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The local grassroots effort Bike Yankton donated two Schwinn bicycles to Webster Elementary School to ride for work-related errands and for recreational use before and after school. Bike Yankton spokesperson Sarah Mannes Homstad said she would like to eventually see bikes donated to every school.

## Local Group Promotes A Wheel Healthy Program

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May is national bike month. For many, this means getting their bike out of the garage, brushing off the dust and getting a bit of exercise.

But according to Sarah Mannes Homstad, local architect, cycling advocate and spokesperson for Bike Yankton, biking can be so much more than exercise — it can be a mode of transportation.

Mannes Homstad said she uses her bike to get to work, go to the store and run other errands around town.

"I don't have to use my car all the time so I'm reducing my 'carbon footprint,'" she said.

According to the American Public Health Association, the costs of traffic crashes, air pollution and physical inactivity resulting from our transportation system total more than \$400 billion annually.

"Bike Yankton is kind of a hobby of mine," she said. "We want to promote active transportation and we want to promote a city that makes active transportation more safe."

One way Bike Yankton has introduced biking transportation to the community is through its recent "Bikes For Teachers" program that donated two new Schwinn bicycles to Webster Elementary School.

"We wanted these teachers to be able to have a bike at their workplace," Mannes Homstad said. "So even if they have to drop off their kids early in the morning at daycare, or do all these other errands, they will have a bike at the workplace. So if a teacher wants to take the bike for lunch to the Wooden Spoon for soup, they can. We wanted to do something for

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# Riprap Holds For Now

## County Commission Receives Some Positive News On Fleg's Bridge

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A new bridge will still be needed to replace the old Highway 50 bridge near Fleg's (Fleg's Bridge) in the near future, but an emergency riprapping at the bridge is being deemed a success.

Dan Johnson of Johnson Engineering was on hand for Tuesday's meeting of the Yankton County Commission to discuss the status

of the riprap that had been placed at the bridge in March.

Johnson said an inspection last year found an urgent need for additional riprap to be placed.

"We had conducted a routine inspection back in September of 2014 and, as a result of that inspection, we had made a recommendation to place riprap under the Fleg's Bridge," Johnson said. "This had



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been done since 1994. ... Under that bridge, there have been issues with riprap moving and settling on the bridge for quite some time."

Johnson said following the placement of riprap between March 10-12, a follow-up inspection was ordered by Yankton County Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad, and has shown initially positive results.

"As a follow-up to that riprap installation, Brian asked us to go to the site and perform a survey to create a profile showing the placement of the riprap," he said. "The riprap placement looks good to us and should hold

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Mount Marty College athletic trainer Andy Holzwarth takes care of duties during last week's Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) baseball tournament in Sioux City. The tourney signaled the final sporting event for Holzwarth, who has served 13 years at MMC and has been accepted for the physician assistant program at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

## Moving On To A New Dream

Longtime MMC  
Trainer Set To Pursue  
PA Degree At USD

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For 13 years, Andy Holzwarth has worked the sidelines at Mount Marty College sporting events, but he isn't a coach or athlete.

Holzwarth serves as the head athletic trainer for all Lancer teams. He also teaches courses in the exercise/wellness department of the Catholic college.

Now, the Wessington Springs native has worked his final MMC contest. He will close out his final duties this month before entering the physician assistant (PA) program in August at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

"My contract (at MMC) runs from August 1 through May 31," he said. "I'll be part of commencement (Saturday). Then, I'll spend the rest of May putting equipment away, doing inventory and submitting what we need for supplies next year."

The USD physician assistant program consists of a two-year course of study, Holzwarth said. The first year focuses on academic courses, while the second year is devoted to clinical experiences.

Holzwarth admitted he wasn't necessarily looking to become a physician assistant. The idea and encouragement came from an outside source.

"The PA thing never crossed my mind, but about five years ago I was going over to the clinic with my students when they went to the PA for their physicals," he said. "I had someone say I would make a good PA, but I brushed it off."

However, the idea stayed with him and he decided to pursue the program. Despite his busy schedule at MMC, he completed prerequisite courses, took his entrance examination, made an application, submitted references and underwent an interview before receiving final acceptance.

It marks a new chapter in his life, one which has seen him work with hundreds of athletes in multiple sports as MMC's only athletic trainer. Depending on the season, his work day may run from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and he may handle two sporting events at one time.

Holzwarth believes the hands-on experiences will serve him well in his PA studies. He would like to use his physician assistant training to continue benefiting athletes.

"In a perfect world, I'll work with college athletes," he said. "I want to make and keep them physically healthy."

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## SD Collection Of Bank Taxes Is Faulted Again

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit discovered faulty record keeping by the state government on bank taxes for the third year in a row.

The 2014 audit found the Department of Revenue "did not have adequate policies and procedures in place over the collection and recording" of bank taxes.

Among the problems:

- Five returns were delinquent but didn't appear so in the Department of Revenue's system;
- One return was erroneously listed as delinquent but wasn't;
- One bank taxpayer showed

more than one return for the same period;

- Some returns were missing information and there were multiple variances on the state's return calculations;
- Four of those variances required follow-up but there wasn't a formal policy for those procedures; and

- Some payments were posted to the incorrect ledger or were posted to the wrong periods, leading to inaccuracies in the state's financial statements.

State Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach said his department converted to a new database system in the past

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## With Honors



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton High School student Allie Thiesse, right, receives the Yankton School District Community Services Scholarship from YHS Principal Dr. Jennifer Johnke during Tuesday's awards and scholarships presentation at the YHS Academic Awards Program, held at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. More than 40 scholastic honors were handed out to students, plus the teacher of the Year Award was presented. The complete results will be published in an upcoming edition of the Press & Dakotan.



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