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# **Signs Of Economic Resilience**

### U.S. Employers Add 175K Jobs, Rate Up To 7.6 Pct.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May— a steady pace that shows strength in the face of tax increases and government spending cuts if not enough to reduce still-high unemployment. The unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent from 7.5

percent in April, the Labor Department said Friday. The rate rose because more people began looking for work, a healthy sign, but only about three-quarters found jobs.

Analysts said the less-than-robust job growth would likelv lead the Federal Reserve to maintain the pace of its monthly bond purchases for a few more months. The bond purchases have been intended to ease long-term

borrowing costs and lift stock prices.

Investors appeared pleased by the evidence that job growth remains steady. The Dow Jones industrial aver-age was up about 167 points in early-afternoon trading.

Friday's job figures provided further evidence of the U.S. economy's resilience. The housing market is strengthening, auto sales are up and consumer confidence has reached a five-year peak. Stock prices are near record highs, and the budget deficit has shrunk. The U.S. economy's relative strength contrasts with

Europe, which is gripped by recession, and Asia, where once-explosive economies are now struggling.

Many analysts expect the U.S. economy to strengthen later this year.

"Today's report has to be encouraging for growth in the second half of the year," said Dan Greenhaus, an analvst at BTIG LLC.

Employers have added an average of 155,000 jobs the past three months. But the May gain almost exactly matched the average increase of the previous 12 months: 172,000.

Americans appear more optimistic: 420,000 people started looking for work in May. As a result, the percentage of Americans 16 and older either working or looking for work rose to 63.4 percent from a 34-year low 63.3 percent in April.

This is called the labor force participation rate. Higher participation can boost the unemployment rate. That's because once people without a job start looking

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FILE PHOTO: JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Lloyd Brunick was the last Yankton native to be drafted by Major League Baseball. Brunick is shown here last summer waiting to be inducted into the Yankton Baseball Hall of Fame.

## Last MLB **Pick From Yankton Looks Back**

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Like many 18-year-old boys, Lloyd Brunick was playing catch with a teammate at a baseball practice.

He had no idea that his career was about to change.

Brunick, now 64, found out at he had been selected by the

round of the Major League Base-

ball Draft that spring in 1967. His

selection marks the last time a

Yankton native has been drafted

by a major league organization.

told me then," Brunick said. "At

knew there was a draft. I didn't

that time, I don't think I even

know that I could be drafted."

cation teacher in the Yankton

School District and Yankton VFW

Teener baseball coach, Brunick

pitched for three seasons in the

He never advanced further

and after 1970, did not pitch pro-

fessionally. Brunick was later a

well-known face in the amateur

baseball circles, but eventually fo-

cused his attention on his teach-

"So that was it," he said. "In that third year in St. Cloud, I

thought I better do something re-

Twins' Class A affiliate in St.

Cloud, Minn.

ing career.

'Somebody came up and told the guys, and some of the players

Later a long-time physical edu-

Minnesota Twins in the 47th

Yankton Head Start Program **Feels Impact** Of Cuts **BY DEREK BARTOS** derek.bartos@yankton.net

Federal spending cuts to the Head Start program in Yankton from sequestration will likely result in fewer children receiving



home-based services but little change in classroom offerings.

South Central Child Development (SCCD), which serves 16 counties and includes the Head Start program in Yankton, will see roughly a 5 percent cut in its fiscal year budget, according to the group's executive director, Rick Thaler.

Thaler said a list of spending cuts were



submitted to the SCCD policy council and its governing board of directors and were approved last week. The proposed changes are now being reviewed by the federal government, with no timetable for a decision. "We just have to wait to

hear back if that's going to Thaler be acceptable," Thaler said.

As part of the National Head Start Association, the Yankton Head Start program offers early education opportunities both at its center in Yankton and in homes throughout the county. Last school year, Yankton served 48 students.

To help deal with the budget cuts, the SCCD has proposed reducing the Yankton Head Start staff by two members - a parttime position at the center and a full-timeequivalent position for the home-based services. Both positions will be cut through attrition.

"We're looking for the least restrictive ways to implement the changes," Thaler said.

The cuts would leave the SCCD with one position for home-based services in the Yankton County area, which would lead to 12 fewer children being served, Thaler said.

"But we will still have home-based services. Those are not going away," he added.

Thaler stressed that the changes have yet to go into effect and wouldn't take place until next school year.

"There were no families that were receiving services that will not continue to receive services," he said.

While a position would also be removed from the Head Start center in Yankton, the classroom services offered and the number of children served there would remain the same, Thaler said. However, scheduling changes would need to be made to accommodate the smaller staff.

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NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

A car collided with a semi at the intersection of Fourth and Cedar streets at approximately 2 p.m. Friday. According to the Yankton Police Department, no injuries were reported.

### Yankton Man Continues To Fight Cancer

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Tammy Trattles never thought cancer would affect her family. Her son, Justin Hunt, was diagnosed with testicular cancer last year and then diagnosed with cancer again in April when the doctors found a grapefruit-size mass by his kidneys.

After one surgery, the tumor is now half the size it was. Hunt is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment and

will need to have another surgery to remove the rest of the tumor and test the lymph nodes in his body to see if the cancer is gone.

"He's been healthy all his life, and it was a shock last year when we were told it was cancer," Trattles said. "It's hard to watch this happen. I just want him to live a full life. He's 21 years old; he's my baby.'

When Hunt and Trattles first went in for an exam, they were told the mass was just fluid — swollen lymph nodes

because Hunt was a "growing boy." As the pain became worse, Hunt told his mother he needed to go to the emergency room. The doctors took an ultrasound, and ended up taking 57 images, Trattles said.

"They told me how big the tumor was and I thought I was going to die," Hunt said. "It was difficult to deal with everything, especially since insurance wasn't helping much.

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PHOTO: BETH PREHEIM, EMMAUS HOUSE / YANKTON CATHOLIC WORKER Brian Terrell was recenity released from a 6-month prison sentence for protesting military drones. Pictured are Terrell with his wife, Betsy Keenan, flanked by a staffer from the Yankton Federal Prison Camp (right).

## **Former Yankton Inmate Fights Against Govt. Use Of Drones**

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### **BY NATHAN JOHNSON**

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During a six-month sentence at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp, Brian Terrell watched as America's secretive drone war became more visible to the public.

In fact, on May 23 — the day prior to Terrell's release — President Barack Obama spoke frankly about the nation's use of drones and the need to use their lethal power sparingly.

Terrell was sentenced last October in a district courtroom in Jefferson City, Mo., to six months in federal prison after being convicted of trespassing at the Whiteman Air Force Base near Knob Noster, Mo., earlier in

the year. He and two others were arrested during the nonviolent action during which they sought to speak with military officials about drone strikes.

Terrell, who resides in Maloy, Iowa, is a Catholic Worker and co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence.

Speaking with the *Press & Dakotan* via telephone, Terrell said he doesn't believe the president really wanted to deliver that speech.

"It was a response to pressure from people in the United States and around the world," Terrell stated. "I think what President Obama

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