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## Yankton Eyes Future With HSC Land Deal

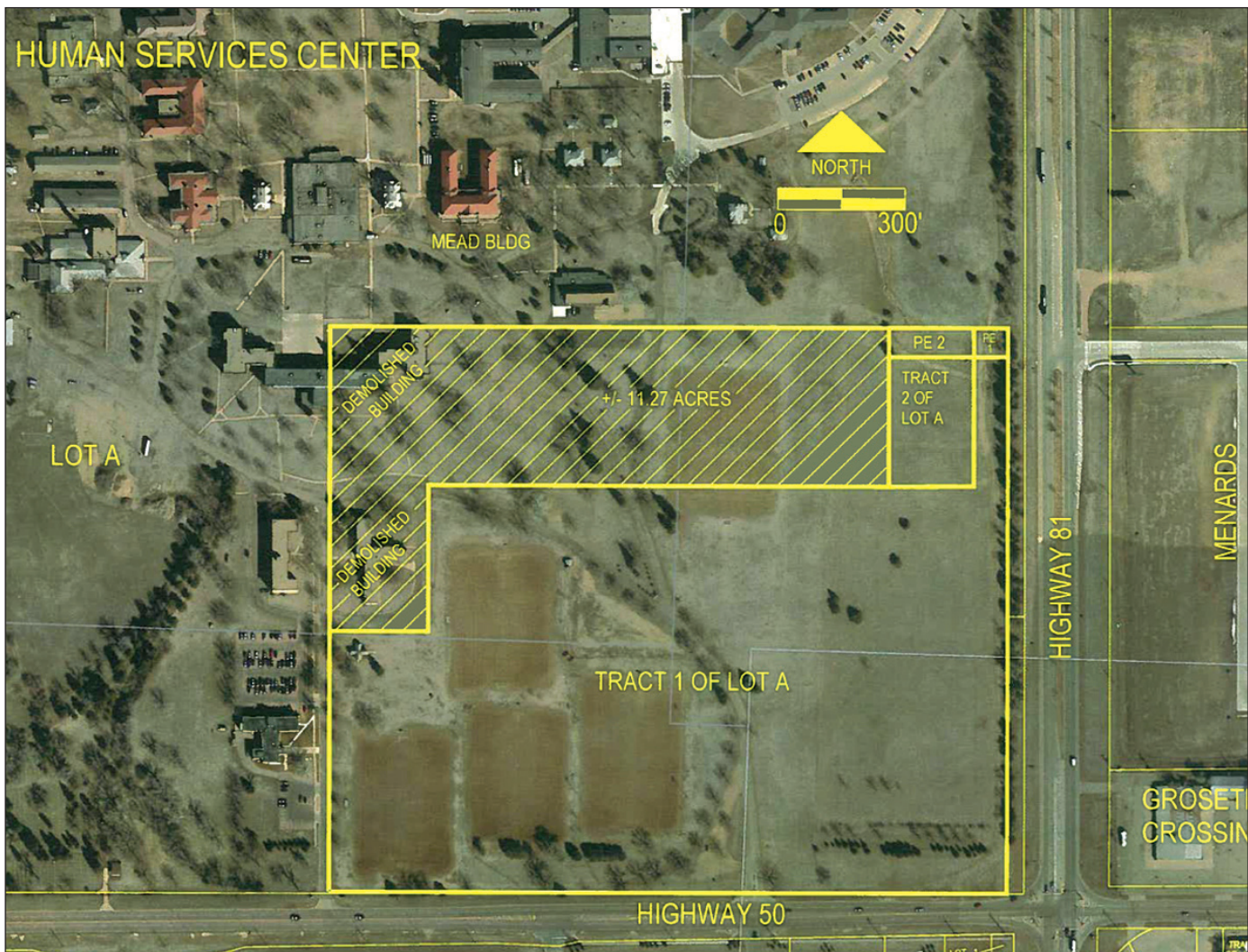


IMAGE: CITY OF YANKTON

Last week the Yankton City Commission voted to purchase 11.27 acres (the L-shaped section in the northwest corner of the map) of state-owned land on the former campus of the Human Services Center. City officials hope to develop the full tract of land in the coming years.

### City Acquires More HSC Land For Potential Development

BY ROB NIELSEN  
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The demolition of two structures on the Human Services Center has helped pave the way for the city to purchase more land in addition to the 33 acres it had previously purchased from the state.

Community Development Director Dave Mingo told the *Press & Dakotan* that the buildings had prevented the acquisition of the 11.27 acres earlier.

“(It) was considered as a part of the initial city purchase from the state a few years ago, but not included in that purchase because there were some state-owned facilities — buildings, etc. — on the



Mingo

property,” Mingo said. “Since the city’s first, larger tract purchase and now, the state has removed those buildings and, in order to square up the tract of ground out there, the City Commission took action (on May 26) to move ahead with the purchase of that 11 acres to make

the tract more complete.”  
The full tract of land sits on the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 50 and Highway 81.

Mingo said the hope is to possibly de-

velop more businesses on a busy intersection.

“Obviously, it’s one of Yankton’s busier intersections, so there’s a great deal of potential for future retail opportunities on the site,” he said. “It is a large enough tract of land that we realize that any use of the site will most likely include some sort of mixed-use type of development — some retail, possibly some higher-density residential, apartments.”

He said no solid development has been proposed for the land at this time, but city officials have already begun thinking about it.

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## Buses To Aid In Tourney Travel

BY JEREMY HOECK  
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Between them, Darrel and Jeanne Mogck have together more than 70 years of experience driving a bus for the Yankton School District. The husband and wife from Yankton have driven generations of area youth to and from school. They’ve gotten to know a wide variety of students, from kindergarten all the way up through high school.

What they’ll be faced with next week, however, is unlike anything the couple has ever experienced.

The Mogcks will be two of 16 bus drivers for in-town routes for the upcoming World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC), set for June 8-14.

“It’s a great deal,” Darrel Mogck, who has 41 years of experience, said Monday as he picked up his volunteer packet at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

“You have different kinds of people, so it’ll be an experience you won’t have again.”

The 16 independently-hired bus drivers from the Yankton School District will split up four routes to transport the archers to and from their hotels, and to and from their various other activities during the week-long tournament.

“It’s a big responsibility,” Jeanne, with 30 years of experience, said. “But it’s one we’ll approach with a professional attitude. We hope everyone visiting here remembers that.”

Aside from the logistics of transporting nearly 700 people (archers, coaches, officials, etc.), the bus drivers may have perhaps the most interaction with the archers during

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## Summer Reading Blasts Off

### Hometown Heroes Program Kicks Off Summer Of Reading Activities

BY ALYSSA SOBOTKA  
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The Yankton Community Library’s youth, superhero-themed summer program took flight Monday by highlighting local hometown heroes.

Local youth had the opportunity to speak with law enforcement, firemen, EMT’s, Teacher of the Year, doctors and city officials, among others, about their jobs as part of the open house event.

“With the hero theme in general, I think the first thing that comes to kids’ minds are the superheroes from Marvel and D.C.,” said Joyce Moore, youth services librarian. “We

just really wanted the focus to be on everyday heroes and to get kids thinking about all the things that go on in our community and all the ways people help one another.”

Mark Nickles, Yankton County EMS paramedic, hoped to change kids’ perspectives about what he and other hometown heroes do.

“I would hope (the kids) see the ambulance and doctors alike, but they’re scared of (the ambulance) and don’t know what’s inside,” he said. “By being here today, letting them be in the back of the



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Yankton County EMS paramedic Mark Nickles explains to children some of the items found in an ambulance during a hometown heroes program held Monday at the Yankton Community Library.

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## DOT: Sturgis Rally May Draw 1.2 Million

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — State Department of Transportation officials are planning for 800,000 to 1.2 million people at the seventy-fifth Sturgis motorcycle rally this August.

That estimate is approximately twice as many people as the rally has seen in the past 25 years.

The modern high was 605,140 in 2003. Recent years have hovered either side of the 400,000 mark.

South Dakota DOT engineers and planners have been meeting for months with local officials to discuss how to keep traffic flowing.

Stacy Bartlett, an access management engineer for DOT’s western region, provided the state Transportation Commission with a briefing Thursday about the preparations.

She said motorcycle companies Harley-Davidson and Indian are preparing their services to handle approximately 1 million people.

Bartlett acknowledged the attendance estimates based on traffic entering Sturgis aren’t precise. “People can get

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