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Set For The Polls

Senate Races To Take Center Stage On Tuesday

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The top of the ballot carries high-profile races, but few area contests appear in Tuesday's primary election in South Dakota.

That seems to be trending into a light voter turnout, if early balloting is any indication.

Yankton County Auditor Patty Hojem

noted the number of early ballots finally broke out of double digits.

"We finally hit 100, out of 13,203 voters," she said late Thursday afternoon. "It's picked up the last few days. Right now, we have 138 (early ballots)."

Among Yankton County voters, Republicans will choose U.S. Senate, governor and District 18 Senate candidates. Democrats will choose a governor candidate.

Around the rest of southeast South

Dakota, voters will decide county races as well as the U.S. Senate and gubernatorial races. GOP primary races will be held for county seats in Bon Homme, Hutchinson and Union counties. Democratic primaries will be held in Charles Mix and Clay counties.

In addition, Vermillion voters will choose a mayor and three aldermen for

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District 18

Love Of Service Drives Bixler To Seek Senate

EDITOR'S NOTE: Today we present the profiles for the two candidates seeking the Republican nomination for the District 18 State Senate race. The primary is Tuesday.

NAME: Thomas J. Bixler



Bixler

FAMILY: Mother, Barbara; brother, Matthew (both live in Yankton); and sister, Sarah (lives in Minnesota)

EDUCATION/OCCUPATION: 2000 YHS graduate; assembly worker at Ability Building Services

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1. Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I want to represent District 18 in the South Dakota Senate because I love public service and want to serve my community. I admit that I've run for public office a few times before. However, I don't think that makes a career politician. A career politician is someone who casts their votes at the behest of lobbyists who offer campaign contributions. I feel we need to get business done by working together as South Dakotans. The essential job of a state legislator is to work with their colleagues for the betterment of all, which above all means that you

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Stone Vows To Fight Against D.C. Overreach

NAME: Matt Stone

FAMILY: Wife — Janice; Children — Ilesley, Brae, Gabe

EDUCATION/OCCUPATION: BS Business concentrations in accounting and finance; certified financial planner and business advisor

WEBSITE: The Facebook page "Stone for SD Senate"



Stone

1. Why do you want to be a state legislator?

Washington has overstepped its authority and is beginning to negatively affect South Dakota and its citizens. I cannot think of any better way for me to have a positive impact and fight for South Dakotans and our way of life.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenges facing South Dakota?

Being able to fund future obligations while balancing the state budget and keeping South Dakota prosperous. There are so many obligations we as a state need to address while more seem to be added each year. There is only a finite amount of resources in any budget. We must be prudent in the budgeting and financial decisions we make to keep South Dakota strong, vibrant, financially sound and prosperous.

3. This summer, the Legislature will study

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Previously a strength coach with the Cleveland Browns, Mark Roozen has returned to the Yankton area to help expand services in the region. Roozen is working in partnership with Avera to increase the availability of several types of performance programs.

Former NFL Trainer Returns Home To Boost Area Programs

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Whether it's a professional football player getting stronger, an Olympian getting faster or an office worker moving without pain, the moment a person reaches a goal is the best part of trainer Mark Roozen's job.

"If they put in the time and the work, they can see where they're getting better," he said. "And when they hit that mark, that's the fire for me."

For nearly 30 years, Roozen has worked with people of all different backgrounds in various parts of the country

and the world to help them improve. Now, the Gayville-Volin High School alum is returning to his roots to share his experience with the Yankton area.

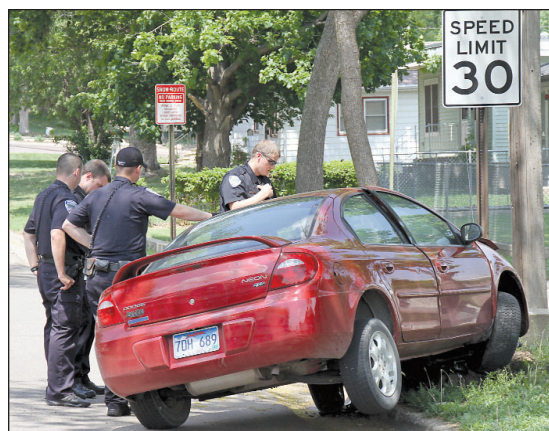
"Coach Rozy," as he is known to many, will be working in partnership with Avera and alongside area trainers, medical personnel and coaches to offer performance programs and training education throughout the region.

"There are a lot of great people here, and we want to help them get better from a performance standpoint," Roozen said.

Following his graduation from

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Friday Mishap



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Police and emergency responders were summoned to this accident at the intersection of 12th and Burleigh in Yankton just after 2 p.m. Friday afternoon. The vehicle was wedged off to the side of the road next to this street sign. The incident was logged as an injury accident, but no other details about the mishap were made available at press time.

Reconstruction Of Douglas Avenue Begins Monday

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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Work is expected to get under way next week on the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue between Fourth and Second streets, according to Yankton's director of public services.

If the weather cooperates, Feimer Construction will proceed with the project on Monday, Kevin Kuhl said.

"It is a downtown street that has been in need of repair for a number of years," he stated. "There will be some storm sewer added to improve the drainage on that north block. The curb and gutter will be

new, along with about a six-foot stretch of sidewalk behind the curb."

Traffic control signage will be posted to aid the traveling public in reaching their destination. East and westbound traffic will be maintained at the Third Street intersection for the duration of the project.

"What is unique about this street is its extra width," Kuhl said. "We're going to be doing the west half of the street to begin with, but the east half will have one-way traffic, along with some parking."

Work on the west side of Douglas Avenue will hopefully

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