

Rain, Snow Showers Likely 9 a.m. **31** 3 p.m. **36** | DETAILS: Page 2





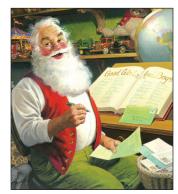
9 75¢

Sports



MMC Women Top Grace At Cimpl Arena • 9

Inside



Letters To Santa • 7

Happy Holidays



'Now Is The Time For K-12'



Yankton School District's meeting Monday featured a discussion of the upcoming 2016 legislative session beginning Jan. 12. District 18 Sen. Bernie Hunhoff and Rep. Mike Stevens addressed the problems in funding sources for education.

School Board, Lawmakers Discuss Issues Looming In Pierre This Winter

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN

begins Jan 12, proposals for these solutions, good and

Archery Yankton Lands 2 World Events

BY JEREMY HOECK jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

The world will be returning to Yankton.

Fresh off hosting the World Archery Youth Championships this summer, Yankton received some big news Monday. World Archery announced the host countries for World Championships events through 2020, and Yankton was announced as a host city for both the 2018 World Archery Indoor Championships and the 2020 World Archery Field Championships. "USA Archery is pleased

"USA Archery is pleased to extend our sincerest congratulations to the organizers in Yankton," USA Archery CEO Denise Parker said in a separate release. "After hosting a very successful World Archery Youth Championships in 2015, we are excited to see World Archery recognize their efforts by awarding them more international competitions."

The other events announced included: Netherlands as the host of the 2019 World Archery Championships, World Archery Para Championships and the World Archery Congress.

In addition, Beijing, China will host the 2017 World



Dec. 15 10 shopping days to Christmas

* * *

City To Wait On Fox Run Options

BY ROB NIELSEN

rob.nielsen@yankton.net

The Yankton City Commission will continue to explore options for turning the financial situation at Fox Run Golf Course around, and commissioners aim for 2017 for solid action.

The commission has been

fielding a number of options, ranging from hiring additional staff to bringing in groups to help oversee operations and make capital improvements

on the course.



Ferdig

During the commission's regular meeting Monday night, Commissioner Jake Hoffner said a stronger 2015 is a sign that the situation is improving and that he favors additional full-time staff for the clubhouse.

"We have lost less money this year and I think it tells us that something is starting to work," he said. "I think if we start farming it out, it's not necessary at this point. In certain cases, I'd like to privatize certain things, but in this case, I think it fits into that park matrix

CITY | PAGE 16

alissa.woockman@yankton.net

The Yankton School Board received a visit from District 18 Sen. Bernie Hunhoff and Rep. Mike Stevens Monday night to discuss the upcoming 2016 legislative session and the issues that will input education.

The big concerns between both representatives and the board members are the funding sources for K-12 education.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students published its final report early November. The goal is to raise South Dakota's average teacher pay from \$40,023 to \$48,000 with \$75 million in new revenue.

Many ideas have surfaced as to how the state can generate that money. When the legislative session

ad, may come too quickly for officials.

"I'm afraid if we open all those cans of worms, we have 151 school districts — one person's inequity is another person's band budget," Hunhoff said. "If we try to fix all these inequities as a precursor to actually fixing the root problems, we aren't going to do it in 38 days. I'm hoping we can narrow the discussion."

According to South Dakota Budget & Policy Institute, state schools have only 75 percent of the funds per student that neighboring state school districts have to educate children.

One solution to the funding problem is eliminating individual revenue sources. For example, accord-

SCHOOL | PAGE 16

Archery Para Championships; Cortina, Italy, will be the site for the 2018 World Archery Field Championships; and Lac La Biche, Alberta, Canada, was awarded the 2019 World Archery 3D Championships.

According to World Archery, its executive board meeting was hosted by the Turkish Archery Federation

ARCHERY | PAGE 16

KYB Looking To Recycle Holiday Lights

BY REILLY BIEL

reilly.biel@yankton.net

People who don't want their Christmas lights anymore have an alternative to putting them in the garbage.

From now through Jan. 15, Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) is partnering with Yankton Goodwill to have a used lights and decorations drive, in which unneeded Christmas lights or decorations can be brought to Goodwill for proper disposal. Unwanted decorations like ornaments can also be brought in and resold.

According to KYB director Paula Hallberg, the project came about as the organization's board members were going through their own holiday decorations and discovered they had more than they needed.

"We decided to bring what we didn't need to Goodwill, as well as lights that didn't work anymore," she said.

They decided to make it a community-wide project, one that is beneficial for both homeowners and the environment.

"If lights are put in the garbage, the chemicals leak out into the groundwater," Hallberg explained. "It takes a lot of those to make a difference, but when

LIGHTS | PAGE 16

Hats Off To The Holidays

These members of the Yankton High School Cadet Band got into the holiday spirit when they donned their seasonal headgear for their performance at the YHS/ Summit Activities Center theatre Monday night. It was part of the YHS bands' holiday concert, with songs performed by the Cadet, Symphonic, Concert and Pioneer Jazz bands. Selections presented Monday ranged from "Silent Night" and "We Three Kings" to "A Country Christmas." (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



South Dakota State University President To Step Down

BY JAMES NORD Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota State University President David Chicoine is stepping down to teach in the university's economics department, the state Board of Regents said Monday.

The board said Chicoine, who has been in the role since 2007, will leave the post around July 2016 — or sooner if a replacement is found. Regents President Randy Schaefer said in a statement that the school has "flourished" under Chicoine.

Chicoine, who graduated from the university in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness, said his proudest achievements as the school's leader have involved helping

CHICOINE | PAGE 16



REGION 2 | OBITUARIES 3 | VIEWS 4 | LIFE 5 | SPORTS 9 | CLASSIFIEDS 12 | MIDWEST 14 | WORLD 15



TOMORROW: County Weighs Road Plan