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## Wenande Up For Mayoral Challenge

Finding New City Manager Looms High On Priority List

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As Yankton's new mayor, Nancy Wenande says she is ready for the challenges that await. Last week, the Yankton City Commission unanimously selected her to serve a one-year term as the mayor. Wenande is only the second woman in Yankton's history to be chosen for the position. The first was current state Sen. Jean Hunhoff, who was mayor from 1995-1997.

"I think there is a lot of strong female leadership in the community, and I'm glad to be a part of that," Wenande said. "(Being the mayor is) forcing me to step outside of my comfort zone. I'm excited about doing the job, and excited about having the support of my fellow commissioners by putting me in this leadership role."

The biggest challenge for the commission this year will be finding a new city manager once Doug Russell leaves June 15. Wenande is one of four commissioners on a sub-committee that will begin determining how to proceed with the search process.

"(Russell) has a great skill set and has done a lot of great things for Yankton," Wenande said.

It will be up to the commission to find a city manager who matches or exceeds the skills Russell has, she added.

Another challenge in the next year will be balancing the needs of different areas of the community.

"The Meridian Plaza and what we're doing



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Yankton City Commissioner Nancy Wenande took the reins last week as the community's new mayor. She is only the second woman to ever hold that position.

with downtown Yankton is going to be very important," Wenande said. "I don't think we should neglect or forget about the downtown as we're continuing to develop the north sector of the community."

As the city works with the Yankton Youth Soccer Association to find a new home for its fields and takes part in discussions about the

needs of other sports, Wenande said it should play the role of a facilitator.

"If there is a sports complex that needs to be built in this community, we need to bring everyone to the table," she stated. "Everyone is going to have a huge list of wants, but it's

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## NATO Chiefs Settle On Afghanistan Exit Strategy

Obama: There Is No 'Perfect' End

BY BEN FELLER AND ANNE GEARAN  
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CHICAGO — President Barack Obama and leaders around the globe locked in place an Afghanistan exit path Monday that will still keep their troops fighting and dying there for two more years, acknowledging there never will be point at which they can say, "This is all done. This is perfect."

Obama, presiding over a 50-nation war coalition summit in his hometown, summed up the mood by saying the Afghanistan that will be left behind will be stable enough for them to depart — essentially good enough after a decade of war— but still loaded with troubles.

The war that began in the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks will finish at the end of 2014.

"I don't think there's ever going to be an optimal point where we say, 'This is all done. This is perfect. This is just the way we wanted it,'" Obama said as the NATO summit closed. "This is a process, and it's sometimes a messy process."

Obama never spoke of victory. Afghan forces for the first time will take over the lead of the com-

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war's end.

Wary of creating a vacuum in a volatile region, the nations also promised a lasting partnership with Afghanistan, meaning many years of contributing tax dollars, personnel and political capital after the end of their soldiers' combat.

The United States has already cut its own deal with Afghanistan along those lines, including a provision that allows U.S. military trainers and special forces to remain in Afghanistan after the war closes.

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## The Play's Her Thing

YHS Student Adapting Book For School Stage

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While most high school students will enjoy their summer by working at their part-time jobs or going to the beach, Kayla Sylvester will spend her time working on an important homework assignment.

After reading the book, "Today's Special: Yes It Is," Sylvester has decided to turn it into a play.

Sylvester said the book was sent to her great-great aunt from Warren Hanson, author of children and young adult books who is originally from Yankton and was a student of Sylvester's aunt. Sylvester said the book tells the story of a traveller who stops at a small town diner and learns about life's lessons.

Sylvester emailed Hanson, asking what the process of writing a play would be like, as well as general questions about writing, she said. Hanson then contacted the head of his publishing company and Sylvester began emailing them.

After a long process of emailing the publishing company, Sylvester said she received a document to sign giving her the rights to the play and stating the dates the play can be performed.

Sylvester does own the rights to the play once it's written, she said. The play will have to be performed by next March and must be a Yankton High School production.

Having just completed her junior year, Sylvester said



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Having completed her junior year at Yankton High School, Kayla Sylvester has received the rights to begin writing a one-act play. Sylvester will spend time during summer break to write the play, based on Warren Hanson's book "Today's Special: Yes It Is."

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## Business Gets Bigger By Getting Smaller

Body Shop Adds Remote-Controlled Cars To Offerings

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
P&D Correspondent

CROFTON, Neb. — More power — in more ways that one.

That's just what one Crofton business has been gearing up to do.

For 30 years, Brett's Body Shop has served the Crofton area with auto body repair, but Brett Boecker has always been watching for ways to expand his business to make it more competitive and successful.

While attending an after-market trade show this past year, Boecker thinks he may have found a new trend for car lovers young and old.

Remote-controlled (RC) cars have come a long way from their early days. From their early beginnings as small plastic objects that crashed and broke after high speeds and daredevil tricks from inquiring minds, today's version can reach speeds of 40 mph and be repaired.

"These cars can be worked on just

like real cars and youth can learn about how a car works just by repairing these RC cars," said Colby Boecker, who has returned home to work in the family business after attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Southeast Community College. "I was tired of the city life and found out I was truly a country boy at heart."

When Colby's father decided to incorporate this new line of equipment in the Crofton business, Colby

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Crofton Body Shop in Crofton, Neb., is adding remote-controlled (RC) vehicles to its offerings. Colby Becker, Jason Skovly and Brett Boecker are also working to get an RC track established in Crofton.

## Buffett Awards Stock To Young Entrepreneurs

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Only five of the finalists in the "Secret Millionaires Club" contest walked away with \$5,000 checks, but billionaire Warren Buffett decided to reward them all.

Buffett said Monday that he wanted all the kids who were finalists to leave Omaha with something, so he promised them all ten Class B shares of Berkshire Hathaway stock.

Buffett says all the business ideas he saw Monday were better than he could have come up with at the same age. The five individual and three team finalists were between 7- and 16-years-old.

Aria Eppinger, from Pittsburg, Penn., won the individual competition with her idea for clothing with LED lighting.

A group of four boys from New York City won the team category with the supply and snack cart they created for their school.

### CORRECTION

In Saturday's *Press & Dakotan*, Brenda Spencer was misidentified in reference to the 2012 Riverboat Days Captain and Belle. We apologize for the error.



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