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# Looking Onward

## Onward Yankton Group Seeking Input On Direction

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Onward Yankton's "big idea" to become the region's capital of entrepreneurship is currently in the planning phase and about a month away from announcement of implementation plans. But Onward Yankton is still trying to keep the public involved with a newly released survey.

Onward committee member Michelle Cwach

told the *Press & Dakotan* that the board is currently hard at work giving the idea a foundation.

"We've split up into different pillars and we have different committees leading the different pillars," Cwach said. "One is the downtown creative district ... then we also have a pillar focused specifically on entrepreneurship, then one more pillar focused on the education aspect being able to connect mentors, the col-

lege, the high school and businesses."

Now they're looking to see what the business community and general public would like to see the idea evolve into, she added.

"The first thing that we decided we wanted to do was to do a survey of the community members and do a survey of the business owners and see what they actually want in their

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OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA/TNS  
**President Barack Obama, seen here talking to the media Thursday, addressed the nation Sunday night in the wake of the mass shooting in California that left 14 dead. The incident is now considered a terrorist attack.**

## Obama: Terror Threat Against US Has Entered 'New Phase'

BY JULIE PACE  
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — In a rare Oval Office address, President Barack Obama vowed Sunday night the United States would overcome a terror threat that has entered a "new phase" as he sought to reassure Americans shaken by recent attacks in Paris and California.

"I know that after so much war, many Americans are asking whether we are confronted by a cancer that has no immediate cure," he said, speaking from a lectern in his West Wing office.

The president's speech followed Wednesday's shooting in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14 people and wounded 21. Authorities say a couple carried out the attack and the wife pledged allegiance to the Islamic State and its leader in a Facebook post.

Obama said that while there was no evidence that the shooters were directed by a terror network overseas or part of a broader plot, "the two of them had gone down the dark path of radicalization."

"This was an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people," he said in the 13-minute address.

The president announced no significant shift in U.S. strategy and offered no new policy prescriptions for defeating the Islamic State, underscoring both his confidence in his current approach and the lack of easy options for countering the extremist group. He did call on Congress to tighten America's visa waiver program and to pass a new authorization for military actions underway against IS in Iraq and Syria.

The president also reiterated his call for tightening U.S. gun laws, saying no matter how effective law enforcement and intelligence are, they can't identify every would-be shooter. He called it a matter of national security to prevent potential killers from getting guns.

In speaking from the Oval Office, Obama turned to a tool of

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### Happy Holidays



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## All Together Now



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
**Kenneth Tice, Mount Marty College's director of Choral Activities, leads both his choir and the audience in a rendition of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" during the annual Vespers event Sunday at Bishop Marty Chapel in Yankton. The Advent performance was entitled "Ad Verbum Illuminatum (The Word Illuminated)" to commemorate MMC's hosting of the Saint John's Bible for the past year. The Weed Brass Quartet performed as a prelude before the 4 p.m. performance. There was also a performance in the evening.**

# Ag Expert: Brace For Soft Markets

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
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In a year in which agricultural income is predicted to drop 45 percent, area producers from South Dakota and Nebraska attended a workshop last week at the Kelly Inn, which offered options for making their farming operation profitable as possible.

"We keep offering this workshop because you, the farmer, have told us you always go home with something of value, something to help you run your business better," said Ken Keegan, executive vice-president and chief risk officer of Farm Credit Services in Omaha.

The program is in its 13th year of working with farmers on risk management for their operations. Dr. Steven D. Johnson, Farm and Ag Management Specialist from Iowa State, offered "Solutions for Success," a program sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America and South Dakota Corn Growers Association.

"I brought my tool box along again and I still have my caution tape out," said Johnson. "I told you last year 2015 would

be a cautious year and 2016 looks to be the same."

He said today farmers are enjoying great opportunities due to the struggles of those who went before but there are still challenges. Midwestern farmers once again raised record crops but the need is not there.

In 2012, farmers raised their standard of living, purchased a lot of land and made improvements. But, Johnson said, the train is sliding off the track and the party's over. It is not necessarily a farm crisis but there is concern and many farmers are feeling the crunch. Working capital is under a tight constraint and solutions for freeing up dollars for short term payments were offered.

Johnson offered case studies for "Larry the Landholder," "Roy the Renter" and "Peter Paydown."

In the case of Larry and his real estate loans, liquidity is the problem so he advised taking advantage of low interest rates and refinancing those real estate



PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN  
**Dr. Steven D. Johnson (left), Farm and Ag Management Specialist from Iowa State University, talks with Lonnie Meyer of Tripp at a farm risk management conference held in Yankton last week.**

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# Saturday Accident Injures 3, Results In Power Outage

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A one-vehicle accident east of Yankton Saturday night injured three people and knocked out power to parts of the town.

At approximately 9 p.m., a Chevrolet 4X4 truck crashed into a utility pole just west of the James River Bridge near Flegg's Roadhouse.

Three people were transported to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton with life-threatening injuries.

Old Highway 50 was closed for several hours while the accident was investigated



PHOTO: LARRY NICKLES/YFD  
**Three people sustained life-threatening injuries Saturday in a one-vehicle accident on Old Highway 50 east of Yankton. The crash clipped an electrical pole, which caused a power outage for approximately 950 Yankton residents.**

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# Victims In Friday Crash ID'd

From P&D Staff Reports

The names of those involved in a two-vehicle crash that killed three people Friday afternoon north of Yankton have been released.

According to a press release from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, Karol Aeschlimann, 68, Hurley; Lila Rayburn, 71, Hurley; and Sandra Johnson, 68, Parker, were in one vehicle and were pronounced dead at the scene. Three other people were injured.

Friday's crash was reported at 2:17 p.m. A 2016 Chrysler 300 was traveling south on Highway 81. The vehicle crossed into the northbound lane and struck a northbound 2014 Toyota Avalon just south of the James River bridge.

Aeschlimann, Rayburn and Johnson were in the Avalon. A fourth occupant,

Dennis Johnson, 69, Parker, suffered serious non-life threatening injuries. He was transported to the Yankton hospital.

Both female occupants of the Chrysler 300 sustained serious non-life threatening injuries. The driver, Robin Mettler, 55, Menno, was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital. The passenger, Mary Mettler, 21, Menno, was taken to the Yankton hospital.

All six occupants appeared to have been wearing seatbelts.

The Highway Patrol continues to investigate. Other agencies at the scene were Yankton County Sheriff's Office, Turner County Sheriff's Office, Yankton Fire, Yankton EMS, Lesterville Fire and Sanford Helicopter.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

