

Shelter

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"To go from such limited space to having a lot of it, there will definitely be a learning curve," said Pastor Jon Cooke chair of the homeless shelter board. "You hope to learn from the mistakes you make, and hopefully, you don't make too many."

Members of the homeless shelter board were worried about raising the funds in time to purchase the Star Brite Inn. This was due to the United Way organization's fundraising season from September through October, of which the homeless shelter is heavily supportive.

Thanks to an offer from Yankton's First National Bank, the shelter was able to secure a loan of \$250,000 at a 0 percent interest rate. This covered the amount needed to complete the purchase agreement for the motel.

"They wanted to do that for us because they wanted to help us get into the shelter as quickly as we can," Cooke said. "That gives us some flexibility so we don't have to come up with the money right away. We can spread it out."

But with a new location comes new expenses, including the finances needed to maintain this larger facility. As a result, the homeless shelter board is currently developing a fundraising campaign beginning in November, once the United Way's campaign has concluded.

The goal for the campaign is between \$350,000 and \$400,000. This will be used to pay off that loan and could present opportunities for possible renovations.

Radio station 104.1 The Wolf has

already begun work with the shelter on developing a commercial for the campaign. Specific event details are still being decided.

Members of the board also are working with a prospective buyer to sell their old facilities to cover some of the expenses. Finalization of the sale is expected once the move into the new facilities takes place.

"That buyer has been very cooperative to help us out and give us the time to make the transition," Cooke said.

The campaign will also be a time for the shelter to revamp their target clientele and maximize their added space.

"The direction we are taking with our shelter is helping families and children," Miller said. "Our focus has been on caring for individual males. We hope to expand to work with our new capabilities."

Board members believe that by letting the community know about the increasing need, the public will be more inclined to show their support for the project.

"When we have the opportunity to really explain why we need this new facility, it startles people that we work with as many families with kids as we do," said Cooke. "It surprises people that children in this town are more vulnerable to homelessness than they realize."

This month will give shelter officials time to visualize their adaptation and move forward with their continued service to the community of Yankton.

"There won't be any lack in services from the move," Miller said. "Our objective is, as soon as we open the doors, we are open for business."

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SF Church Holds First Service Since Flood

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls church flooded in August when more than seven inches of rain fell in the city has held its first post-flood church service.

KELO-TV reports that worshippers filled Christ Community Church's newly renovated sanctuary on Sunday.

Worship musician Daron Ross says members are very grateful to Lincoln Hills Bible Church for giving the congregation a temporary place to worship, but it's nice to

be back home.

Members rebuilt the stage and replaced most of the carpeting using donations, but there's more work to do. Crews still have to finish installing core base on some areas of flooring, and members still have to wipe down and sanitize the building.

Pastor Troy Weiland says that despite the flooding, most of the church is in good condition.

Highway

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that work (will be done), they can get going right away next spring with the rest of it."

Rothschadl said the closures will begin Monday, Oct. 12, and last about two weeks.

City Manager Amy Nelson told the Press & Dakotan this is one part of the city's efforts to upgrade utilities as the highway project progresses.

"Highway 50 improvements, overall, are going to include more storm sewer water and water (improvements) along the south side of Highway 50 as construction continues," Nelson said. "Our portion also includes utility poles, light poles — and some of those will be decorative. In future phases, we're going to have some more utility work."

She added the city has budgeted \$369,000 on the utility work over the course of the project.

The full project will be split into two phases. Phase 1 includes the reconstruction of the highway between Broadway Ave. and Marne Creek while Phase 2 will run between Marne Creek and Archery Lane. Phase one is set to be completed in 2016 while Phase 2 will commence in 2017.

Nelson said construction will be noticeable starting this fall and urged caution among motorists.

"It's going to be a little bit messy for a while this fall and then again, of course, in the spring and as future phases are let," she said. "Use caution in those areas and take it easy because there will be some changes, and motorists won't be used to them occurring."

Rothschadl added that SD-

DOT is also going to utilize the fall months to begin installing the temporary traffic signals at Second St. and Broadway Ave.

"They are going to start (installation) in about three weeks," he said. "They're just going to be wood telephone poles with span wire across to hold the signal heads. They'll leave the signal heads off for this year, and in the spring, they'll put the heads up and start the signals."

He said some temporary lane restrictions may be in place as installation of the poles commences.

"There might be some shoulder closures in the parking lane, or maybe a lane closure if they're putting a pole up on a certain day, but it will be daylight hours only," he said.

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