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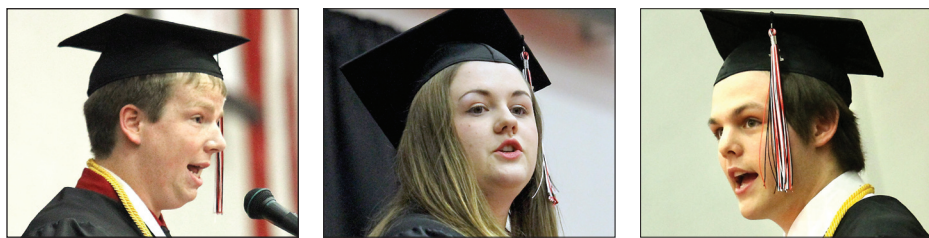
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GRAD TIDINGS



And they're off! Yankton High School's Class of 2015 officially stepped out into the world Sunday during the school's 140th annual commencement exercises at the YHS/Summit Activities Center main gym. The program featured addresses by graduating seniors (top from left) Broc Mauch, Johanna Lippert and Patrick Binder. ABOVE: At the end of the presentation of diplomas, the class celebrated its accomplishment with a storm of confetti amid delighted applause from the crowd on hand. To see more graduation photos, visit www.yankton.net/.

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Police Weigh Radio Options

City Exploring Direction
For Police Radio System

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The Yankton Police Department (YPD) may have to make a transition to a new radio system — and the City of Yankton is now looking into what its options may be.

City Manager Amy Nelson said the problem stems from the department's current provider, Raycom, possibly not being able to support them in the future.

"What we've done and what other communities are doing is starting to talk about long-term plans on how to move forward," Nelson said.

Options include going to the state radio system — which is supported by Motorola — or trying to find another provider.

Lt. Mark Payer of the YPD said the main difference between the current system on the state radio system is the frequency.

"They run on high-band — which is a WHF frequency," Payer said. "We're at the 800 MHz frequency right now."

Payer said the YPD began contemplating its options as early as last year.

Nelson said city, county and emergency service officials have formed a committee to discuss those options — and they're seeking some outside help.

"When they started to discuss this, they realized that none of us really have the technical expertise to fully understand all the options," she said. "Right now, that group is working on identifying a consultant who can study our current system, study what our future and projected needs are, and give us a professional recommendation. It's certainly something that's going



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Tourney Prep 'On Schedule'

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The National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Easton Archery Complex in Yankton is 2 1/2 weeks away from hosting the 2015 World Youth Archery Championships, and NFAA president Bruce Cull says preparations are on schedule for the event that will bring to Yankton a diverse group of youth from around the world.

The six-day tournament that will be held June 8-14 currently has a registration total of "a little over 500 athletes, just under 200 trainers and 56 countries represented," according to Cull. Archers have until May 19 to register.

Cull is excited for the archers' reaction when experiencing the Yankton facility.

"Our facility is the biggest attraction we have that helped us get the tournament when going through the bidding process," he said. "When the archers are exposed to that, I think they will have a pretty neat reaction. There are a lot of places they've shot that just don't have the size or quality of the fields that we have."



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Rachael Byrd, marketing manager for NFAA's Easton Archery Complex stands in one of the two fields that will be home to the World Archery Youth Championships in just a few short weeks.

The already-established site won the Easton Archery Complex the bid, but additional remodeling and accommodating had to be done to prepare for the tournament, which

is expected to draw a size of more than 700 competitors and coaches. "Most of the remodeling we've

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Bird Flu

2M More Chickens In Minn. To Be Destroyed

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of the nation's largest egg producers says it will destroy 2 million egg-laying hens in Minnesota due to a deadly bird flu virus.

The development at the south-central Minnesota chicken farm brings the total of affected birds to 35 million in 15 states, with Minnesota and Iowa poultry flocks hit the hardest.

The chickens will be destroyed in the next four weeks at Rembrandt Enterprises farm in Renville, the Star Tribune reported Saturday (<http://strib.mn/1RY7AGg>).

The company's vice president of marketing, Jonathan Spurway, said one barn holding around 200,000 birds was infected, but the entire flock will be killed as a precaution.

Chickens at the farm have tested "presumptive positive" for the disease "despite the herculean efforts of Rembrandt's employees to keep our facilities

virus-free," Spurway said.

Rembrandt Enterprises suffered an outbreak in its Rembrandt, Iowa, facility May 1, contaminating one barn housing about 250,000 hens. A third plant in Thompson, Iowa hasn't been affected.

"We're doing everything we possibly can (to protect flocks), and we don't know of anyone who's doing anything we're not already doing," Spurway said. "The industry is lost for words."

Before Saturday's announcement, 88 Minnesota turkey and chicken farms had been affected by confirmed or presumed outbreaks of the H5N2 avian influenza virus, which had cost the state's producers around 5.8 million birds.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health announced Friday the cancellation of all exhibits featur-

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