

## Races

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Republican; and

• Treasurer — Pamela K. Marchand.

Commissioner Donna Freng told the Press & Dakotan in January that she would be seeking re-election. However, her name was not on the Secretary of State's candidate list Tuesday evening. A message left with Freng was not returned by press time.

According to The Associated Press, the Republican Party will apparently once again field more candidates than Democrats in South Dakota legislative races.

State Democratic Party Chairman Ben Nesselhuf says he expects that by the time all candidates have filed, Democrats will compete for about 25 of the 30 Senate seats and 55 of the 70 House seats.

State Republican Party Executive Director Tony Post says the GOP expects to run candidates for 32 Senate seats and 65 House seats.

The following are petitions filed as of Tuesday afternoon for area legislative districts:

• District 16 (Lincoln and Union counties) — State Senate, Democrat Jim Holbeck of Harrisburg and Republican Dan Lederman of Dakota Dunes; State House, Republicans Jim Bolin of Canton, Kevin Jensen of Canton and Patty Miller of North Sioux City and Democrats Juanita

Grewing of North Sioux City and Ann Tornberg of Beresford;

• District 17 (Clay and Turner counties) — State Senate, Republican John Chicoine of Parker and Democrat Tom Jones of Viborg; State House, Republican Nancy Rasmussen of Hurley and Democrats Ray Ring of Vermillion and Marion Sorlien of Viborg;

• District 19 (Bon Homme, Douglas, Hutchinson and Turner counties) — State Senate, Democrat Frank Kloucek of Scotland and Republican Bill Van Gerpen of Tyndall; State House, Republicans Stace Nelson of Fulton, J.E. "Jim" Putnam of Armour and Kyle Schoenfish of Scotland and Democrat Alan Fenner of Menno;

• District 21 (Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Gregory and Tripp counties) — State Senate, Republican John Meyer of Winner and Democrat Billie Sutton of Burke; State House, Democrats Julie Bartling of Burke and Gary Coleman of Dante and Republicans Lee Qualm of Platte and Dave Scott of Geddes;

The following are candidates for county, city and school races by Tuesday afternoon:

BON HOMME: County Commissioners — District 2, Republican John Fathe of Avon; District 4, Republican John Hauck of Taber; State's Attorney, Republican Lisa Rothschild of Tyndall; Treasurer, Democrat Jason Humpal of Tyndall;

CHARLES MIX: County Commissioner, District 2, Republican Neil VonEschen of Wagner; State's Attorney, Democrat Pamela Hein of Lake Andes and

Republican Thomas Deadrick of Platte; Treasurer, Republicans Karol Kniffen of Wagner and Jessica Nielsen of Pickstown;

CLAY: County Commissioners (at large), Democrats Ruth Bremer of Vermillion, Raymond "Dusty" Passick of Burbank and Leo Powell of Vermillion; and Republican Travis Mockler of Centerville; State's Attorney, Democrat Teddi Gertsma of Vermillion; Treasurer, Democrat Catherine Powell of Vermillion; Coroner, Democrat Tim McClelland of Vermillion

DOUGLAS: County Commissioners — District 2, Democrat Sue Denning of Corsica; District 4, Republican Karen Blume of Armour; Auditor, Republicans Gary Denke of Delmont and Phyllis Mehren of Armour; Sheriff, Republican Jonathan Coler of Armour; State's Attorney, Republican Craig Parkhurst of Armour; Treasurer, Republican Julie Brenner of Delmont;

HUTCHINSON: County Commissioners — District 2, Republicans Gillas Stern and Steven Friesen, both of Freeman; District 4, Republican Brad Henke of Parkston; State's Attorney, Republican Glenn Roth of Freeman; Treasurer, Republican Tamara Miller of Olivet;

TURNER: County Commissioners — District 2, Republican Lyle VanHove of Parker and District 4, Republican John Overby of Viborg; State's Attorney, Republicans Tiffani Landeen of Parker and Matthew Olson of Centerville; Treasurer, Republican Marlys Andersen of Parker; Coro-

ner, James Jones (listed as non-partisan) of Parker;

UNION: County Commissioner, District 2, Democrat Doyle Karpen of Jefferson; State's Attorney, Republican Jerry Miller of Burbank; Treasurer, Republican Myron Hertel of Elk Point

VERMILLION CITY COUNCIL: Central Ward, Kelsey Collier-Wise and Jenny French; Northeast Ward, Clarence Meins; and Northwest Ward, Howard Willson

VERMILLION SCHOOL BOARD: Mark Bottolfson, Tim Schwasinger and Dave Stammer

Special districts fielded the following candidates:

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Area 4 Director, Gary Boomsma of Wolsey and Leon Fredrichs of Forestburg; Area 5 Director, Leanne Gutormson of Huron; Area 6 Director, Dan Koupal of Mitchell;

SOUTH CENTRAL WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Area 2 Director, Gregory Powell, Chamberlain; Area 6 Director, Gary LaCompte, Tyndall;

VERMILLION WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Area 1 Director, Roger Tigert of Vermillion; Area 4 Director Lowell Andersen of Hurley; Area 5 Director, Barry Olson of Chancellor

HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER DISTRICT: District 1 Director, Mark Joffer of Parker; District 2 Director, Dan O'Connor of Burbank; District 3 Director, Larry Nielsen of Tulare; District 4 Director, Kay Anderson of Beresford; District 10 Director, David Westbrook of Madison;

grating around the neighborhood since.

"We see where they're at, and then we wonder where they're going to be at tomorrow," Kramer said. "It's kind of a game everybody's playing."

He added that the neighborhood is enjoying the fundraiser so much that it might take a while for the flock to reach other parts of the community.

"Anybody that I've talked to that's had it just thinks it's great," Kramer said. "It's a good way to have fun with your neighbors."

"I think part of it is people around Yankton are so nice that they just make it really easy to have fun with it," Beltran added.

The Polar Pirates, who recently added more birds to its rotation thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church loaning the group its flock, plan to continue the fundraiser until April 14. To make a donation or to purchase flamingo insurance, contact Beltran at 715-338-2938.

## Gym

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divided on how to proceed," he said. "Some wanted to get public feedback before moving forward with an architect and all that it involves, while other members wanted to get the architect and all the details before meeting with the public. The board settled on getting the public together and seeing what they have for concerns and weighing the pros and concerns of the project."

Monday's audience contained a mix of opinions, Alvey said.

"The way one patron put it, very eloquently, 'You're not putting up an auxiliary gym, you're replacing the three gyms that you got rid of when you closed the other facilities (at Kaylor, Lester-ville and Scotland elementary)," Alvey said. "We consolidated all of the students and facilities into one building, but that left us with one gym for the entire school district."

As a result, the district is faced with a space and scheduling crunch for the gym, with no similar alternative available in the community, Alvey said. School officials often turn away requests from the public for using the weight room or gym because the facility is filled from early morning to late at night, he said.

"If you look at any school or co-op in our area, we're the only one with only one gym," he said.

"We really stressed at Monday's meeting that this would benefit both the kids and the district, and this would have a positive impact on the community as a whole."

The consensus at Monday night's meeting was that an auxiliary gym, if built, should be attached to the school rather than built off site, Alvey said.

The district has two possible locations, each with benefits and drawbacks, the superintendent said.

The school could use the parking lot to the south, but that would mean closing a city street. The district could also demolish and relocate its current ag shop on the southeast part of the school, using the site for the auxiliary gym, but that would increase the project's cost.

To finance the project, the district would bond it out through capital outlay over 10 years, Alvey said.

"We would reduce our opt-out and increase our capital outlay so it has a very limited effect on taxes," he said. "Right now, we have an opt-out authorizing up to \$350,000 annually through 2014, but we have been using only \$175,000 of that amount. We have also kept our capital-outlay levy at half the maximum allowed amount."

Alvey anticipates getting more details on location and cost from an architect so the board and public can make an informed decision on whether, and how, to move ahead with the project.

"We are going to take as long as needed for making a good decision," he said.

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fun with it. I know we're having a ton of fun with it."

Beltran said he got the idea from a similar fundraiser he participated in during college.

"When we were thinking of ideas this year for the Polar Plunge, that was one of the ideas that came up, and we thought we'd give it a shot," he said. "So far, it's worked out better than we expected."

To begin the fundraiser, Beltran spoke with his boss, Dan Kramer, who agreed to be the first "victim."

"The Special Olympics is a really good cause, and it's a good way to raise some money for it," Kramer said.

He sent the flock to his neighbors, who in turn passed it on, and the flamingos have been mi-

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diligently."

However, the cuts do have an impact, she stated. For example, sometimes offices have to be closed during the day while employees go into the field.

"There are some offices that have been impacted more than others," Meeks said.

While some express dissatisfaction with the reduction of resources, others call for smaller government, Berge noted.

"It's a balancing act that we're dealing with," he said. "To the extent that we can be a sounding board and help communicate why we've gone through these management processes, the better off I think they're going to feel and the better off we're going to be in the long run."

One of Berge's biggest goals for Tuesday's informational meeting was to communicate that the USDA is still open for business.

"We're still doing business and great amounts of business," he stated. "We're going to work through all this management stuff. We need to figure out how to manage through the resources we get and ensure that we're still providing the service we can to our constituents. We feel like we're in a really good place to do that."

Berge said he will take the information gleaned from stakeholders back to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

"(It will help us) manage our programs and see if there are ways we can streamline them," he stated.

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**Wednesday, March 28**  
7:40 am UCC Holy Week (Kathy Grow, Jennifer Powell)  
8:15 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)  
8:45 am River City Cheer (Deb Specht)

**Thursday, March 29**  
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8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

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