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## Nelson: A Familiar Face In A New District

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State Rep. Stace Nelson (R-Fulton) returns to Pierre for the 2013 Legislature as a familiar face with a new district.

After legislative boundaries were redrawn, Nelson found himself thrown westward into District 19. The district includes northeast Bon Homme

County and all of Douglas, Hutchinson, Hanson and McCook counties.

Nelson has become known for his outspoken views, including strong disagreements with GOP leadership.

With the opening gavel set to fall on Tuesday, Nelson shared his views about the upcoming session with the *Press & Dakotan*.

He thinks three things will gain the spotlight, at least initially, in Pierre — money, money, money. “Governor Dugaard’s pro-

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## BCS Title Game Has Local Irish Fans Smiling

Surprising Season Brings Hopes For A Pot Of Gold

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Before the start of the college football season last fall, many area Notre Dame fans didn’t know what to expect from their favorite team.

The Irish had finished with an 8-5 record the year before, were unranked in the Associated Press preseason poll, and were about to face one of the toughest schedules in the country.

“I know some big Notre Dame fans that picked them to go 6-6,” said Notre Dame alum Tom Cihak of Yankton. “I thought they’d go 8-4 or 9-3.”

Four months later, the Irish are 12-0, ranked No. 1 and have a chance to win their first national championship since 1988 when they take on the Alabama Crimson Tide tonight (Monday) in the Bowl Championship Series title game in Miami.

How the season has unfolded has both shocked and thrilled area fans of the gold and blue.

“I’m really excited,” said life-long Irish fan Rick Anderson of Yankton. “It’s been a pretty good ride — an unexpected ride.”

“When you looked at their schedule preseason, it just didn’t seem possible to go undefeated this year,” added Notre Dame alum Tim Schorn of Vermillion. “I think it surprised nearly everyone, Notre Dame fans and haters alike.”

The Irish defeated four teams that were ranked at the time they played, topping No. 10 Michigan St., No. 18 Michigan, No. 17 Stanford and No. 8 Oklahoma.

The team also was able to squeak out victories in several close games, winning five contests that were decided by seven or fewer points.

“In the last 15 years, we’d always get into close games and we’d lose them,” Cihak said. “But this year, we always did just enough to win. That’s what has really surprised me — that we’ve been able to close them out.”

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Longtime Notre Dame fan Rick Anderson of Yankton displays some of the Irish gear he owns. Anderson will join other local Irish fans — as well as millions of football fans nationwide — in watching tonight’s (Monday) Bowl Championship Series title game in Miami between Notre Dame and Alabama.

## Sources: Obama To Nominate Hagel As Defense Secretary

BY ROBERT BURNS AND JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will nominate Chuck Hagel as his next defense secretary, a senior administration official said Sunday, choosing a former Senate colleague and a decorated Vietnam veteran and signaling he’s ready for a contentious confirmation fight likely dominated by questions about Hagel’s stands on Israel and Iran.

Obama, who avoided a Capitol Hill battle by deciding not to nominate U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice as his first choice for secretary of state, went ahead with Hagel, 66, even as leading Republicans announced their opposition — though they stopped short of saying they might try to block Hagel.

Seeking to soften the ground, the White



Hagel

House was alerting Senate Democrats that Hagel’s selection as the successor to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta in Obama’s second-term Cabinet was imminent, according to a congressional official.

Obama, who returned to Washington on Sunday from his Hawaiian vacation, was expected to nominate Hagel on Monday. Congress is on break this coming week.

The officials requested anonymity in order to discuss Hagel’s nomination ahead of Obama.

Hagel, a moderate Republican, built a strong relationship with Obama during their travel as senators. But the former Nebraska lawmaker has

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## Following The Yellow Brick Road

Sheriff’s Deputy Makes The Most Of FBI Training

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Although Lt. Clint Clites had long wanted to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) National Academy, he thought the chances of doing so were about as good as being able to walk down the yellow brick road in the fabled Land of Oz.

To his surprise, the Yankton County Sheriff’s Office employee recently got to do both, in a sense.

Clites graduated from the academy in December, and in his office he has a yellow brick from the “Yellow Brick Road” fitness challenge that is part of the training.

“I had heard about the academy and didn’t know if there was a legitimate chance I’d ever be able to go,” he said. “With South Dakota being so sparsely populated that there is usually only one individual from the state to go a year, a lot of people have been waiting a lot of years to go.”

When Jim Vlahakis became sheriff of Yankton County in 2011, the FBI told him it would reserve a slot for one of his officers in its academy if he was interested.

Vlahakis graduated from the academy in 1997 while working for the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation.

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“Having been through the FBI National Academy, I know the caliber of training it provides,” Vlahakis said. “It’s a big advantage for somebody to be able to go and have the opportunity to get the training.”

He opened the possibility of attending up to members of his department and selected Clites, a 6 1/2-year veteran of the office, to travel to the FBI campus in Quantico, Va., for 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training.

“He was interested in going and deserving of the opportunity,” Vlahakis said.

The FBI pays for all costs associated with the academy, including travel, lodging and meals.

The 251st session included 260 law enforcement officers from 49 states, the District of Columbia, 29 foreign countries, four military organizations and six federal civilian organizations. On average, the officers had 19 years of

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