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Yankton County Commission Ray Epp addresses the audience at the Interchange Forum Monday at Minerva's while a crowd of candidates sits at the table. Ten candidates running in three county races were on hand for Monday's event. Interchange will host a forum for District 18 legislative candidates next Monday.

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Surplus Land Awarded To Private Developer

Land South Of Fire Station No. 2 Eyed For Housing Development

BY ROB NIELSEN rob.nielsen@yankton.net

A bid on a tract of land south of Fire Station No. 2 was awarded to Steve and Lori Drotzmann during Monday's meeting of the Yankton City Commission.

Community Development Director Dave Mingo told the commission the city received four bids on the project.

"Per the commission's direction early this summer, we put the surplus land south of Fire Station No. 2 out for bids," he said. "What we received were essentially four bids from two parties — two bids from Steve and Lori Drotzmann and two bids from Yankton Area Progressive Growth. If the commission is choosing to accept a cash bid, the \$165,000 bid that is on the table right now pencils out over time to be the highest bid for the city for selling the property."



Specht

Dan Specht of YAPG was on hand during Monday night's proceedings. Specht, who is on the group's housing task force, said YAPG has been looking into housing solutions for the city and bid on the property in part because the group felt it would help.

"We did put in a bid not knowing if any bids would come to that property," Specht said. "YAPG and the City of Yankton teamed up for the housing study back in May 2013 and the housing study was completed. It really identified three areas — apartment housing at market rates that are affordable, single-family housing that is affordable and in-fill. So YAPG is working hard to find areas in town."

Specht added that while the piece of land was suitable, the group still lacked a solid plan on housing at bid close.

"This area would fit what YAPG is trying to do, but it came up fast enough where we don't have a real good plan," he said.

Despite this, he added that part of YAPG's goal is to entice private parties to develop land on their own.

"Part of our efforts were to encourage private development to happen," he said. "We encourage you to let the private developer go with

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Economy, Housing And Reform Focus Of Forum

BY ROB NIELSEN rob.nielsen@yankton.net

Issues regarding roads, affordable housing, missed opportunities and the county auditor's office took center-stage Monday during an Interchange-hosted candidate forum featuring candidates for the Yankton County Commission and county auditor's office.

The stage was full of candidates, including:

- Running for County Commissioner At Large (three-year term) are: John Harper, Todd Woods, Bruce Jensen, Debra Bodenstedt, Raymon Epp and Garry Moore
• Running for Commissioner At Large (two-year term) are: Don Kettering and Cheri Loest

Epp said the county needs to take

chances to grow.

"I think the most important issue facing Yankton County is we need to see some growth going on," Epp said.

"There have been some opportunities that have come our way that we haven't stepped up to and followed through appropriately."

Debra Bodenstedt said it's time to become a county that grows.

"The biggest issue facing Yankton County is how to change the perception that we are a 'county of grow' instead of a 'county of no,'" Bodenstedt said. "When you look at the ag survey we didn't participate in and when you look at the missed opportunity with Napa Junction, we have to do something to be more positive in our community to



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SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

For students in Mrs. Mattes Spanish I class getting a taste of Spanish culture took on a new meaning Monday, when the students prepared the special Pan de los Muertos sweet treat to learn and celebrate the Day of the Dead. Pictured are: Jakob Larson, Jazmin Gunderson, Leah Waid and Holly Hicks.

YHS Students Bake Up A Dead-ly Lesson

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

The Day of the Dead celebration is one that has continued for thousands of years in the Spanish culture, yet more than 100 students taking Spanish I at Yankton High School are getting their first taste of the traditional holiday this month.

"Our Spanish I students are making Pan de los Muertos (bread of the dead for the non-Spanish speaking)," said Spanish I teacher Jan Mattes. "Throughout the month of October, we have been learning about Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a holiday that is observed throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures, as well. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died."

Pan de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican sweet bread that is often eaten during Day of the Dead celebrations, Mattes explained.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of profiles on Yankton County candidates running for office in the general election. Today's profile is part of the series on the four District 18 candidates for the State House of Representatives. The election is Nov. 4.

NAME: Mike Stevens
FAMILY: My wife, Linda Stevens, is a first grade teacher at Beadle Elementary School. Erick Messler is a Captain in the Air Force and a clinical psychologist at Lackland Air Force Base. Sophie Stevens is studying violin in London. Gabriel Messler is a senior biology major at USD. Sadie Stevens graduated from American University and works for Gov. Daugaard.

EDUCATION/OCCUPATION: I am a graduate of the University of South Dakota Law School. I am a partner, with John Blackburn, in the law firm of Black-



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burn & Stevens. IF INCUMBENT, YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: I was elected in 2012 to the South Dakota House of Representatives. This last session I served as Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and I was a member of the Education Committee. In 2013, I served as the Vice Chairman of the Domestic Violence Summer Study.

ONLINE: Facebook: Representative Mike Stevens

1. Why are you running? I believe in public service. I am running because I feel that I can make a difference in the Legislature. I would like

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String Things!



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Fifth-grade orchestra students from Yankton elementary schools sported seasonal dress as they performed the program "Strings That Go Bump in the Night," at the Yankton Middle School Lecture Hall Monday. The Halloween concert was the first performance by these new musicians. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net/.

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