

We honor and protect the principles this country was founded on and the basic equality of all people. Together we will work for the common good.

Our Priorities

Support for a Strong Public Education System

Increase Teacher Salaries | Free school Lunches for All Students | Public Dollars Go to Public Schools

Property Tax Reform

Retain Local Control | Fair and Equitable Tax Structures

Accessible Health Care for All People that Respects Personal Choice

Mental Health Services | Substance Abuse Treatment | Suicide Prevention Programs | Services for Seniors & Veterans

Programs to Help Families & Individuals Flourish

Childcare Grants | Living Wage | Paid Paternity & Maternity Leaves

Support for Safe Communities

Strong Infrastructure | Support for Fire, Police, and Emergency Services | Strong Criminal Penalties for Hate Crimes



We Won't Turn Our Backs On You!

As your legislators we pledge to:



Be Accessible



Hold regular legislative forums around District 24



Answer your emails, texts, and phone calls



Be transparent. You will hear from us:

- on the radio
- in the newspapers
- through social media
- on our website

Restoring Trust & Respect

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We Are a Team With **COMMON** Values Ground Sense



Knut "Pete" Gjovik

SENATE

Nancy Farnham

HOUSE

Shawn Olauson

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DISTRICT 24
DEMOCRATIC-NPL
OF NORTH DAKOTA



Knut “Pete” Gjovik FOR SENATE



“I have been a servant leader my entire career. Those who know me know I put the needs of others before myself. Recently my frustration with politics has grown because of decisions that benefit a select few, typically those in power. As a researcher, I will make decisions that are based on facts and will ensure that marginalized populations are represented. I can complain about politics as usual, or I can strive to be a candidate who promotes informed solutions— I choose the latter.”

Dr. Pete Gjovik, a son of immigrants, grew up on the family farm south of Pekin, ND. He retired from VCSU in 2020 as an Emeritus Professor. He has 38 years of experience in public & higher education and 13 years as owner of two commercial printing businesses.

He received several national awards for his work at VCSU culminating with a 2019 National Teacher Educator of the Year award from the Association for Career and Technical Education. Pete returned to VCSU May 2024 on a part-time basis to serve as Director, Don Mugaan CTE Leadership Center and department chair.

Pete and Gail will soon be celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

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Shawn Olauson FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



“I am running for the House of Representatives so that District 24 has a team of legislators who will be there to answer the phone calls, texts, questions and concerns of the people of Barnes and Ransom counties. I am running to serve D24 residents and ensure we have a government that works for people, not for politicians and big money. I’m running for you.”

Shawn is a lifelong resident of Barnes County. He had a dairy operation with his father in the 1980s and 90s. Since getting out of the dairy business he began working on a farming operation in 1998. Shawn served on the Maple Valley school board and the Barnes County Water Resource District for 3 terms each. He now serves on the Cuba township board and the Barnes County Commission.

Shawn and his wife Christy have been married for 35 years. They have two grown children. Shane, their eldest, is married to Amanda and they have a son, Calvin. Their daughter Mindy is living and working in Valley City. Christy is a nurse and works in Valley City.

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Nancy Farnham FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



“I’m running for office because I care about ND and its people. The last legislative session included many hate-filled bills and that’s not the way I want my state to be. I can bring respect and compassion for all people, common sense, and a strong work ethic to this office. I am ready to serve in our state legislature.”

Service to others is what Nancy's life has been about. Her professional career of 40 years was in health care, serving the chronically ill and the elderly. She started her career as a nurse aide while completing a degree in music therapy, later became a licensed social worker, and spent the last 27 years of her career as the Administrator at Maryhill, a skilled care center in Enderlin. She enjoyed each step of her career and the opportunities it gave her to connect with people.

Volunteerism has always been important to Nancy, too. She serves on several city boards and church committees, provides music for church and directs the church and community men's choirs.

Nancy and her husband Tom have been married 47 years in June and have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter who they adore.

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