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**NFAA Officials
Get Inside
Scoop On
World Youth
Tourney**

BY JEREMY HOECK
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As she has criss-crossed Yankton to promote the World Archery Youth Championships coming to town in June, Nancy Wenande was able to broadcast her message to new ears last week.

The tournament manager for the upcoming event, Wenande presented a one-hour synopsis of the preparations to the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Board of Directors last Thursday during its annual meetings in Yankton.

The point was simple: Bring everyone up to speed on a tournament that is expected to draw more than 500 youth archers from more than 50 countries.

"I essentially presented our whole tournament in an hour," Wenande said Saturday, prior to a NFAA dinner at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex. "It was a lot of rattling off of details and preparations."

Those NFAA officers from across the United States who were present for Wenande's presentation came away impressed.

They were also awed by the task at hand, according to Ken Moore, a councilman with the New England region.

"They're doing a fabulous job," he said Saturday.

As Wenande and the tournament committee went through the lengthy check list of items for the event, Moore said he realized there was perhaps one task — an "obscure" one, he called it — omitted.

"It was a little thing like spraying for mosquitos, and (NFAA president) Bruce (Cull) said, 'Good point,'" Moore said. "Then someone else said they had already planned for it."

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YHS Prom: Picture This



Garrett Adam and Haylee Worm decide to capture the prom moment with a selfie photo (and with a little help from a selfie stick) during the Yankton High School Grand March, held Saturday at the YHS/Summit Activities Center gymnasium. A large crowd turned out for the annual march, which was awash in this year's prom theme "Under the Sea." To see more photos from the march, visit www.yankton.net/.

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**Local Public Safety Divers
Complete Advanced Training**

BY JORDYNNE HART
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Seven local public safety divers recently learned several new techniques that will aid them in the rescue and recovery of missing individuals in the future.

Yankton County Search and Rescue hosted Dynamite Divers instructors from Des Moines, Iowa, for a weekend of training earlier this month.

The safety divers completed an advanced public safety divers course and received other specialty certifications.

According to Bryant Jackson, deputy emergency manager for Yankton County, public safety divers must work effectively in harsh conditions frequently not suitable for recreational divers.

"All of our divers have to become public safety divers first," Jackson said. "So they have to start as a recreational diver. Anyone who wants to scuba dive has to do that. So public safety diving is a whole other venture. It's not like diving in the nice Caribbean. Generally speaking, you are diving in water where you cannot see anything and there are a lot of entanglements."

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To further develop the local public safety divers skills, Yankton County Search and Rescue brought in members from the Dynamite Divers, a Scuba Diving International and Emergency Response Diving International training facility operating in central Iowa. The trainers and dive supervisors are public safety divers for Central Iowa Underwater Search and Rescue.

"These people dedicate their time to help teach new skills," Jackson said. "Ultimately, the public safety diving certification helps you learn the basics of diving in low-visibility water."

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Sounds Of Spring

Music filled the air in Yankton Sunday as both the Yankton Children's Choir (above) and the Mount Marty College Concert Band presented their spring concerts. The Children's Choir performed at Trinity Lutheran Church, presenting the program "I Love Animals." It was also the final concert for some eighth-grade members. Meanwhile, the MMC concert at Marian Auditorium was also the final concert for longtime Director of Bands Wayne Bertrand, who is retiring after 33 years. He was presented a certificate of appreciation by Mayor Dave Carda on behalf of the City of Yankton. Also, some of Bertrand's former musicians took the stage for the night's final song, "SeaGate Overture."

**Big Issues
Loom For
Nebraska
Lawmakers**

Lawmakers Must Take
Final Action On Issues
As Session Nears End

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — With a little more than a month left in the session, Nebraska lawmakers still must take final action on some of the year's largest and most contentious issues.

The list includes the state budget, property taxes, medical marijuana and a death-penalty repeal measure that has gained more support than usual. Lawmakers also have to decide whether to grant driver's licenses to youths in the federal deferred-action program, and whether all motorists should pay a higher fuel tax.

Speaker of the Legislature Galen Hadley said he's trying to allow debate on every priority bill that has advanced out of committee. With time running out, Hadley, of Kearney, said lawmakers are seeking agreements on thorny issues, such as prison sentencing reform.

Hadley announced last week the Legislature will test a new scheduling system designed to limit the number of late nights near the session's end. Instead of 90-minute lunch breaks and adjourning around 5 p.m., lawmakers will get a 20-minute break over the noon hour, with food served at the Capitol, and stay until 7 p.m.

"I just think people run out of gas when we go late, and I'm always suspicious of the quality of legislation passed at 10 or 11 at night," he said.

Here are some major items awaiting action:

BUDGET, PROPERTY TAXES

Lawmakers will begin debate this week on a new budget package, but a drop in projected state revenue could require cuts.

The \$8.7 billion, two-year budget proposal includes extra money for property tax relief and education, with lower-than-average spending growth. Senators are now waiting for a new revenue forecast Thursday, and early signs suggest the state could collect millions less than expected.

A dramatically lower projection would reduce the \$48 million that lawmakers tentatively have available for legislation this year.

Sen. Health Mello of Omaha, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said other Midwestern states appear to be collecting less because of a slowdown in the farm economy.

"There's a likelihood that we're going to have to make some serious changes to provide a balanced budget to the Legislature," Mello said. "When you have smaller revenue growth, it requires everyone to have to prioritize."

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Senators will debate whether to legalize medical marijuana for treatment of seizures, nausea and other ailments caused by chronic diseases.

Supporters have flocked to the Capitol and are preparing a statewide ballot measure if lawmakers fail to act. But the proposal faces opposition from law enforcement, including Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson.

A new version advanced by the Judiciary Committee would impose tight controls on where cannabis could be produced and who

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