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# The Goodbye Tour

## Senator Johnson Says Farewell After 36 Years In Office

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Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) is greeted by Phyllis Karolevitz of Yankton during a gathering held at the Yankton Community Library Tuesday afternoon. The event was part of Johnson's "farewell tour" across South Dakota. The Vermillion native is retiring from the U.S. Senate after three terms. Among the well-wishers on hand Tuesday was former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler, whom Johnson defeated for the Senate post in 1996. Pressler is running for his old job this year as an independent.

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After serving 36 years in elected office, U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson has drawn a broad range of supporters across the political spectrum.

The Vermillion native and University of South Dakota graduate, who isn't running for re-election this year, has drawn respect not only from fellow Democrats and independents but also Republicans.

Those Republicans even include former Sen. Larry Pressler, who lost to challenger Johnson in the 1996 general election. Johnson, a U.S. House member at the time, won the narrow race with national implications.

As a show of respect and admiration, Pressler attended Tuesday's farewell reception for Johnson at the Yankton Community Library. Pressler told the Press & Dakotan he wanted to attend one of the stops on Johnson's farewell tour.

District 18 Rep. Bernie Hunhoff, D-Yankton, noted Pressler's presence at Tuesday's coffee. "It's very gracious of him, and we're fortunate to have him here," Hunhoff said.

During the program, Pressler raised his hand and rose to address Johnson and the audience. Pressler noted he already held ties to the Johnson family while a University of South Dakota student in Vermillion.

"Your dad was my dean at USD," Pressler told Johnson.

After battling each other in the 1996 U.S. Senate election, Pressler and Johnson formed a friendship that has transcended the years and partisan lines.

"You were my adversary at one time, but I voted for you in another election," Pressler said, drawing a smile from the senator.

In a case of what goes around comes around, Pressler's visit at Tuesday's farewell reception coincided with his own attempt at a political comeback.

Pressler, 72, had served 18 years in the U.S. Senate and four years in the U.S. House as a Republican before losing to Johnson. Now, as an independent candidate, Pressler is seeking to win back the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Johnson.

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Johnson, 67, has worked tirelessly for South Dakota's interests in his usual quiet, thoughtful manner, Hunhoff said during Tuesday's reception. "You listened politely on everything, like educa-

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### CORRECTION

In Monday's Press and Dakotan's story, "MMC Official Airs Views In DC," it stated that Ken Kocer talked to lawmakers in Washington about student loans at private colleges. The topic of the Senate Banking Committee was "Private Education Loans," which are utilized at all types of schools.

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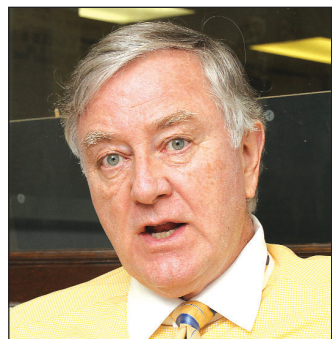
## Taking A Stand At The Border

### Pressler: Time To Pass Plan On Immigration

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Independent Senate candidate Larry Pressler told the Press & Dakotan Tuesday that it's time to get serious about securing the border.

"We passed the so-called Simpson-Mazzoli Bill — named after Sen. Al Simpson and Congressman (Romano) Mazzoli back in 1986," Pressler said. "It said there should now be a secure border and amnesty for people who were already here. It's the law on the books but it's



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Former Sen. Larry Pressler, who is now running for his old Senate seat as an independent, discussed immigration reform during a stop at the Press & Dakotan Tuesday.

never been enforced by Republicans or Democrats. The reason is our Chamber of

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### Howie: US Needs To Secure Border

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Securing the United States' borders to protect the country from illegal immigrants, terrorists and infectious diseases is at the top of U.S. senator candidate Gordon Howie's agenda, he said, during a visit to the Press & Dakotan's office Tuesday.

Howie is running as an independent against Democrat Rick Weiland, Republican Mike Rounds and independent Larry Pressler for South Dakota's open U.S. Senate seat.

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Independent U.S. Senate candidate Gordon Howie discussed immigration issues and border security Tuesday during an interview at the Press & Dakotan.

Howie said he is a simple guy, and the solution for the

## GOP Names Kaufman For D-17 House Race

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Republicans have nominated a replacement candidate for the District 17 House race in the South Dakota Legislature.

Sheri Kaufman of Vermillion will run for one of the two seats representing Clay and Turner counties. She replaces Jamie Boomgarden of Chancellor, who had withdrawn his candidacy.

Kaufman's filing date is listed as Aug. 11 (Monday), according to the South Dakota Secretary of State's website.

Candidates had until Aug. 5 to withdraw their nominations for the November general election. The party central committees had until Aug. 12 to fill vacancies created by candidates who withdrew their nominations.

Kaufman now joins a field that includes fellow GOP candidate Nancy Rasmussen of Hurley and Democrats Ray Ring of Vermillion and Marion Sorlien of Viborg.

Ring and Rasmussen are the incumbents in the race.

In the District 17 Senate race, voters will choose between Republican Arthur Rusch and Democrat Michelle Maloney, both of Vermillion.

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
Diane Wemhoff of Coleridge, Nebraska painted this Barn quilt called "Crown of Thorns" outside The First Methodist Church In Yankton.

### Riverboat Days

## The Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild Paints History

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The Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild plans to get tourists hooked on history during Riverboat Days by sponsoring a barn quilt tour.

Quilt blocks will be displayed on barns, houses, garages and other buildings all around the Yankton area to promote a sense of community during this weekend's 36th annual festival.

The event starts today (Wednesday). At least 18 people will be participating in the Yankton's tour.

"We are trying to promote tourism with quilting history in our area," said president of Yankton's Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild Sharon Heisinger. "With Riverboat Days just around the corner, it will coincide so well."

Heisinger encourages more people to participate, and hopefully make this an annual event.

"You don't have to be in the Quilt Guild to make a barn quilt. You can come check out our club and learn, or learn online. I hope more people make them and show Yankton pride."

The history of barn quilts dates back to the 1800s. Christian immigrants decorated their barns with stars, compass roses and other traditional folk art to display their heritage or in remembrance of a loved one who passed.

The revival of barn quilts came when Donna Sue Grove of the Ohio Arts Council decided to paint blocks on barns within her community to entice tourists and create pride in 2001. Since then, quilt blocks can be found throughout 25 states.

These "quilt trails" are created by quilt guilds, civic groups, local arts councils, 4-H clubs, school groups, churches