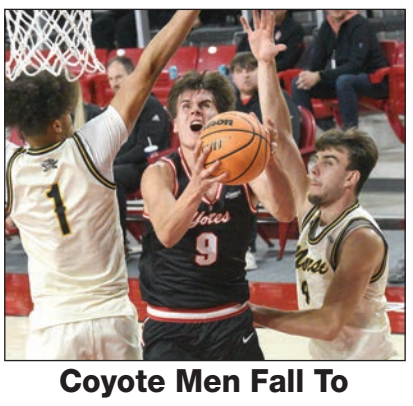
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County Levy Measure Rejected

Hunhoff, Brunick And Gross Capture City Slots

BY JAY GRAVHOLT AND RANDY DOCKENDORF
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The proposed Yankton County road and bridge levy ballot referendum hit a dead end Tuesday night at the ballot box.

Voters soundly defeated the proposal to increase the county's road and bridge levy, without which many county officials claim they would face exacerbated infrastructure problems on the roadways.

Yankton County Commission Chair John Marquardt told the *Press & Dakotan* he was disappointed the referendum didn't pass, but said he respected how the people voted.

"I signed the petition because I feel that, if you're going to throw another tax onto the people, I think you need to give people that opportunity to make the decision themselves," he said. "I'm disappointed it didn't pass, but the people spoke, so that's that."

Cheri Loest, who turned in the petitions to refer the levy to a vote, told the *Press & Dakotan* she believed the amount was simply too much for the public to stomach.

"I believe the main reason for failure was the amount," she said. "To get public support, a road opt-out needs to be yearly, under $600,000 and for an identified project or piece of equipment.

"If the commission approaches their 2028 budget talks with a sincere plan, I do believe the public would support it. Again, base hits win the game."

Had it passed, the levy would have infused

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'Come From Away'



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
The 12-member ensemble cast of Mount Marty University Theatre's production of the musical "Come from Away" rehearse the show's opening number, "Welcome to the Rock." "Come from Away" is based on the true story of a small Newfoundland town of Ganders, where 38 planes were forced to land in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America. The production is set for MMU's Marian Auditorium this weekend, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

South Dakota

Marquardt Joins District 18 House Delegation

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Marquardt

When the South Dakota Legislature convenes in January, two incumbents and a newcomer will represent District 18, consisting of Yankton and northwest Clay counties.

In the Senate race, Republican incumbent Lauren Nelson of Yankton defeated Democratic challenger Kay Swihart of Yankton 4,484-3,294.

Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* she appreciated the campaign's civil and constructive tone.

"First, I want to thank Kay Swihart for stepping forward and running a positive, issue-focused campaign," she said. "I look forward to working together on many issues where we

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Nebraska

Duncan Prevails In Knox Co. Sheriff's Race

BY MARK MAHONEY
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The unofficial results are in for Tuesday's general election in northeast Nebraska's Knox and Cedar counties.



Duncan

Knox County received 3,870 returned ballots out of 5,485 total registered voters — a turnout of nearly 71% — at its county clerk's office in Center. The county's voter turnout percentage for the 2022 general election was about 71%. There was no presidential race this year or four years ago.

Cedar County received 4.050 returned ballots out of 5,777 total registered voters — a turnout of just over 70% — at its county clerk's office in Hartington. The county saw a roughly 72% voter turnout for the 2022 general election.

Both Knox and Cedar counties have all-mail-only voting, meaning that they do not

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Broz: Park Haven Already Near Capacity After Just Three Months

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Raelene Broz addressed the issue of addiction in women head on as she spoke to the community Spark program Wednesday in Yankton about the new Park Haven Learning and Recovery Center across from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Broz, the program director at Park Haven, gave a broad overview of the newly opened facility that specializes in supporting women with substance abuse issues and children.

Already showing the need for a facility such as this, Park Haven Learning and Recovery Center opened in August and is already at full capacity, Broz explained.

The facility is owned by Avera Health, the programming is run by Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health and the funding comes mostly through the federal Medicaid program, although the state pays a percentage of that.

Broz described some of what staff offer at the facility, which holds 18 beds, 16 under some circumstances.

"We have a team that's been amazing because they've connected our women and their children with the school district, the preschools," she told an audience of approximately 45 on hand at the United Way Community Impact Center. "They assist us with daycare and getting into the resources in the community that not everyone knows about, and we don't always know what those different options and opportunities are out there for the kids in the community."

Medications can be an issue, Broz said. Oftentimes, new clients are coming in unmedicated — and should be — or have never even had medication.

"We also have our medical team there, who can

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Raelene Broz, program director at Yankton's new Park Haven facility, discusses the facility's role during her appearance at the monthly community Spark meeting Wednesday.

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