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Incumbents Fall In County Contest

Hojem Wins Big In County Auditor Race

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The Yankton County Commission will be seeing a number of new faces during the next term.

Debra Bodenstedt, Raymon Epp, Todd Woods and Don Kettering (serving a two-year term) beat out commissioners Garry Moore, John Harper and Bruce Jensen during Tuesday night's election.

Woods, who was the top vote-getter with 4,196 votes for 22 percent of the vote, said he was a little surprised.

"I'm very humbled by being the top vote-getter," he said. "I never would've imagined."

He added there is a need to keep growing from here on.

"The biggest challenge is we have to work on growing the community, finding economic development and finding ways to make this a great place to live," he said.

Epp, who polled at 18 percent with 3,372 votes, said he's happy to be serving on a brand new commission.

"I'm looking forward to serving on a new county commission," he said. "I hope that we can move forward in Yankton County."

Bodenstedt, who polled at 17 percent with 3,267 votes, said the county need to look at how they'll go forward.

"We have four new folks on the board so we're going to have to look carefully at the situation as it is - the budget and doing some strategic planning, and bringing Yankton County forward," she said.

The Press & Dakotan was unable to reach Kettering by press time.

In the county auditor's race, Republican Patty Hojem held on to win

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The voting table at the Yankton City Hall gymnasium was packed Tuesday. There were big crowds reported at this voting center throughout much of the day.

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District 18

Bernie Hunhoff To Senate; Stevens, J. Hunhoff Win

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As the District 18 results rolled in Tuesday night, it became clear that the voters of District 18 were happy with the representation they had in Pierre, returning all three incumbents back to the state Legislature.

In the District 18 Senate race, Bernie Hunhoff (D) defeated Matt Stone (R) 4,300-3,403 to make the cross over after serving in the House last term.

Hunhoff said that he was very proud to be returning to Pierre.

"I am just very thankful," he said. "Yankton County is just such a spe-

cial place to me. It is a special place in South Dakota. If I could represent anywhere in South Dakota, I think a lot of people around the state would say Yankton County."

He noted that Stone was a great candidate.

"He put so much into it," Hunhoff said. "He has done a great public service and we have had a great discussion of the issues."

Looking forward to the session in Pierre Hunhoff, said they are in the middle of some very important issues and that is why he ran.

"We are trying to get education figured out, it is critically



B. Hunhoff



Stevens



J. Hunhoff

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AP Calls Rounds In SD Senate Battle

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

SIOUX FALL — Republican favorite Mike Rounds beat out three opponents for South Dakota's open U.S. Senate seat in a race that was once considered close enough for national scrutiny — and money.

The former two-term governor pulled out a win in the race with support from men, older voters, those who identified as conservative and those who felt the government is doing too many things that should be left to businesses and individuals, according to preliminary results of an exit poll conducted for The Associated Press and television networks.

Democratic opponent Rick Weiland ran strong among those who identified as liberal or Democrats. And former GOP Sen. Larry Pressler, who ran as an independent, could not draw enough votes from Rounds to affect the outcome.

Rounds led his opponents in fundraising and polling for most of the campaign. South Dakota was among the top targets in the Republican Party's quest to net six seats and take control of the chamber for the final two years of President Barack Obama's term. Results elsewhere that will determine the control of the chamber were still coming in as of 8:30 p.m. CST.

The race was briefly considered competitive in the final few weeks of the campaign. Rounds' opponents said his support had eroded amid criticism of the EB-5 visa program, causing money from the campaign arms of Senate Democrats and Republicans to pour in. Rounds has defended the EB-5 program, which operated while he was governor and allowed wealthy foreigners to invest in South Dakota projects that created jobs in exchange for U.S. visas.

Throughout the race, Rounds attempted to tie his opponents to Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, both of whom he predicted voters in this Republican-heavy state would reject.

Headed into his first term in Washington, Rounds has said he would focus on repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, pushing forward on the Keystone XL pipeline and removing bureaucracy and regulatory burdens for farmers and businesses.

In the last week of the race, Weiland went on the offensive against the Democratic Senatorial Campaign



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Area: Vermillion Pool Issue Wins Swimmingly

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The calendar says November, but Vermillion voters are looking ahead to a new swimming pool.

In Tuesday's city election, Vermillion voters overwhelmingly approved a \$3.1 million bond issue for Prentiss Park improvements by 1,748-576, or a 3-to-1 margin. The bond plays a key part in the \$5.25 million project, which includes an

estimated \$4 million for a new swimming pool.

The new pool will replace the current structure, which is nearly 50 years old.

The proposed pool's new amenities include a lazy river, water slides, floatable water walk, basketball hoop, one-meter diving tower, shade structures and zero-depth entry, water features, bench and shade.

As part of the bond issue, other



courts, new bathroom facilities at the baseball field and additional parking.

Besides issuing up to \$3.1 mil-

lion in bonds, the financing plan calls for \$1 million each from the general fund reserves and the second-penny fund reserves. City officials would seek to raise the remaining \$250,000 from fundraising and grants.

Tuesday's ballots were also filled with a number of candidate races around the area.

A new state senator is headed to the South Dakota Legislature, as former presiding circuit court

judge Art Rusch of Vermillion won the District 17 seat representing Clay and Turner counties.

Rusch, running as a Republican, defeated Democrat Michelle Maloney of Vermillion by a 3,872-2,798 in a battle of newcomers. Rusch replaces Democrat Tom Jones of Viborg, who didn't seek re-election.

In the House race, Democrat

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Tuesday Accident

An early morning accident near Gayville sent one person to the hospital with minor injuries Tuesday. Around 7:28 a.m., a 1995 Chevrolet pickup was struck by a 2008 Mercury Milan west of the intersection of 451st Ave. and E. Highway 50. The driver of the Mercury was taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital with minor injuries after her car rolled several times. The Milan is reportedly totaled while damage to the pickup is estimated around \$7,200. Assisting at the accident were the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Yankton Fire Department, Gayville Fire Department and Yankton County EMS. (Photo: Larry Nickles/YFD)



To Our Readers

Tuesday night's election results in South Dakota were delayed until 9 p.m. (CT) because of two poll workers on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who didn't show up on time. Because the workers were late, the hours at those precincts were extended, forcing all results across the state to be delayed. In today's print edition of the Press & Dakotan, we are providing you with the results available at press time. More results can be found at www.yankton.net/. Those results will run in Thursday's print edition.