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Rounds Unveils Senate Bid

Former Governor To Challenge Johnson In 2014

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PIERRE — Former Republican Gov. Mike Rounds announced plans Thursday to seek South Dakota's U.S. Senate seat, setting up a 2014 battle between two men who have never lost an election — a campaign that figures to draw widespread national attention as Republicans and Democrats jockey for control of the chamber.

A few minutes after Rounds announced he'd challenge Sen. Tim Johnson, the Democratic lawmaker issued a statement indicating his plans to seek a fourth term.

Rounds, 58, said he has worked well with

Johnson in the past and considers him a friend. But he said he and Johnson disagree on some key issues.

"At this stage of the game, it's a matter of the direction of this country," Rounds said.

Johnson, 65, has dealt with several serious health issues in recent years that have slowed his speech and required him to sometimes use a motorized scooter when he needs to get around quickly. He had surgery in 2006 to stop bleeding in his brain caused by arteriovenous malformation, a condition that causes arteries and veins in the brain to grow abnormally large, become tangled and sometimes burst.

But in a statement, the popular legislator

dispelled speculation that he might not seek re-election.

"I feel great, still have work to do, and I fully intend to put together a winning campaign in the weeks and months ahead," Johnson wrote, adding that he'd make a formal campaign announcement next year.

Bob Burns, a retired South Dakota State University political science professor, noted that Johnson won re-election in 2008 with 62 percent of the vote, albeit against a lesser-known opponent than Rounds. He said South Dakota voters seem to be understanding of Johnson's physical challenges.



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Former South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, left, announced Thursday that he will challenge Sen. Tim Johnson in the 2014 U.S. House race. Rounds served as governor from 2003-2011, while Johnson, a Vermillion native, has been in the Senate since 1996.

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'A Heart Of Gold'

Late YHS Teacher Touches Generations

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For nearly a half-century, Dick Anderson struck fear in the hearts of his Yankton High School students.

He drowned their English assignments in a sea of red ink with pen in one hand and coffee mug in the other. And he pushed his journalism students toward perfection, refusing to accept errors or slipshod work.

But Anderson also offered a heavy dose of care and compassion. He flashed a mischievous smile and filled a room with his infectious laughter. He challenged his students to reach beyond what they thought possible.

Many of those students, along with fellow teachers, told the *Press & Dakotan* that his impact will continue, even after his passing last Wednesday at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls at age 72.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today (Friday) at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton.

Anderson spent his entire 46-year teaching career in the Yankton School District. Long after they graduated, his students called him "Mr. Anderson." Even fellow teachers used the title of respect.

John Anderson said he marveled at his father's ability to remember students from years ago. Many of them stopped by the Andersons' store, The



COURTESY PHOTO

Dick Anderson impacted generations of English and journalism students during his 46 years with the Yankton School District, becoming well known for his high standards mixed with humor and concern for all students. Anderson died Wednesday at age 72. This image was a collage that was created by his students for a plaque when he retired.

Pantry, in downtown Yankton.

"My dad loved it when former students came in and asked, 'Mr. Anderson, do you know who I am?'" John said.

But Anderson's impact was felt far beyond the halls of YHS.

YHS graduate Josh Hoffner became editor on the national desk in New York City for The Associated Press a mere six years after he was a student in Anderson's journalism class.

At the same time Hoffner was in New York, fellow YHS

graduate Michael Amon was working in NYC at *Wall Street Journal*. Amon had previously worked at the *Washington Post*.

"I always thought that was remarkable — tiny Yankton, S.D., producing two journalists for the biggest news companies in the world in New York City," Hoffner said. "The odds of this seemed to be extraordinary. I mean, what is it about a town of 13,000 people that is producing these successful journalists?"

"The answer, of course, is

Dick Anderson. It shows what kind of influence he had on us — and countless other students who came out of YHS who achieved success thanks to his tutelage."

Between 1963 and 2008, Anderson guided the YHS student newspaper, the *Woksape*, to 36 All-State awards. The honor, bestowed by the South Dakota High School Press Association,

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City Set For Weekend Of Holiday Events

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The holiday season will be in full display this weekend throughout Yankton with a number of seasonal events taking place.

On Saturday, the annual Gurney Landing Parade of Lights will take place, which is accompanied by a vendor fair.

"We have been putting together a lot of the last-minute details," said parade organizer Paul Lowrie. "The biggest difference this year is that the parade will be on Saturday to allow people a better day to prepare an entry. We are trying to get as many entrants as possible."

Although registering to take place in the parade in advance is encouraged, no one will be turned away if they want to participate in the parade on Saturday afternoon. The parade will line up on Levee Street and Capitol around 5:30 p.m. and it starts the route at 6 p.m. It will move north on Capitol and turn west on Third Street through downtown Yankton. It will proceed along Third to the Yankton County Government Center.

Alison Brown, another parade organizer, is expecting a big turnout for the event.

"We have had more pre-registrations for the parade this year than we have in the past," she said. "The more we do it, the more people will see what's going on and want to come downtown to watch the parade and go to the vendor fair."

Prizes will be awarded to parade participants in four differ-

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Terrell: American Drone Strikes Must Stop

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While many Americans may think drone strikes are a safe way to conduct war and improve the nation's safety, one man will go to prison in Yankton today (Friday) because of his belief that they are remotely committing crimes against humanity.

"The people responsible for setting these attacks up have to realize that they are creating a situation where our soldiers are going to face retaliation," said Brian Terrell, 56.

"American soldiers are going to be dying because of these drone attacks. When Gandhi was talking about the cycle of violence, I



Terrell

from wanting to hurt you by hurting your neighbor."

A gathering was held for Terrell Thursday evening by his fellow Catholic Workers at Yankton's Emmaus House. He was sentenced

think he was talking about something just as provable as the laws of physics.

"We're taking the Golden Rule and turning it inside out," he continued. "We'll do unto other people the worst thing we could imagine happening to us so that it won't happen to us. You're not going to stop your neighbor from wanting to hurt you by hurting your neighbor."

Oct. 11 in a district courtroom in Jefferson City, Mo., to six months in federal prison after being charged with trespassing at the Whiteman Air Force Base near Knob Noster, Mo., earlier this year. He and two others were arrested during the nonviolent action during which they sought to speak with military officials about drone strikes.

Terrell, who lives Maloy, Iowa, where he has served as a city councilor and mayor in the past, is to surrender himself at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp by 2 p.m. today.

"I'm planning on walking," Terrell said while seated on a couch at the Emmaus

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BEADLE VOICES



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

First-graders at Beadle Elementary School sing out strong on the Hispanic folk song "Mi Cuerpo" during the school's winter concert Thursday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. Students in grades 1-3 presented "Spotlight on Music!" which looked various song styles from America and from around the world. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.