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## Dow Drops Another 519

### Stocks Down More Than 2,000 This Week

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NEW YORK — Back to reality and back down, Wall Street focused Wednesday on the bleak landscape ahead for the economy and wiped out its big gains from a day earlier — and then some.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 519 points and has now lost more than 2,000 in less than three weeks. Swings of several hundred points in just minutes have become commonplace.

This time, the selling was intensified by worries about debt problems in Europe.

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve said it planned to keep interest rates ultra-low for two more years. After some initial confusion, the stock market staged a huge comeback and had one of its best days.

But the interest-rate news proved to be a distraction. The Fed made the pledge be-

cause it sees almost no chance that the economy will improve substantially by 2013, and when investors focused on that, they dumped stocks again.

"Now it gets back to the fundamentals," said Mark Lamkin, founder of Lamkin Wealth Management, which manages \$215 million.

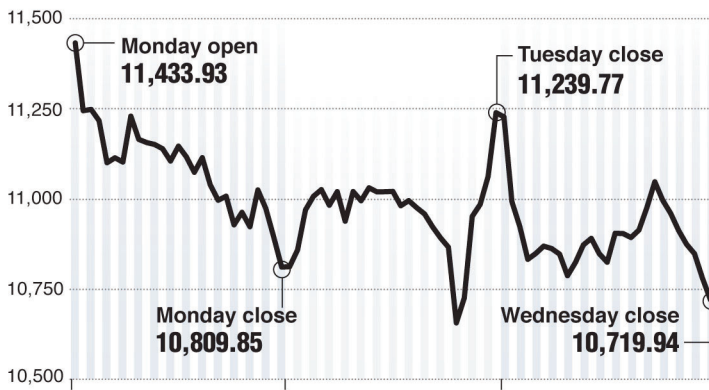
The Dow closed at 10,719.94, down 4.6 percent for the day. By points, it was the ninth-steepest decline for the market.

Wednesday was another day marked by big moves. The Dow was down more than 300 points within minutes of the opening bell. It recovered some of that loss, then drifted steadily lower in the last two hours.

The market has traded that way for two weeks, lurching up and down. The most extreme example was Tuesday, when

### A wild ride

Dow Jones industrial average Closes every 15 minutes since Aug. 8



**Monday** Stocks fell in reaction to credit downgrade and fears of an international recession

**Tuesday** Steep sell-off followed the Fed's announcement not to raise interest rates; rallied before close

**Wednesday** Skidded on new worries about government debt in Europe; lost all of yesterday's rally

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## Assessment To Help Museum Plan For Move, Future

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Recognizing that a move into the Mead Building on the South Dakota Human Services Center campus can't be done by simply loading artifacts into the back of a truck, the Yankton County Historical Society (YCHS) is getting a third-party assessment of its collection and operations.

The study will give the organization a clear scope of its collection and what money and resources will be needed to move it to a new location. That includes moving the historical buildings on the Dakota Territorial Museum campus such as the Gunderson Rural School House and the Great Northern Railway Depot.

In addition, the conservation assessment will determine the resources needed to maintain the collection once it gets to the Mead Building or, if the move doesn't materialize, if it stays at the current location.

"The end result of it is going to be that they offer an outside point of view on whether our maintenance program is sufficient, how can we best utilize the resources we have and what additional resources we could be using," said museum director Crystal Mensch-Nelson.

Terri Schindel, a conservator who will analyze the collection and the conditions of the buildings that hold it, and Jeff Oertel, an architect who will investigate the structural integrity of the buildings, began a two-day visit to the museum Wednesday. During that time, they will meet with museum employees and volunteers, as well as the YCHS board, to determine what the priorities and objectives are for the facility.

"This is a very large collection with a budget of only \$80,000 per year," Schindel said. "We'll talk to the board, the staff, volunteers and hear what everybody has to say."

Schindel stated that the impression she has gotten so far is that the YCHS wants to go from having a small community museum at its current location to a destination museum at the Mead Building.

"Still, you don't want to lose the charm of it being a local/regional museum," she said.

The biggest obstacle will be raising funds for the transition, Oertel and Schindel agreed. But the challenges go far beyond that.

"If the commitment is to keep these buildings and artifacts ... there has got to be a commitment to preserve them," Oertel said. "It's going to take a lot of money to repair all this or move them to the Mead Building. The thing about moving a building is, you can start over a little bit. Quite a few of these buildings probably have foundation problems, but they also have ventilation and attic issues. One way or another, the issues have to be dealt with."

More personnel will also be needed, Schindel said. Currently, Mensch-Nelson is the only full-time staff member at the museum.

But rather than focusing on the challenges, Oertel and Schindel said they see a lot of opportunity for the organization.

"It's an opportunity to create state-of-the-art climate-controlled storage so that the ob-

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## NDOR: Highway 12 Remains Closed

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NIOBRARA, Neb. — Contrary to rumors, water-covered stretches of Nebraska Highway 12 east and west of Niobrara will not re-open this week, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR).

"We have heard the rumors, too, but we have no set date of re-opening (the stretches)," said Kevin Domo-galla with the NDOR office in Norfolk, Neb.

The two stretches of highway have been closed for about two months. The western stretch runs from Verdell, Neb., to three miles east of Niobrara, while the eastern stretch runs from the east edge of Niobrara to the Santee spur.

In addition, the Chief Standing Bear Memorial Bridge east of Niobrara has been closed to prevent South Dakota traffic from driving into the closed stretches of Highway 12.

However, the area remains accessible by Nebraska Highway 14 and local roads.

The NDOR has begun preliminary work in anticipation of the Missouri River floodwaters receding, Domo-galla said.

"We got up there and have done the testing of the highway and got it cleaned up, but we have no set date (for re-opening the road). I know everybody is real anxious to get it open," he said.

"Right now, we are still waiting for the water to go down. We still have a



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

The barriers tell the story, as water-covered stretches of Nebraska Highway 12 remain closed east and west of Niobrara, Neb. Contrary to rumors, officials say the road won't open this week, but they are taking steps to begin immediate work once the Missouri River floodwaters recede.

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## Knox County Fair Honors Late Agent

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BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — As the 128th annual Knox County Fair kicks off today (Thursday), a familiar face won't be on hand for the first time in nearly three decades.

Knox County Extension educator Terry Gompert died March 25 at age 66. He joined the Knox County staff in 1983, playing a major role with the county fair in Bloomfield, Neb. He and his family were active in 4-H, and they also raised cattle on their farm outside Center, Neb.

In recognition of their contributions, this year's Knox County Fair is dedicated to Terry and Connie Gompert and children Saul, Kate, Jenny and Julie. They will be recognized at the grandstand prior to Friday night's concert at 8 p.m.

The dedication to the Gomperts was in the works even before Terry's death, said fair co-manager Jerry Nipp of Bloomfield.

"We dedicate the fair to someone every year, and we try to rotate it so it doesn't come from only one town (all the time)," Nipp said. "With Terry, it was a natural



Gompert

choice. He was in the process of retiring when he died, and he devoted so much of himself to the fair."

Gompert prepared for the fair long before the opening day, Nipp said.

"Terry was big in the cattle arena and helped the kids," the fair manager said.

"He was there the week before the fair, making sure that the (public address) system and everything ran right. He made very big contributions to the Knox County Fair."

The Knox County Extension staff will play a role in Friday's ceremony, Nipp said. "They are reading this article (about Gompert) and presenting the plaque to his family," he said.

Knox County Extension office managers Amy Johnson and Mary Ketelsen worked about 20 years with Gompert. Extension educator Ruth Vonderohe also worked with Gompert. Since his death, Vonderohe has shifted from a shared position between Cedar and Knox counties to working solely with Knox County.

Gompert especially enjoyed livestock competition, Johnson said.

"Terry really liked the fair," Johnson said. "Probably the contests he liked the most were the gain and carcass contests. I think the 4-Hers learned a lot, and even Terry learned a lot."

The Gomperts also enjoyed working with horticulture, and the entire family was very involved with 4-H, Johnson said.

"All four kids were in 4-H and the fair, and they had different things that they liked," she said. "I'm not sure if Terry and Connie were official (club) leaders, but they did a lot of stuff with the club when their kids were in 4-H."

Gompert treated life as an educational journey, Johnson said.

"He was always talking and learning," she said. "He took training for holistic management educator. It wasn't just for agriculture, it was for all parts of life. It was more about setting a goal and the different steps in the process to completing those goals."

In addition to his Extension and agricul-

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## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



DEREK BARTOS/P&D

Yankton Community Library Director Kathy Jacobs answers a question during an open house Wednesday at the library's location at 515 Walnut. The tour was given to inform Yankton city commissioners and the public about the library's current needs. Jacobs said it is likely more tours will be held in the future. "It's a chance for me to show them what goes on in every space of the library and for them to ask questions," she said. "We are starting to really feel the space pinch, and I want them to understand what our problems are and what our needs are as far as space in the library."

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