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Nebraska Abortion Numbers Decline

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The number of abortions in Nebraska has declined by nearly 8 percent over a four-year span, but two groups on opposite sides of the abortion debate attribute the drop to different reasons.

An annual report released in May on abortions by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services shows there were 2,270 abortions reported in the state in 2014, compared with 2,464 in 2010 — a drop of 7.9 percent.

The drop comes in the five years since Nebraska became the first state to enact a law banning abortion after 20 weeks of gestation — based on the premise that fetuses at that stage can feel pain. Other conservative states soon followed with similar laws.

An Associated Press survey shows a decrease in abortions nationwide of about 12 percent since 2010.

The AP compiled data on abortion rates from health departments in 45 U.S. states that keep such information on a comprehensive basis. It shows the annual number of abortions has declined substantially since 2010 in most states. The biggest decreases are almost equal between states that have enacted anti-abortion laws during that span and other states that have shunned such measures while protecting abortion rights.

Julie Schmit-Albin, director of Nebraska Right to Life, credits the so-called fetal pain law and others — such as a 2011 ban on remote distribution of abortion-inducing drugs — for the decrease.

"Our job as a state affiliate of National Right to Life is to continue to buck up against Roe," Schmit-Albin said, referring to the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. "We have done that successfully in Nebraska."

But Angie Remington, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, said the decline correlates to a drop nationwide in the birth rate and

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Welcoming The World



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A member of the Osni Ponca Heduska Society leads archers, coaches and others in a dance around the field during the opening ceremony at the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) in Yankton Sunday afternoon. More than 50 nations are represented in the weeklong tournament. To see more photos, visit www.yankton.net/.

Yankton Becomes Global Stage For Archers

BY ROB NIELSEN
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A rainy Sunday morning gave way to sunny afternoon skies to help welcome some of the world's best young archers to Yankton.

After nearly a year of preparation, anticipation and promotion, the opening ceremonies for the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) took center stage at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Complex Sunday afternoon.

World Archery Secretary General Tom Dielen told the crowd of archers and spectators that he's hoping for a spectacular tournament.

"We hope that it will be a fantastic week for all of the athletes," Dielen said.

More than 500 archers representing 51 countries are in attendance this week.

Dielen made special note of one country that was supposed to be in attendance for the tournament, but dropped out at the last minute due to issues with

obtaining travel visas.

"I would like to give a small, special word to our athletes from India who unfortunately could not make it due to some administrative problems," he said. "Please send a warm message to your colleagues (in) India and I hope we'll see them next time."

In a further show of support for team India, the flag of India was still included in the parade of nations.

In addition to a performance by the South Dakota National Guard band, archers also got a taste of the wildlife present in the old west as Amanda Payne of The One Arm Bandit & Company put on a show featuring two trained bison. The ceremony also featured a performance of three songs by the Osni Ponca Heduska Society Native American group. During one of the songs, archers were encouraged to get up and dance around with the



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Bruce the Bison welcomes one of the archers from the Chilean team just after arrival in the Sioux Falls Regional Airport on Saturday, June 6.

Local Officials Give Archers A Western Welcome

BY ALYSSA SOBOTKA
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During the course of the weekend, nearly 400 archers/coaches/officials were given welcomes designed to provide a lasting impression as they stepped on South Dakota soil for the first time.

Members from the Yankton Chamber of Commerce, the Yankton County Historical Society, Dakota Territorial Museum and other volunteers waited at the bottom of the Sioux Falls Regional Airport concourse to be one of the first sights archers would see before heading south to Yankton.

That sight included the first glimpse of South Dakota's western heritage archers will experience during the upcoming week.

"We've been doing historic reenactments since I can remember as a very young child," said Crystal Nelson, director of the Yankton County Historical Society. "When the Chamber and NFAA wanted some historical characters to help enhance the welcome to the archers, we offered to bring out some costumes and head to Sioux Falls."

Nelson and her mother, Bubbles Mensch, dressed in character as two women during the western settlement era. Nelson's husband, Chad, played the role of Bruce the Bison.

"Carmen (Schramm, Yankton Chamber of Commerce) wanted help and (Chad) didn't want to speak,

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Ribfest: The Stage Was Set

Well, it was fun while it lasted. The 2015 Rockin' Ribfest got off to a great start Saturday and was steaming toward a busy evening of entertainment until stormy weather played its card. With storms popping up in the late afternoon, Ribfest organizers announced at approximately 6:30 p.m. that the festival would be suspended until 9 p.m., when the headline act, Hairball, would take the stage. Unfortunately, the threatening weather continued and organizers chose to cancel the rest of Ribfest at approximately 8:30 p.m. Large crowds were reported at around noontime and again late in the afternoon, and new additions such as a giant viewing screen (shown here), more food vendors and increased portable toilets were greeted with approval. Yankton received just .07 of rain Saturday night, but other portions of the area saw heavy rains and threats of flash flooding. To see more images from Saturday's Ribfest, visit www.yankton.net/.



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