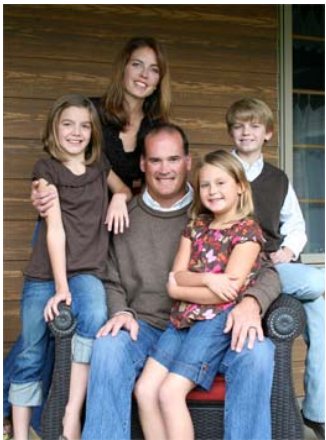




Thank you for being here! Shorty's invites all Veterans to stop by their stand south of the Hippodrome for free coffee on Thursday, Sept. 2.



Russell Olson was born and raised in Egan, SD where his parents owned and operated a small business. Russell is the second of three children and was active in high school activities including football, basketball and track.

His interest in politics was sparked in college at the University of South Dakota (USD) when his mentor and advisor, Dr. W.O. Farber, convinced him to run for and win a seat on the USD Senate. From that point on, Russell knew that a career in public service would be the path for him.

Russell graduated from USD , where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in both English and Political Science. From 1994 to 1996, Russell attended Graduate School at USD earning his Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. After a short stint in the private sector, Russell worked for the South Eastern Council of Governments as a Land Use Planner. Russell was then selected to work for the SD Governor's Office of Economic Development. Next, he had the pleasure of acting as Executive Director for the Lake Area Improvement Corporation, which serves as Madison's Office of Economic Development. Russell is currently employed as Manager of Community and Economic Development for Heartland Consumers Power District in Madison.

Russell is married to Jennie, who is a nurse at the North Central Heart and the Inter Lakes Medical Clinic in Madison. They have four children: Ben, Anna, Victoria and Gordon.

Russell currently serves as State Senator for District 8 and formerly served in the House of Representatives.

*SD State Fair
"Salute To Veterans"
Presented by Humana*

September 2, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-NWE Freedom Stage

Master of Ceremonies ~ Loren Noess

Posting of Colors ~ Huron Veterans Council

Pledge of Allegiance ~ Miss SD State Fair Theresa Knutson

National Anthem ~ Miss SD State Fair Theresa Knutson

Opening Prayer ~ Merrit Mendel

*Chester Sorensen South Dakota Veteran of the Year Award
Recipient ~*

Special Guest:

Governor Mike Rounds

Speaker:

*State Senator Russell Olson, representing District 8
- Chairman of the Commerce Committee*

God Bless America ~ Everyone

Retiring of the Colors ~ Huron Veterans Council

Dismissal of the Troops

God Bless America by Irving Berlin:

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free, Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. God Bless America. Land that I love Stand beside her, and guide her Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam God bless America My home sweet home."