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ELECTION 2014 – WHERE TO VOTE TODAY

Vote centers await ballot casters

Staff reports

Today marks the first time vote centers will be used for a general election in Brown County.

Registered voters will not have to go to a designated polling place in a specific precinct; rather, they will be able to cast ballots at any of the 11 vote centers across the county. For instance, a Hecla resident visiting Aberdeen for the day will be able to vote while in the county seat.

Voting hours remain unchanged. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A driver's license or other appropriate identification is required to vote in South Dakota.

Brown County vote centers are at:
• Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center
• Ramada Convention Center
• Brown County Courthouse com-

Online

For election previews and results throughout tonight, log on to AberdeenNews.com/News/Politics.

munity room (basement of annex)

- Columbia Legion
- Westport Town Hall
- Warner Community Center
- Stratford Community Center
- Groton Community Center
- Claremont Fire Station
- Hecla Community Center
- Frederick Community Center

According to the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office, there are 22,540 active and 2,161 inactive registered voters in Brown County. Here's the breakdown by political party:

- Republicans: 9,531
- Democrats: 9,336



Vote centers will be used for the first time in a general election in Brown County today. American News File Photo by John Davis

- Independents: 3,278
- No political affiliation: 297
- Libertarians: 56
- Other: 34
- Constitution Party: 8

Hunter dies near Roscoe

Heart attack listed as cause of man's death

BY BRYAN HORWATH
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A Roscoe hunter found Sunday afternoon in a body of water in Edmunds County died of an apparent heart attack, according to authorities.

Edmunds County Sheriff Lenny Braun said the body of Michael Broschart, 65, was pulled from a slough about 7 miles south of Roscoe around 1 p.m. Sunday. Braun said Broschart didn't return from a hunting expedition Friday night, prompting a search over the weekend.

County coroner Jesse Knittel said Monday that the official cause of death for Broschart is being listed as heart attack.

Around 5 p.m. Saturday, Braun said, some clothing items were found on land near the slough, including a hunting vest with two pheas-

In South Dakota

2013: 23 hunting incidents reported, two fatal.
2012: 21 hunting incidents reported, three fatal.
2011: 55 hunting incidents reported, one fatal.
2010: 35 hunting incidents reported, one fatal.
2009: 39 hunting incidents reported, one fatal.

Source: Annual comparison of statewide hunting incidents reported to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks

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ants. Braun said Broschart also had a duck hunting permit and is thought to have gone into the body of water to retrieve game. The sheriff said that the hunter's vehicle was found parked in a public hunting area about three-fourths of a mile from the slough.

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Aberdeen Roncalli High School students Elise Cardella, left, and Cassie Kulm, right, watch from the bleachers with anticipation as McCook Central/Montrose scored a field goal late in the fourth quarter of Monday night's Class 11B football playoff game at Swisher Field. Roncalli lost to the Fighting Cougars 23-21. Find more coverage of high school football playoff action — including Groton's 16-14 victory over Custer — in today's Sports section. American News Photo by John Davis

Watch full game replays of the Faulkton and Roncalli playoff games exclusively on AberdeenNews.com/Sports/Livesports. Also, see more photos from football nights in South Dakota in our photo gallery at AberdeenNews.com/Sports.

Farm Rescue, neighbors help Conde farmer



Farm Rescue volunteer Kenneth Chyle lines up the snouts of the combine with the rows as he heads into Steve Schaller's cornfield near Conde on Oct. 20. American News Photo by Connie Sieh Groop

BY CONNIE SIEH GROOP
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CONDE — In a field near Conde just off state Highway 37, it didn't matter what color the equipment was, there was work to be done.

As twilight approached on an October evening, movement continued, implements racing toward the goal of helping a friend in need. An injury sidelined a Conde farmer, but his crop was taken care of, thanks to his friends and a team from Farm Rescue.

Steve Schaller's crop is in the bin. That's what counts. Neighbor Steve Dunker



"They really saved me. I've farmed by myself since I was 18. I was really humbled by all the help I got."

Steve Schaller
Conde-area farmer

believes that 21 people were involved in getting the work done.

See Rescue, 8A

Liquor stings nab offenders

40 percent of businesses fail

BY ELISA SAND
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Roughly 40 percent of Aberdeen businesses have failed liquor stings organized by the Aberdeen Police Department so far in 2014.

Police Capt. Eric Duvan said there have been two liquor stings this year, both in August. Approximately 20 businesses were surveyed.

Businesses that did not pass the stings were the Airport Travel Center, Louie's Pit Stop, the liquor store at Kessler's grocery store, Kusler's, South C, M&H, C Express on North Second Street and Sooper Stop West.

Liquor stings are conducted for businesses that have on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses, Duvan said. Businesses that fail are reported to the South Dakota Department of Revenue, he said, and the business employee who allowed the sale generally faces city charges.

A certified alcohol trainer program is available for business employees, he said.

"If an employee that sells wrongfully gets trained, the fines are greatly diminished," Duvan said. "We encourage those who sell alcohol to get training."

Liquor stings are held continuously throughout the year as officers have time, Duvan said.

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ELECTION 2014

Campaigns lacking ideas on governing

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This year's Senate races have featured astronomical spending, ceaseless attack ads and innumerable slaps at a president who's not on the ballot. Largely missing, however, are ideas on how best to govern the nation.

Even with control of the Senate at stake, serious discussions about deficit spending, climate change, immigration, Social Security's long-term future and other knotty issues rarely emerged.

Republicans overwhelmingly devoted their campaigns to criticizing President Barack Obama's leadership and governing style. And Democrats, while sometimes forced to wanly defend "Obamacare," often caricatured their opponents as throwbacks eager to limit women's reproductive rights.

To be sure, superficial debates and 30-second attack ads have fueled U.S. political campaigns for years. But even by that measure, political veterans said, this fall's elections were remarkably light on policy and ideas.

"I'm struck by how not any of the significant issues that Congress has to deal with — immigration, infrastructure, a grand bargain on taxes and spending — are playing out in this election," said Steve Elmendorf, a former top Democratic congressional aide.

Some Democratic lawmakers weren't excited by a "Families First" agenda that party leaders wrote for the 1996 elections, Elmendorf said. "But we felt we had to have a policy umbrella to give to members."

"I don't think either

side has done that this time," he said.

Campaign strategists said it's no surprise. From the start, Republicans centered their campaigns on tying their opponents to Obama's sinking popularity.

"When your opponents are destroying themselves, let them," said Texas-based Republican consultant Matt Mackowiak.

He said Republican leaders suppressed a request from some candidates for a party-wide platform or "contract" to highlight various ideas.

"When you do that, you give your opponents something to bash," Mackowiak said. "The strongest card we had to play was to run against the president."

This year's issue that got the most campaign lip service was the president's 2010 health care overhaul, which Republicans call "Obamacare." Discussions, however, sometimes involved "a level of dissembling that's almost jaw-dropping," said congressional scholar Norm Ornstein.

He cited Republicans who vow to repeal the entire law while somehow restoring popular parts, such as requiring insurance companies to cover new customers who have serious health problems. Health officials said that pick-and-choose approach won't work, because it strips away revenue essential to pay for the popular features.

John J. Pitney, Jr., a political scientist at Claremont McKenna College, said neither party is likely to produce policy proposals as long as they think the presidency or the House or Senate majority is within reach.

"Power is the enemy of new ideas," he said.



Corn flows into the grain cart with the Farm Rescue logo reflected in the window on Oct. 20. The crew was part of the group harvesting corn for Steve Schaller of Conde. American News Photo by Connie Sieh Groop

RESCUE From 1A

done. There were six combines helping, four grain carts and a dozen trucks.

"It was pretty crazy to have all that equipment driving around," Schaller said.

He said he hasn't had much use of his shoulder since his rotator cuff tore. He's been battling the injury for nine months. He put this spring's crop in, then had his shoulder work done in June.

Schaller has been told to stay away from dirt and dust, which is next to impossible during harvest season.

"My body rejected what was done, and I ended up with a serious infection," he said. "Each day, I have been going to Sanford in Aberdeen for IVs to help battle this infection."

As harvest neared, he knew he couldn't get this year's crop off the fields by himself. He called Farm Rescue. Three weeks later, the group was starting on his crop.

Farm Rescue is a non-

profit organization that provides planting, harvesting and haying assistance free of charge to family farmers who have suffered a major injury, illness or natural disaster, according to the group's website.

With warm, dry conditions, the Farm Rescue crew got about 400 of Schaller's acres harvested. Then, with neighbors pitching in, 600 to 700 more acres got taken out in the days that followed. Using combines with 12-row headers and grain carts that could rove around the fields and dump into the trucks, it didn't take long to clear the fields. The corn yielded about 150 bushels an acre.

"They really saved me," Schaller said. "I've farmed by myself since I was 18. I was really humbled by all the help I got."

He said he has lived on the farm since 1981.

"It was tough to see so many doing my work. I had so many mixed emotions," Schaller said. "It was wonderful. Craig Dunker got everyone pulled together. What can I say?"

Schaller was in Omaha last week to have an exterior drain put in his shoul-

Helping since 2006

Farm Rescue was founded in 2006. It has helped roughly 300 farmers and farm families affected by injury, illness or natural disaster with planting, harvesting or haying. The nonprofit group does not charge those it helps. This year, Farm Rescue plans to help at least 50 farm families.

For more information, see farmrescue.org.

der. He'll be out of commission for another two weeks or so, then doctors will evaluate what to do next.

"What a blessing, it was a real godsend," Schaller said.

Farm Rescue coordinator Dexter Schaible organized the team and coordinated with the neighbors to handle the harvest push at Schaller's farm.

"It's a great organization with a tremendous volunteer effort," he said.

Bill Gross, the founder of Farm Rescue, praised the volunteers.

"Normally, we do a project like this ourselves," he said. "Having some of the neighbors assist got the job done quickly. What a great help that was for the family."

It was the 298th case for the volunteer organization. After helping the Schallers, the crew moved

to Orient. Last week, they were scheduled to help the 300th family near Fergus Falls, Minn. The organization started helping farmers in need in 2006.

"In 2014, we will have helped 50 to 52 farm families," Gross said. "It's a record year and a milestone year."

Major sponsors are RDO providing John Deere equipment, Dacotah Bank, North Central Farmers Elevator, Wheat Growers, Glacial Lakes Energy and Wal-Mart. RDO furnished food for those who helped with Schaller's harvest on Oct. 20.

While Schaller never expected to have to rely on so many others to work his land, he appreciated the help.

"Life changes," he said. "You never know when you're going to need help."

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Egypt, Gulf Arab allies eye anti-militant alliance

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait are discussing the creation of a military pact to take on Islamic militants, with the possibility of a joint force to intervene around the Middle East, the AP has learned. The alliance would also

serve as a show of strength to counterbalance their traditional rival, Shiite-dominated Iran. Two countries are seen as potential theaters for the alliance to act, senior Egyptian military officials said: Libya, where Islamic militants have taken over several cities, and Yemen, where Shiite rebels suspected of links to Iran have seized control of

the capital. The discussions reflect a new assertiveness among the Middle East's Sunni powerhouses, whose governments — after three years of post-Arab Spring turmoil in the region — have increasingly come to see Sunni Islamic militants and Islamist political movements as a threat.

The U.S. Arab allies' consideration of a joint force illustrates a desire to go beyond the international coalition that the United States has put together to wage an air campaign against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Saudi Arabia and the UAE have participated in those strikes in Syria. The officials said the alliance under consideration was not intended to intervene in Iraq or Syria, but to act separately to address other extremist hot spots.

Talks on an alliance against extremists are well advanced, an Egyptian official said. But the further idea of forming a joint force is more distant, and there are differences among the countries over the size of any force, funding and headquarters.

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