

# Polls

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their City Council. But not all of Tuesday's ballot measures involve candidates. In a separate measure, Union County voters will decide the fate of the 911 emergency center in Elk Point. If the measure passes, taxes will rise \$16.50 per \$100,000 of property value to fund the 911 dispatch center. If the measure fails, Union County will take bids from other counties and contract out the 911 service to a neighboring call center. Tuesday's primary election features a U.S. Senate race that has gained national attention. The GOP field for U.S. Senate includes Yankton attorney Jason Ravnsborg, former governor Mike Rounds of Fort Pierre, state legislators Stace Nelson of Fulton and Larry Rhoden of Union Center, and Dr. Annette Bosworth of Sioux Falls. The GOP winner will face Democrat Rick Weiland of Sioux Falls and independents Larry Pressler of Sioux Falls and Gordon Howie of Rapid City in the general election. The November winner will claim a six-year term and the seat currently held by Democrat Tim Johnson of Vermillion, who decided not to seek re-election. On Tuesday, Republicans will also decide a gubernatorial primary between incumbent Dennis Daugaard of Pierre and challenger Lora Hubbel of Sioux Falls. The Democrats will choose a gubernatorial candidate between Joe Lowe of Piedmont and Susan Wismer of Britton. Mike Myers of Centerville is running as an independent candidate for governor. He has certified Caitlin Collier of Vermillion for his running mate as lieutenant governor. Independent voters can cast ballots in the Democratic primary, Hojem noted. "But there's not too much of that (going on) right now," she said. "There might be more (voters) that choose to do so when we get to Election Day." The only area legislative primary comes in District 18 (Yankton County), where the GOP Senate race pits Matt

Stone and Thomas Bixler, both of Yankton. The winner faces Democrat Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton in the general election. A new District 18 senator is guaranteed, as Republican incumbent Jean Hunhoff of Yankton can no longer serve in the position because of term limits. She has decided to run for one of the two District 18 House seats. Bernie Hunhoff currently holds one of the two District 18 House seats and decided to run for the open Senate seat. The other District 18 House incumbent, Republican Mike Stevens of Yankton, is running for re-election. The other District 18 House candidates are Democrats Jay Williams and Terry Winter, both of Yankton. Tuesday's voter turnout may be hurt by the lack of races at the legislative and county levels, Hojem said. "I think an election gets more voters if there are local races," she said. The Yankton County voting centers include JoDean's Steakhouse and Lounge, Yankton City Hall, National Field Archery Association and Lewis and Clark Rec Area, all at Yankton; Gayville Community Center; Lester-ville Fire Hall; and Mayfield Store. In neighboring Clay County, early voting has also remained slow despite the Democratic primary for county commission and the Vermillion city election. "Absentee voting has been particularly slow this election. We are currently at 204 absentee ballots voted and/or requested," Clay County Auditor Carri Crum said late Thursday afternoon. Clay County and the City of Vermillion are holding a joint election, Crum said. All city precincts will vote at the National Guard Armory on Princeton Street. "We do have city officials on the counting board election night, and results are reported to the Secretary of State's office by our office," Crum said. "The city does not need to report their races separately." The following is a round-up of area elections. • In Bon Homme County, Republicans will decide two primary races. In the auditor's race, incumbent Tamara Brunken

faces challenger Jenn Knoll. Both candidates are from Springfield. In the sheriff's race, incumbent Lenny Gramkow of Avon faces challenger Michael Hofeldt of Viborg. Hofeldt, a former Springfield police chief, currently serves as a Viborg police officer in Turner County. He would be required to live in Bon Homme County if he wins office. • In Charles Mix County, Democrats will decide between sheriff candidates Desarae Gravatt of Lake Andes and Gene Niehus of Wagner. The winner will challenge Republican incumbent Randy Thaler of Lake Andes in the general election. • In Clay County, Democrats will advance two candidates for at-large county commission seats. The field includes Ray Hofman, Phyllis Packard and Micheal Manning, all of Vermillion. In Vermillion, city voters will decide the mayor's race and three council seats. At least three new aldermen are guaranteed as incumbents aren't seeking another term. In the mayor's race, incumbent Jack Powell faces challenger Stan Peterson. The Southeast Ward field includes incumbent Dennis Zimmerman and challengers Rich Holland and Kris O'Connor. The Northeast Ward candidates are newcomers Sara Bye and Holly Meins. Incumbent Kent Osborne isn't seeking re-election. The Central Ward field includes newcomers Jennifer French and Katherine Price. Incumbent John Grayson isn't seeking re-election. In the Northwest Ward, Parker Erickson is running unopposed for alderman. Incumbent Tom Davies decided not to seek another term. • In Hutchinson County, Republicans will decide two primary races for County Commission. The District 3 race finds incumbent Glenn Harnisch and challenger Leon Edlund, both of Parkston. The District 5 race pits newcomers Larry Lee Mehlhaff of Kaylor and Victor Olson of Tripp. • In Union County, Republicans will decide three primary races for county commissioner. The District 1 race features incumbent Ross Jordan

and challenger Bob Ballard, both of Dakota Dunes. The District 3 race features newcomers Tony Carpenter of North Sioux City and Richard Headid and Casey Greer, both of McCook Lake. The District 5 race features incumbent Milton Ustad and challenger Richard Stene, both of Beresford. The following is a breakdown of voter registration among counties in southeast South Dakota: • BON HOMME: 1,865 Republicans; 1,490 Democrats; 463 independents; 46 no party affiliation; 11 Libertarians; 1 Constitution Party; 1 other for 3,877 active voters. • CHARLES MIX: 2,700 Democrats; 2,134 Republicans; 631 independents; 32 no party affiliation; 3 Libertarians; 2 Constitution Party; 2 other for 5,504 active voters. • CLAY: 3,106 Democrats; 2,400 Republicans; 1,655 independents; 115 no party affiliation; 20 Libertarians; 9 other; 4 Constitution Party for 7,309 active voters. • DOUGLAS: 1,603 Republicans; 374 Democrats; 144 independents; 8 no party affiliation; 1 Libertarian for 2,130 active voters. • HUTCHINSON: 3,100 Republicans; 1,093 Democrats; 455 independents; 27 no party affiliation; 4 Libertarian; 3 Constitution Party; 1 other for 4,683 active voters. • TURNER: 2,995 Republicans; 1,637 Democrats; 857 independents; 29 no party affiliation; 4 Constitution Party; 3 Libertarians; 2 other for 5,527 active voters. • UNION: 4,888 Republicans; 3,055 Democrats; 2,267 independents; 251 no party affiliation; 15 Libertarians; 6 Constitution Party; 4 other for 10,486 active voters. • YANKTON: 5,823 Republicans; 4,668 Democrats; 2,459 independents; 199 no party affiliation; 35 Libertarians; 11 other; 8 Constitution Party for 13,203 active voters.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The *Press & Dakotan* will report election results online, in social media and in print.

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# Stone

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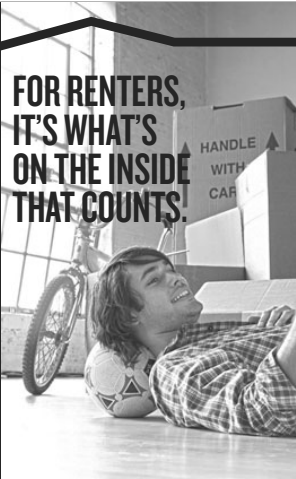
financing for the state's roads and bridges. Do you think funding for transportation infrastructure in the state is inadequate? If so, what measures would you be willing to support to address the issue? I will leave it to the study being conducted by the Legislature to determine if the transportation infrastructure is being adequately funded. If it is determined to be underfunded, then the legislature will need to make some tough decisions. Such decisions will be based in part on the financial outlook in South Dakota. Regardless of the outcome, I am sure not all projects will be able to be funded in one year. We will have to prioritize the projects and fund them as we can. There are many criteria for prioritizing them, of which I feel safety is the top issue.

4. Do you support the ex-

pansion of Medicaid? Why or why not? No. Expanding Medicaid without getting answers to tough questions would be a knee-jerk reaction to try and fix a problem without knowing to what degree it will help or if it is sustainable. We need to evaluate options and look at the entire picture to identify a solution that will be beneficial to South Dakota's long-term health and its citizens. To simply look at the amount the federal government will pay now is looking short term. This short-term solution could leave South Dakota in a position that will have a negative impact for generations to come. Working together, we can find a solution. 5. South Dakota is one of 10 states that do not have a state or federally funded pre-K program. Studies show that early childhood education can save states money in the long run. Do you support funding for pre-K education? No. Governments tend to have the habit of not

consistently fund sponsored programs and usually have mandates attached. I believe government should stay out of education. Leave education to the educators and parents. I am familiar with two studies. Neither one of these studies could attribute the development of the children solely to the pre-K programs. The programs were one of several factors that could have made an impact. The question I pose: Is the development of our children better served by government-funded education or parent involvement? 6. Any closing thoughts? We cannot look at an issue in a vacuum. Regardless of the issue, the issues must be looked at on the whole, as they have rippling effects on other aspects in South Dakota. Part of understanding the issues and the ripple effects they cause is to obtain all the facts in an unbiased manner. Once it is understood how an issue and potential solution affects

South Dakota, its citizens, and the long-term effect, only then can we pass good legislation. I don't claim to have all of the answers. For this reason, I will obtain the facts and rely on the input from the citizens of District 18 to make a well-informed decision.



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