card statement, pay stub, rent receipt, phone bill, transcript or report card from accredited school, bank statement, mortgage or tax document, homeowner or renter insurance policy. (A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child.)

## Midcontinent Media Foundation donates \$62K to regional non-profit organizations

At the recent meeting of the Midcontinent Media Foundation, the board of directors approved \$62,583 in grants to regional non-profit organizations.

The Midcontinent Media Foundation is the charitable arm of the Midcontinent family of companies. For over 20 years the Foundation has provided support for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in the communities served by Midcontinent Media, Inc. and its affiliates.

Midcontinent grants have provided nearly \$3,000,000 for over 1,400 community projects and organizations in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

"Our Foundation grants are just one example of Midcontinent's commitment to our communities and the

customers we serve," said Senior Vice President of Public Policy Tom Simmons. "Our employees are also encouraged to volunteer within their communities and they have served thousands and thousands of hours over the years supporting these kinds of organizations and causes that are

close to their hearts."

The Foundation reviews all grants in March and September of each year. The next deadline for applications is July 10. Non-profit community organizations that qualify are encouraged to review the online application and apply for future grants.

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point for their research along the river." However, Clay County Park is just one potential location. The National Park Service doesn't own the land where the park is located, and would therefore be unable to build anything there, Howe said. "We're trying to figure out who should own the building, who should manage it, how is it going to get paid for. All of those things haven't been figured out just yet," he said. One other possibility is a section of the river called North Alabama Bend that is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The preference is Clay County Park because of the amenities. However, the North Alabama Bend would have the funding," Howe said. We haven't come to any conclusion, we're just looking at both projects. The Corps Engineers has not committed to doing anything. The Missouri River Institute

hasn't committed to anything. These are literally just discussions and meetings. There's not even contracts or proposals on anybody's desk at this point. We're just in the talking phase."

The potential tenants of the building include the Missouri River Institute and the National Park Service, who have provided some "very preliminary" wish-lists of what the facility should include, Howe said.

Working with USD, the Chamber will draw up what Howe calls "a footprint of the building" to be completed before cost estimations are made, as well as the building's actual architectural design.

For his part, Howe made an informal presentation to the Vermillion City Council at noon Monday during a special meeting, at which time the mayor requested a resolution of support be drawn up for discussion at the next meeting.

Howe said the project has the support of the county, as well.

The question as to why there is not currently a center may lie in the fact that it's "not a traditional park," he said.

"It's a moving park. It's a living park," he said. "So, you can go to it, but it's not like you can drive through it like you can Custer or Yellowstone. Because all the land along the river is not part of the park

system - it's just the river itself. So it's a weird concept that a river is a park, but not the bank of the river."

One thing Howe stressed was that the project is in the very preliminary stages, but he added that work is being done to hammer out more concrete plans with an official timeline.

"We're trying to keep it moving so we don't lose momentum," he said.

### Memorial Day - 2011

May 30

## EARLY DEADLINES for May 31<sup>st</sup> Issues

<p>MISSOURI VALLEY</p> <h3>SHOPPER</h3> <p>Deadline: Noon Thursday, May 26</p>	<p>Broadcaster</p> <p>Deadline: Noon Thursday, May 26</p>	<p>PT PLAIN TALK</p> <p>Regular deadlines the week before &amp; after</p>
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university and being the size that USD is, when you look at a flagship university in our surrounding states, they're huge institutions. And so, I think students aren't really looking for that," Pohlson said.

The switch to Division I put USD on the map for many out-of-state students, he added.

"As the joke goes in Minnesota, when you beat them you kind of get a lot more recognition as to who you are as an institution," he said.

Pohlson said recruitment and awareness continues to be a major concern of everyone at the university - but not at the expense of the programs and activities for which USD is known.

"It's supposed to be the focus of every department on campus," he said. "We don't want to change our academic programming to fit what could be trendy or not trendy."

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