



Herse h Sandlin rules out run for SD Senate seat

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former South Dakota U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herse h Sandlin said Monday she will not seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson, removing herself from a contest expected to play a key role in determining which party controls the Senate after next year’s election.

Herse h Sandlin, 42, announced her decision

Stephanie Herse h Sandlin lost her first run for Congress in 2002 but won a special election in June 2004. She was later re-elected to three full terms in the U.S. House before losing a re-election bid in 2010 to Republican Kristi Noem.

on her Facebook page Monday morning and confirmed it to The Associated Press. The Democrat said she decided not to seek her party’s nomination for the U.S. Senate because she wants to focus on her family and her job as an attorney and vice president for Raven Industries,


a Sioux Falls-based company that makes an array of specialty products for the agricultural, aviation and construction industries.

“I’ve decided not to run for office in 2014,” Herse h Sandlin told The Associated Press before boarding a plane early

Monday morning.

On her Facebook page, Herse h Sandlin noted that many Democrats had urged her to run for the seat now held by Johnson, a fellow Democrat who announced earlier he will not seek a fourth term next year. She and her husband, Max, and their son, Zachary, live in Sioux Falls, and Herse h Sandlin said her son will be starting kindergarten next year just before the

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This 2010 file photo shows former South Dakota U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herse h Sandlin in Sioux Falls, S.D. Sandlin said Monday she will not seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson. (Associated Press)



Hes Relentless is shown trouncing the competition by 4 1/4 lengths at the Heritage Place Futurity Trials in Oklahoma City on May 10. Owned by Tom Maher Sr. of Pierre, the 2-year-old stallion will now be one of 10 horses competing in the Heritage Place Futurity on June 1. (Courtesy photo)

Quarter Horse tops field of 200 for Pierre owners

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TOM MAHER SR. OF PIERRE remembers driving home in black silence one day near the end of the 1970s, saying absolutely nothing to family and friends from Pierre and Fort Pierre who’d come down to watch one of Maher’s Quarter Horses compete in a big race in Ruidoso, N.M.

Maher, a Pierre attorney, had been buying and racing horses since 1974 and it had been his first shot at the top – and a complete failure. He had entered a horse in the qualifying heats for one of the two big-name events for Quarter Horses, the All American Futurity.

“I ran in the trials and I got my butt whipped,” Maher says now. “I beat one horse out of 10.”

Fast forward to May 10, 2013: an older, wiser Tom Maher enters another horse in the qualifying trials for the other big-name event for Quarter Horses, the Heritage Place Futurity in Oklahoma City. It’s the first time since that dismal showing in the 1970s that Maher has entered a horse in one of the big events.

But this time the trial ends differently.

Maher’s horse, Hes Relentless – officially, the bay stallion has no apostrophe in his name – walks away with his heat by 4 1/4 lengths.

More importantly, Hes Relentless clocks the best time – from a field of about 200 horses.

The next race

What that means is that Hes Relentless will compete in the June 1 finals for the \$1 million purse at stake in the Heritage Place Futurity for 2-year-olds. The winner from that field of 10 horses will get \$500,000, and the other horses will split another \$500,000.

Meanwhile, Maher’s phone has been ringing with offers to buy all or part ownership of Hes Relentless.

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“There’s an old saying: The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man,”

Tom Maher Sr.



Jeanne Goodman **Troy Bowers**

City commission candidates discuss views for Pierre

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The two candidates for the open Pierre City Commission seat discussed their views for the city and took questions during a forum held by the Hughes and Stanley County Democrats Monday night.

In her opening statement Jeanne Goodman, who is seeking a second three-year term on the commission in the June 4 city election, turned to her experience, summing up her career in three words: proven, practical and progressive.

“I’m practical as an engineer, as a mom and as a city commissioner,” she said.

She pointed to her four years of experience in city budgets talks and weekly decision making, along with 15 years on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Goodman said she also has a focus on economic development and building up the city’s infrastructure.

“Once we have that we can plan and we can grow,” she said.

Troy Bowers, who owns Dakota Prairie Real Estate, repeated his previous statements that he has talked with various people in the community who feel there needs to be a change on the commission. Most of the commissioners are government workers and the city could use another businessman at the helm, he said.

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Pierre School District plans for future

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Several different options for renovating, expanding or adding school district facilities were presented at the Pierre School Board meeting on Monday night.

The district currently has four elementary schools – Jefferson, Buchanan, Washington and McKinley. As those buildings age, Superintendent Kelly Glodt said it could take as much as \$3 million in renovations to keep the schools in shape.

With future costs, enrollment and spatial needs in mind, the district asked Jeff Hazard of Koch Hazard Architects in Sioux Falls to assist in identifying viable options for expanding current facilities or adding a new elementary school.

The three options Hazard suggested are – option one: expanding Jefferson and Buchanan, option two: rebuild Washington and option three: build a new school.

In January, the board approved the appraisals

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Local merchants support online sales tax bill

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A bill moving through Congress could bring good news for downtown storefronts across South Dakota.

The Marketplace Fairness Act would give states the opportunity to require online-only retailers and catalog retailers to

U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson released a statement May 8 in support of the legislation, which he co-sponsored and passed the Senate in a 69-27 vote.

collect state sales tax due on all sales, regardless of where they are located, much like a brick-and-mortar business.

That would mean that products bought via online outlets would be subject to a state sales tax. Retail officials say it’s been a long time coming.

“Local retailers can stand up and fight with online retailers,” said Shawn Lyons, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association. “We believe

that everyone selling products should operate under the same rules.”

That much is apparent in downtown Pierre. Peggy Stout and Kathy Villa own Prairie Pages Booksellers, where they’ve felt firsthand the challenges in trying to keep pace with online sellers.

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