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## Jensen Reflects On Time On Commission

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Yankton County Commission chairman Bruce Jensen has put 21 years into the Yankton City and County commissions. Following Thursday's meeting of the County Commission, he said he's enjoyed serving the community.

"I'm so happy I got to serve for as long as I did," Jensen said. "I think we've made a lot of improvements in these last 12 years."

Jensen, along with fellow incumbents Garry Moore and John Harper, were defeated in Tuesday's election. In January, lone hold over Donna Freng will be joined by Todd Woods, Don Kettering, Debra Bodenstedt and Raymon Epp on the five-person commission.

He added there were no hard feelings over his electoral loss Tuesday.

"Sometimes new is good, but I just appreciate all the voters and all the support that I've had being a commissioner," he said.

Jensen said the new highway maintenance shop was among his biggest accomplishments while serving on the commission.

"The highway department was a big thing — that needed to be replaced for years," he said. "The Safety Center and the jail was part of that too. It's been real positive. We've gotten



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## Cut And Dried



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A crew is shown doing maintenance work on Gavins Point Dam spillway Thursday, a project which forced Crest Road, which crossed the top of the dam, to be closed to traffic for much of the day. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this week that releases from Gavins Point and Fort Randall dams are now being reduced, which will lower the river stage by 2-3 feet. The new level will be in effect until winter releases are implemented next month.

## Preservation Group Looks To Future With Passage Of Ordinance

BY ROB NIELSEN  
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With the passage of the historic preservation ordinance Tuesday, the Yankton County Historic Preservation Commission is looking to the future on a mission to preserve the past.

The ordinance passed with 4,205 votes for 56 percent of the vote.

Crystal Nelson, commissioner and director of the Dakota Territorial Museum, said it was a great victory.

"I'm very excited and very much looking forward to what's to come," Nelson said.

Since the levy will not take any money until next year, Nelson said the commission will have plenty of time to decide the best way to move forward.

"We won't be able to have (the money) available until 2016, but this will give us lots of opportunities and a chances at our meetings to really get together a list of what sort of projects we need to look at," Nelson said. "We should start gathering a list of projects within the county — aside from the Mead building — that you can utilize these funds for and how we can choose to distribute it."

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# Area Water Projects In State Plans

## Board Sets Its 2015 Priorities

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Twenty-nine communities, water systems and sanitary districts received spots on South Dakota's state water plan Thursday for projects to be considered for financial assistance in 2015 and 2016.

Placement on the plan is necessary for projects to be considered for state help such as grants and low-interest loans.

The state Board of Water and Natural Resources oversees the plan and considers the funding applications.

The board also endorsed asking the Legislature for money for two special appropriations.

One request would be \$7.1 million to help get drinking water to the city of Madison. It would be a zero-interest loan.

Two of the projects added to the state plan Thursday, for the Big Sioux community water system and the Minnehaha community water corporation, also would be parts of the Madison proposal.

Known as the "wheeling" option, it would replace an earlier \$26 million plan to deliver water to Madison through a direct connection to the Lewis and Clark pipeline.

"I appreciate the creativity of everybody involved in this solution," Brad Johnson of Watertown said. He is the state board's chairman.

Johnson called it "commendable" that the different organizations are working together while the federal government "can't get its act together" on continuation of funding for the multi-state Lewis and Clark system.

The other request to the Legislature would be \$104,000 for the West Dakota water development district to study groundwater flows in the Madison and Minnelusa aquifers.

The aquifer work would be part of an expanded approach to studying all surface water and groundwater systems throughout South Dakota.

The state board operates as a limited-purpose lender and uses a combination of bonding,

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## Daugaard Announces Changes To Leadership Team

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Newly re-elected South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced changes Thursday to his senior leadership team.

The Republican cruised to a second four-year term Tuesday, defeating state Democratic Rep. Susan Wismer by a 3-to-1 margin.

Daugaard's spokesman the past four

years, Tony Venhuizen, will serve as chief of staff while continuing to oversee communications, as well as the operations of several government departments and functions.

"It is an honor," he said of the promotion. "It means a lot that the governor continues to have confidence in me. And in a way I don't see my job changing that much, which is to do what I can to help

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## Crossbow

Eunho Kim, an assistant professor of violin and viola at the University of South Dakota, performs Vivaldi's "Concerto for Violin and Cello in Bb Major" with nearly 200 high school musicians during the 14th annual Yankton College/Yankton High School Orchestra Festival concert, held Thursday at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. Eunho, a member of the Rawlins Piano Trio, performed along with Rawlins cellist Marie-Elaine Gagnon. The concert was directed by guest clinician Richard Rognstad of USD. To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net/](http://spotted.yankton.net/). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

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