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KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
District 18 state legislative candidates participated in a public forum sponsored by the Farmers Union Monday at the Technical Education Center in Yankton.

## Decision 2012

# For Local Hopefuls, It's Forum Season

The Time To Discuss Issues  
In Front Of An Audience Is  
Here For Candidates

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As sure as football and changing leaves, the fall months also bring candidate forums.

The Yankton County Farmers Union kicked off that long-held tradition locally Monday night by sponsoring a legislative candidate forum at the Technical Education Center in Yankton.

David Allen, a Democrat and business owner, is trying to unseat District 18 Republican Sen. Jean Hunhoff, who has served as both a House member and senator during the course of 12 years and works in health care.

For the two District 18 House seats, incumbent Democratic Rep. Bernie Hunhoff, a business owner, is seeking a third term. Also vying for seats are Democrat Charlie Gross, a former banker who has served 20 years on the Yankton City Commission, as well as Republicans Mike Stevens, a lawyer and former long-time member of the Yankton School Board, and Thomas Stotz, a chiropractic physician.

The boundaries of District 18 coincide with those of Yankton County.

With the Farmers Union as the sponsor, a focus was put on agricultural issues, ranging from questions about South Dakota's method of assessing agricultural land based upon its productivity value to whether the state should adopt a state-wide drainage plan.

The two Senate candidates and four House hopefuls were asked the same questions during the forum.

On whether the Legislature should adopt a state-wide drainage plan, Sen. Jean Hunhoff said a

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## CATCHING UP



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
The dawn of October means the arrival of paddlefish season on the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam. Hundreds of anglers braved light morning showers to cast hooks into the tailwaters Monday with hopes of snapping the ancient fish. Pat Hajek of Columbus, Neb., started fishing at 7 a.m., and at about 11:30 a.m., he landed this paddlefish, which measured 47 1/2 inches from the front of the eyes to the "V" in the tail. (Fish measuring 35-45 inches in that area cannot be harvested.) The fish weighed about 35 pounds and took Hajek about five minutes to bring in. Hajek said he had fished the tailwaters several times, but had "slacked off" the last four years. The season runs until Oct. 31.

## USD Building Project Clears Hurdle

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VERMILLION — A building committee approved Monday an \$11.6 million expansion of the University of South Dakota's student center, sending the project to the full Board of Regents next week in Vermillion.

Only three years old, the Muenster University Center (MUC) cannot keep up with campus growth, said Cathy Wagner, USD director of planning and construction.

"(The MUC) was built for what we had at the time. Now, we have more freshmen," she said during Monday's telephonic meeting. "If you are here (at the center) near noon, you know what we have ever day."

USD enrollment has returned above the 10,000-student mark, reaching school record levels. The university's enrollment stands at 10,284 this fall, an increase of 314 or 3.15 percent.

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# Hyperion Will Not Renew Leases

Company Says Move Doesn't  
Mean Refinery Project Is Dead

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — A company that planned to build a \$10 billion oil refinery said Monday it has allowed land-purchase options to expire for thousands of acres of southeastern South Dakota farmland.

The move does not mean the project has been canceled, officials with Texas-based Hyperion Refinery said.

"We did not extend land options in Union County on Sept. 30, and we are evaluating our various options and opportunities," Hyperion spokesman Eric Williams said in a statement. "We appreciate the longstanding and continued support of the landowners in Union County and are continuing to dialogue with them."

The move comes just days before the South Dakota Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in a case involving a state air quality permit for the refinery. The statement said Hyperion still plans to argue the case.

Williams declined further comment. Union County Commission Chairman Doyle Karpen said Monday he was surprised by the report.

"I really don't understand why they would allow the land options to expire," he said. "I believe this lingered on longer than they anticipated."

Asked if he thought it meant the end of the project, Karpen said, "If it is, it is."

The proposed refinery north of Elk Point would process 400,000 barrels of Canadian tar sands crude oil each day into low-sulfur gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and liquid petroleum gas. It would be the first new U.S. oil refinery built since 1976.

The project would include a power plant that produces electricity for the refinery. It would use a byproduct of the refinery process, solid petroleum coke, which would be turned into gas and burned to produce electrical power.

Environmental groups have complained that the refinery would emit too much pollution and hurt the quality of life in the rural area. Hyperion contends the refinery would be a clean, modern plant that would use the most advanced, commercially feasible emission-control technology.

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DOYLE KARPEN

## 'YOUR GUY?!'



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D  
The Yankton High School Choir's presented "Evening with Stars" Monday night at the Yankton High School Theatre. Seniors Lexi Fokken and Sarah Santos discover that they both claim Jase Likness as their "guy" during the girls a cappella choir version of "My Guy." Monday's performance took place at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

# Domestic Violence Vigil Honors Victims

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Ten years ago, Debbie dialed 9-1-1, and the only thing she could say was, "My husband hit me."

"Within five minutes, I had a Sioux Falls police officer at my door, and my life has never been the same since," she said.

Debbie, who chose not to reveal her full name, shared the story of her journey from being a victim of domestic violence to becoming a survivor during the second annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil, held Monday night at the Yankton County 4-H Grounds.

"For 17 years, I lived with a man who literally ruled with his fist," Debbie said. "I wasn't just hit, I was beaten. He would take his fist and he would punch me in my head as hard as he could. I suppose he chose my head because if he punched me anywhere else on my body, I would have had the bruises to prove it."

She said she lived those years in constant fear, afraid that the smallest incident would lead to

more pain.

"What would really set my husband off would be when I questioned him, and I'm not talking about the big things. I'm talking about the clothes that I wore and the friends that I had," she said. "The last punch he threw at me was over the disciplining of our son. In order to discount anything I had to say on any issue, I was told I was ugly, fat, stupid. I was also reminded that no one would hire me, and no man would ever want me. And for so long, I believed him."

Debbie said she was afraid to talk to her family about the violence for fear of devastating them, and attempts to reach out to friends were unsuccessful.

However, one day, she said she finally had enough.

"Life is too short, and I didn't want to have to live this way," she said.

She said the turning point in her life was when her family was at a restaurant and a woman had approached their table with flowers.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Center, speaks at the second annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil Monday night in Yankton.

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