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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
This Highway Department dump truck heads down Broadway Ave. in Yankton Tuesday while sleet falls on the community. A major spring storm brought rain, ice, sleet and snow to the region, prompting local officials to sand streets and highways. At least one accident attributable to the icy conditions was reported, but there were no injuries.

Spring Storm Wallops Plains

Weather Forces Closures Throughout South Dakota

From P&D and AP Reports

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Incumbents Shine In Local Voting

Gross, Woerner,
And Balaalid
Win In Yankton
City Race

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The Yankton City Commission will have two familiar faces and one new one when it reorganizes in May.

During Tuesday's municipal election, voters selected incumbents Charlie Gross and Brad Woerner to serve another three years. Brooke Balaalid will fill the seat left open by departing City Commissioner Paul Lowrie.

Gross received 1,008 votes, or 28.34 percent. Woerner garnered 804 votes, or 22.6 percent. Balaalid received 770 votes, or 21.65 percent.



Gross

Four other candidates were also vying for the three open seats. Chris Ferdig got 644 votes, or 18.11 percent. Michael Schumacher received 156 votes, or 4.39 percent. Edward Gleich got 99 votes, or 2.78 percent. Thomas Bixler received 76 votes, or 2.14 percent.

Yankton has 8,836 registered active voters. Of those, 1,436 cast ballots, putting turnout at 16.25 percent. That compares to 27.1 percent and 22 percent in the previous two years.

Gross said he was honored to be re-elected. This will be his seventh full term on the commission. He was also once appointed to fill out a vacant term.

"My biggest concern right now is the water issue and how to finance it," he stated.

Challenges faced by Yankton's water treatment and intake systems could end up costing the city an estimated \$28 million.

Woerner said he was happy to have been re-elected to a second term.

Echoing Gross, he said the biggest issue for him will be the water situation. "It needs the most immediate attention," Woerner stated.

Other items to be dealt with in the next three years include a possible sports complex, recycling and the development of the Human Services Center property owned by the city.

Balaalid said the municipal election was her first race.

"I'm really excited to serve the community," she stated. "I'm so humbled that the community trusts me to lead. I want to thank everyone for coming out and voting, as well as the other candi-



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Poll worker Mary Ellen Bowes uses a scanner to validate the identification of a voter Tuesday afternoon at the Kiwanis 4-H Ice Arena in Yankton. It was the first time that the ice arena was used as a polling center in Yankton.

Yankton School Board

Fitzgerald And Carda Prevail

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Sarah Carda and incumbent Jim Fitzgerald won the two open Yankton School District (YSD) school board seats.

Voter turnout was at just 13.6 percent this year. In 2012, voter turnout was 24.5 percent, while in 2011 they were 17 percent.

"I assume the winter weather might have played a factor in the low turnout," said YSD business manager Jason Bietz.

Fitzgerald received nearly 41 percent of the vote (1,235 total votes),

while Carda received more than 37 percent of the vote (1,126 votes). Duane "Butch" Becker came in third with nearly 14 percent of votes, while Wayne Wurth came in fourth with almost 8 percent of votes.

"With the three-year term on the school board, I hope to get back to the basics," Carda said. "I want to be able to say that YSD provides the best education for students and kids in the community."

She added that superintendent in-



Fitzgerald



Carda

terviews, which will be held Thursday, will be "huge."

"YSD has not had a lot of opportunities for a change in leadership for a lot of years," Carda said. "It's a major time, and a good time to make changes and to move forward."

She stated that she will not come to the YSD school board with an agenda, and will take time learning the ropes and budget in order to make the best

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Storm Wreaks Havoc With Area Races

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Even before the polls opened Tuesday, area city and school elections faced a major challenge — the storm that raged across South Dakota and Nebraska.

In fact, the spring storm forced postponement of the Freeman school board election until April 16. In that race, incumbent LaVerne Diede and challengers Dan Waldhauser and Cory Schrag will vie for two seats on the board.

In addition, results in the Niobrara, Neb., school bond election were not

available Tuesday night because of the weather. Superintendent Margaret Sandoz said the figures would be available today (Wednesday) for the bond measure, which would not exceed \$9.995 million over 25 years for school replacements and renovations.

For cities and schools that proceeded with their election, the weather challenged voters in getting to the polls. However, voter turnout hit at least 30 percent in most area elections. The turnout broke 50 percent in some places, even with only one race on the ballot.

Among city councils, Scotland was

guaranteed a new mayor and Springfield was guaranteed a new councilor (along with two new members who filed unopposed). Pickstown and Mission Hill also picked up new councilors.

Among the area schools, the Menno board will seat two new members as both incumbents lost their bid for another term.

The following are results from area elections:

LESTERVILLE — Incumbent Muriel Pratt defeated challenger Karen Frangenberg 41-11 for a three-year term

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