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## In 2015, The World

Yankton Officials Anxious To Host World Youth Archery Tourney Next Year

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Why not Yankton? That's the mindset Yankton Parks and Recreation Director Todd Larson said local officials had when they began formulating a plan almost

**video**

Watch video from the press conference held Wednesday At The Archery Center.

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two years ago to secure World Archery's 2015 World Youth Championships. "So now it is going to be us," he said.

Larson was part of a press conference held Wednesday afternoon at the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Center to discuss the announcement this week that Yankton was awarded the bid to host what is probably the largest tournament the community has ever hosted.

He was accompanied by NFAA President Bruce Cull, City Manager Amy Nelson, Mayor Dave Carda, Mike Turnwall of the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), event manager Nancy Wenande, Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carmen Schramm and new Yankton Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Stephanie Moser.

"We're obviously thrilled beyond belief to be accepted for this tournament," Cull said, crediting the development to the support team around him. "It's all about pulling partners together to pull off something that probably shouldn't have even happened. It's a tournament that is going to rival anything this part of — or maybe even the entire — state has ever seen."

The tournament will be held June 8-14 and will draw an estimated 600 competitors

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National Field Archery Association (NFAA) President Bruce Cull was part of a press conference Wednesday at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center to discuss the announcement this week that Yankton was awarded the bid to host World Archery's 2015 World Youth Championships. City Manager Amy Nelson, pictured, and others also took part in the media event.

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## Johnson: SD Taking Strong Stance Against Trafficking

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In the history of the United States, 13 men have received life sentences for human trafficking. Three of those men have come from Sioux Falls in the last four years.

While the statistic may give some the impression that the state is a hotbed for commercial sex trafficking, that's not the case, according to Brendan Johnson, the U.S. attorney for the district of South Dakota.

"The reason we have those numbers in South Dakota is because we've had success in law enforcement and shifting the paradigm at how we look at sex crimes," he said.

Johnson spoke Wednesday at the 16th annual Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference held at Mount Marty College. His speech addressed the prevalence of sex trafficking in South Dakota and the efforts that have been taken to combat the issue.

Johnson said there are several misconceptions about sex trafficking, including its definition and where the victims originate.

In order for a case to be sex trafficking as opposed to prostitution, victims must be forced to perform sex acts — whether it is through threats, fraud or coercion — or be under the age of 18 in instances where money is exchanged, he said.

"(Another) misconception when we talk about sex trafficking is that these young girls or women are shipped into South Dakota against their will, and that they are brought



U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson discusses sex trafficking Wednesday during the 16th annual Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference held at Mount Marty College. Johnson said South Dakota has taken a controversial stance on prosecution in such cases, but such an approach is necessary if the state wants to eliminate the issue.

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here in mass to serve men in South Dakota," Johnson said. "That's not reality. The fact of the matter is, our victims are our girls. They're our kids."

Up until 2009, there were no documented

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## GFP Gets A Flying Lesson

Commissioners Get First-Hand Look At The Silver Carp In James

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When the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) Commission visited the James River Wednesday, the local wildlife jumped to attention. GF&P employees accompanied the commission members as they witnessed the impacts of the invasive Asian carp.

The fish species have made their way up the Missouri River to Gavins Point Dam and can be found in the James River all the way up to Jamestown, North Dakota. They are widely known for leaping out of the water in response to the vibrations of motorboat engines.

"We wanted to have the commission get a first-hand look at the silver carp that have invaded the Missouri and James rivers," said Jeff Vonk, secretary of the GF&P. "As we saw, they are spectacular jumpers and are indicative of the general problem of invasive species about which all fish and wildlife agencies have concerns."

The GF&P Commission is in Yankton this week for its June meeting, which will commence at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Grand Lodge at the Lewis and Clark Resort.

The boating expedition began Wednesday approximately two miles above the mouth of the James River and continued for a couple miles upstream.

As the two boats traversed the waters, carp could often be seen jumping up in their wake. Sometimes the fish would hit a boat, and the occasional one even landed inside the vessel.

A GF&P official said he had seen more than 100 carp in a boat during the summer after traveling the

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GF&P May Renovate Deer Hunting Licensing System.

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**video**

Watch video of silver carp leaping out of the James River Wednesday.

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**above**

A silver carp jumps out of the James River just north of the Highway 50 bridge east of Yankton. The fish was seen during a boat tour by members of the state's Game, Fish and Parks Commission. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

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## Lightning Cuts Power To Parts Of Yankton

P&D Staff Reports

A lightning strike during Tuesday night's round of storms sent 4,224 Northwestern Energy customers Yankton into the dark — primarily in the northeast section of the city, according to Northwestern Energy area manager Brad Wenande.

"We had a pole that was struck by lightning," Wenande said. "When that happened, it damaged the pole and the cross-arm. There's two sets of conductors on that pole line and the top, higher-voltage line, part of the pole broke off and dropped down into the lower voltage set of lines. Protective equipment at our substations operated and de-energized everything."

Wenande said the event occurred at 10:36 p.m. Power was back on for most customers by 12:03 a.m.

Wenande said temporary repairs were made and damage is relegated to the one pole.



Leonard Cimprich Field at Tabor will host the State "B" Legion baseball tournament July 25-29. Cimprich — a lifelong community booster — will be honored during the tourney, which will use local and regional resources to host the anticipated hundreds of fans.

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## Tabor Hits A Home Run As State Baseball Host

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TABOR — Coach Ken Ranek isn't worried whether his Tabor Legion baseball team will qualify for next month's State "B" tournament.

As the host team, Tabor earns an automatic berth in the eight-team tournament July 25-29. It's an opportunity that may come along once every generation or two.

"We may have hosted it in the mid 1980s, right around 1985 or 1986, so it's been 30 years," Ranek said.



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Tabor's 400 residents have focused for two years on hosting the state tournament, he said.

"We put in a request, and the members of the State Legion committee voted on it," the coach said. "They tell you a year in advance so you can prepare."

However, that timetable faced an

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