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- 8 PCC Pavement 10983SY
- F&I 18 RCP 1008LF
- 8 PVC Water Main C900 2740LF
- And Other Miscellaneous Items

Owner reserves the right to make the award based on the lowest responsive bid.

Sealed bids will be received for the City Commission of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, at the office of the City Finance Officer of said City until 3:00 PM or may be hand delivered to the place of opening at 3:00 PM on the 28th day of January, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Meeting Room A, located at 416 Walnut Street in Yankton, South Dakota. Disposition of said bids is expected to be held on the 8th day of February, 2016, after 7:00 PM, in the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st Street, Yankton, South Dakota.

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the City Engineers Office, 416 Walnut Street, Yankton, SD, 57078, or by calling 605-668-5251.

The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond to the OWNER in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award for each bond, in conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The construction performance bond and construction payment bond shall remain in full force until the completion of the Contract as specified in the General Conditions.

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The bid guarantee will be retained by the OWNER as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into an Agreement within ten (10) days after Notice of Award or fails at time of executing the contract to furnish a construction performance bond and construction payment bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work.

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Downtown

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time to develop.

Bernie Hunhoff, District 18 state senator and co-founder of *South Dakota Magazine*, told the *Press & Dakotan* it's important for there to be a solid vision in order to revitalize downtown.

"We've got to come up with a vision together that everybody will buy into," Hunhoff said. "That's what Onward Yankton is seeking to do and that's what, I know, the city wants to help us do. We can't have one group doing this, one group doing that and another group doing something else, and all the entities maybe just barely succeeding because everybody's not working together. We need a big vision that will get people excited."

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* that ongoing public space projects will provide some of the foundation.

"We still have more work we can do with the public infrastructure," Nelson said. "We certainly are continuing to improve the public space — more enhancements of the Meridian Bridge Plaza and Riverside Park will be an asset to downtown for the commission to consider."

She added that events and a possible maintenance code will also help spur downtown development.

"Many of our events are downtown, so continuing to foster those is also an assistance to the city — not just for the organization putting on the event, but also to promote things that are happening downtown," she said. "The commission also talked about doing some type of property maintenance code that would apply to the downtown. We currently have a nuisance code, but we don't necessarily take into account maintenance. Nuisances really revolve around things that are unsafe or unhealthy, but if it's just not kept up, it doesn't necessarily apply, so taking a step towards property maintenance code and enforcing that code ... is something that's going to come up again this year and maybe something they want to budget for."

She said there's always room to expand the \$15,000 facade grant and create a business improvement district (BID) in downtown.

Lisa Kneifl, owner of Twist of Pine in downtown Yankton, told the *Press & Dakotan* that she's happy to see some of these short-term items already taking shape. "I was very excited about the waterpark idea that they put at the Meridian Bridge," Kneifl said. "People kind of need something that they can sit and enjoy and bring their own kids and cool off. I think if we could look at (ideas) like (Meridian Bridge Plaza), with the bridge and its the proximity to downtown, I'd like to see (the plaza) expand."

NEW IDEAS

Kneifl said one of the main reasons she opened her store was seeing an outstanding need of fit in the city.

"I'm a marketing person and I was working with people and kept seeing a need," Kneifl said. "My husband told me, 'Obviously, you need to put your money where your mouth is. You've

been complaining about not having certain things in the area and so why don't you do it?'"

She added that forming search tools for needed businesses is one way to revitalize downtown.

"It's going to come down to almost trying to recruit somebody to open something," she said. "(It needs to happen) whether it be a committee on the chamber, whether it be a committee with the (city) commission or somebody to say, 'Hey, we have a missing need. Who could open this kind of store? Is there somebody that's already out there that's doing this that could expand?'"

Hunhoff said there's a need to integrate Mount Marty College into the mix of downtown revitalization.

"We need to be, in large part, a college town," he said. "We need to find ways to work with Mount Marty College so that downtown and the whole community reflects that we are a college town."

DOWNTOWN HOUSING

Mike Huether, Yankton native and current mayor of Sioux Falls, told the *Press & Dakotan* that downtown's future doesn't lie solely in bringing new businesses. He cited his own experiences with the revitalization of Sioux Falls as an example.

"Most communities, when they put their first attention towards rebuilding their downtown, they focus on making it the place to work and the place to play," Huether said. "In Sioux Falls, I really wanted to make downtown Sioux Falls the place to live, and I really think that's a great opportunity for Yankton."

He added the concept of downtown living would help alleviate the city's housing issues.

"Yankton is in dire need of housing options for its people — included in that is affordable housing," he said. "When I look at those second, and third and fourth floors of all those buildings in downtown Yankton, I'm thinking, 'Wow, what an incredible opportunity.'"

KEEPING PEOPLE DOWNTOWN

Kneifl used her marketing experience to tout the importance of seeking out what people leave town for and the need for business evolution.

"Try to figure out what your clients are wanting and what they're driving to Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Norfolk and going online for," she said. "If businesses haven't made a major change to either their product mix, or the design of their store, or how they're marketing, or how they're telling people about it — if they haven't done anything to revitalize their business in the last couple of years — then they're probably doing themselves a disservice because I think the market is changing right now. I used to get in my car on Sundays and drive to Sioux Falls because I couldn't get what I wanted here on a Sunday."

She added that it was partially because of these Sunday trips that she made the decision to open her store on Sundays.

"Was that because stores weren't open on Sunday or was it because it wasn't available here," she said. "Sometimes it was one, sometimes it was the other, so when I opened Twist of Pine, I decided I'd have to be

open on Sundays. ... Businesses need to see if their clients need longer hours or if their clients need one day per month where they're open later or one Sunday. Just keep asking people that are already shopping at your store what they need because they will definitely tell you what they want."

INSTILLING CONFIDENCE

Huether said there's still a need to instill confidence in the City of Yankton to move forward.

"I love my hometown, and I'm cheering it on from the mountaintops," he said. "However, it is a community that has so much incredible potential and it is in dire need of a dose of, 'Let's believe in ourself, let's play to win and let's capture these opportunities and attack these issues that have been in our town that we love for a long long time.'"

He added that it's important for officials to overcome the naysayers.

"There's always going to be differing opinions on how to proceed," he said. "However, at some point in time, you've got to take a leadership position based on common sense, based on prudence and based on what's good for the town of Yankton. Then you've got to go full bore towards making that happen, and you can't let the organized and vocal minority that many times criticizes along the way — you can't let them dominate the conversation and ultimately win the battle. Yankton has kind of had that struggle for a while."

Hunhoff said he's confident that Yankton is primed to turn the corner on its downtown.

"We need to build the kind of community where young families will say, 'That's where I want to live,'" he said. "Every community across America is trying to do that in various ways. It's going to be really tough for towns under 20,000-30,000 to do that — maybe even under 100,000. Yankton is one of those communities where we can do it because of the river, the history, the culture that we have here, and the outdoors. We have so many amenities and we can make it happen here. We have not been making it happen, but we can."

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Grand Island Authorities Create Goods 'Safe Zone'

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Law enforcement officials have created a new safe zone in Grand Island where buyers and sellers can meet for transactions and separated parents can transfer their children to one another.

The Transaction Safe Zone is located in the Law Enforcement Center parking lot along East Highway 30. Officials hope the new location will provide a neutral meeting space and prevent conflicts and robberies, according to the *Grand Island Independent*.

Grand Island police said they haven't seen any local cases of people being robbed or scammed, but the space is a response to the growing number of people who buy and sell goods online.

Two parking stalls have signs identifying the area, which opened Dec. 17.

Officers won't be physically present at the transactions. But the Police Department and sheriff's office hope the location and video surveillance will serve as a deterrent to fraud and theft. Good lighting is also provided.

Sgt. Quinn Webb of the Hall County Sheriff's Office said it's common for arguments to take place when children are handed off.

Sometimes, when exes or former spouses exchange children, "the new significant other is there with them. And that causes problems," Webb said.

No audio equipment is present, so the conversations are not recorded. But a video recording might prove helpful in case something did happen, Grand Island Police Capt. Dean Elliott said.

Webb said he was not aware of any Internet transaction-related robberies locally. But he knows people are nervous about meeting at someone's residence "or posting things on Craigslist and having people come to their residence."

December

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festivities. Ordell's remains were later moved to a cemetery near Normandy.

The stories about Bastogne have reached legendary status. One of the men who happened to be there was Ken Axelson, a friend of mine living in Wanamingo, Minnesota.

Ken would never have been there but for his first job being so horrible. On D-Day, Ken landed on Dog Green sector on Omaha Beach near the Vierville Draw at about noon. As he stepped into "ankle deep" water, he saw wicked obstacles on the beach and destroyed Higgins boats. His unit had unloaded a bulldozer loaded with TNT, which was promptly struck by artillery. It simply disintegrated.

As a stretcher bearer, Ken's job was horrific. He first helped the living, but soon he moved the dead. They stacked dead men like cordwood three or four high and 200 to 300 feet long along the beach. He tried to avoid looking at their faces.

It was so bad that Ken volunteered. A good rule, according to many GIs, was "never volunteer." After Operation Market Garden in September, the American Airborne needed medics. Ken, who was known as "Red the Medic," volunteered to join the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 101st Airborne.

On the evening of Dec. 17, the 101st was in Mourmelon, France, for R&R. The men were instructed to gather their things and to get ready to move out. Ken showered and then jumped into an open-air, grain truck with the other men. It was "colder than all get out!" he recalled. They were heading north.

Ken arrived at Bastogne near daylight on Dec. 19. The situation was already dire: A Belgian told them that they were surrounded. Bastogne is a town and an area, much like the city and county of Yankton. He was dropped between Champs and Longchamps, north of Bastogne. They set up an aid station in Longchamps. His job was to rescue soldiers and to administer aid.

The German plan within the Battle of the Bulge (a.k.a., the Battle of the Ardennes) was to drive to Antwerp, divide the American and British forces, surround the British and use this leverage to their ultimate advantage. The GIs in Bastogne were bypassed as the Germans drove to the west, but German

units remained and surrounded them. They wanted Bastogne because it was a major highway artery.

General McAuliffe's plan was to form a perimeter around the Bastogne area and fight. The men of the 101st and the 10th Armored Division dug in. Elements of the 10th Armored attacked the Germans on Dec. 19-20. Additional probes by the Germans continued daily. On Dec. 22, the Germans issued a demand for surrender. McAuliffe gave his now-famous reply — "Nuts!" The Germans were confused, but the truce party told them it was the equivalent of "go to hell!"

It must have been an awful feeling to know that you were completely surrounded. Ken's job did not permit him to jump into a foxhole. He and other medics drove around their area looking for injured men. On Christmas morning the news was not good. Overnight, the German Luftwaffe had bombed Bastogne. There was a four-man patrol moving between Champs and Longchamps every hour; German soldiers had been seen on that road. A man ran into the stone building housing the aid station where Ken was sleeping and said, "Wake up! Wake up! Hundreds of Germans are spilling over into the road!"

The officers split the men, including the medics, into two squads. Ken dug in on the south side of the woods. It was cold, and there was snow on the ground, but the ground was not frozen. It was now 3 a.m. on Christmas Day and it was pitch black. All night, he watched the machine guns. He could see American red and German silver tracers. At one point, Germans crossed the road and got behind him. An American machine gunner kept them at bay. Finally, American mortars were dumped atop the Germans, who then retreated back across the road. Ken heard them all night digging and talking just across the road. Amazingly, he was unarmed all night! He returned to the aid station that night.

The 4th Armored Division arrived on Dec. 26, which helped quite a bit. However, the men were then ordered to advance as part of the general effort to push the Germans back into Germany.

As for Ken, there is much more to tell, but as of Christmas of 1944, he was still safe!

As for those men and women, some of whom walk amongst us in Yankton, extend a hand and thank them for your freedom during this Christmas season.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 5 Bidding option
 - 9 Used a stopwatch
 - 10 Inquired
 - 12 Fuming
 - 13 Safari sighting
 - 14 Taking it easy
 - 16 Drake's music
 - 17 School on the Thames
 - 18 Prove false
 - 21 Bear's lair
 - 22 Deep gorge
 - 23 Eggs buy
 - 24 Polish composer
 - 26 Dog warning
 - 29 Defeated
 - 30 Region
 - 31 Ornate planter
 - 32 Looking intently
 - 34 Greek sorceress
 - 37 Indian coin
 - 38 Sea dogs
 - 39 Ship staffs
 - 40 Spring
 - 41 Towel word

- 2 Warrior woman
- 3 Invitation to a hitchhiker
- 4 Genesis garden
- 5 Golf goal
- 6 Fireplace bit
- 7 Aspen feature
- 8 Capitol group
- 9 Like some bathroom floors
- 11 Block-head
- 15 Pasture activity
- 19 Divisible by two

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Saturday's answer

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- 22 Lasso
- 23 Period
- 24 Break-fast choice
- 25 Valise piece
- 26 Person with a beef
- 27 Extends, as a subscription
- 28 Is furious
- 29 Loafers
- 30 Blue hue
- 33 St. Louis sight
- 35 Greek vowel
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12-28

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— WPDQKPWY, JMRUY, DBOJDOY.

— B U Q F D Z D R F P D
Saturday's Cryptoquote: I CANNOT EVEN
IMAGINE WHERE I WOULD BE TODAY WERE
IT NOT FOR THAT HANDFUL OF FRIENDS
WHO HAVE GIVEN ME A HEART FULL OF JOY.
— CHARLES R. SWINDOLL