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ACA Numbers Fall Short

Nationwide Only 24,794 People Enrolled

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND LAURIE KELLMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Planting a paltry number on a national disappointment, the Obama administration revealed Wednesday that just 26,794 people enrolled for health insurance during the first, flawed month of operations for

the federal "Obamacare" website. Adding in enrollment of more than 79,000 in the 14 states with their own websites, the nationwide number of 106,000 October sign-ups was barely one-fifth of what officials had projected — and a small fraction of the millions who have received widely publicized private coverage cancellations as a result of the federal law.

The White House raced to reassure anxious Democrats who are worried about the controversial program, which they voted into existence three years ago and which seems sure to be a major issue in next year's election campaigns. The administration, trying to regain the initiative, for the first time indicated a willingness to consider legislation to stave off the wave of cancellations that's compounding the website technology problems.

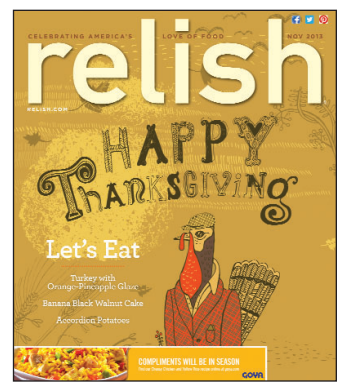
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For 1st Time In Two Decades, U.S. Extracted More Oil Than It Imported

BY JOSH LEDERMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first month in nearly two decades, the U.S. in October extracted more oil from the ground than it imported from abroad, marking an important milestone for a nation seeking to wean itself off foreign oil.

A promising sign for a still-sluggish economy, the shift could foreshadow future opportunities to boost jobs in the U.S., lower the trade deficit and insulate the economy from foreign crises that can send oil prices rising. But it also speaks to deeper, underlying changes in the way Americans use oil, as price-conscious consumers seek to limit what they pay at the pump.

Not since 1995 has the U.S. produced more crude oil than it imported. For several years now, domestic production has been on the rise while net imports have been declining. But data released Wednesday by the Energy

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Diabetes Education



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Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH) volunteer Loy Gravholt (center) learns about diabetes and proper nutrition choices from registered nurse Susan Barnes (left) and occupational therapist Beryl Olson (right) during a demonstration earlier this week. ASHH offers a program geared toward pre-diabetics, also part of a research study involving ASHH and the University of South Dakota occupational therapy department.

ASSH Works To Raise Diabetes Awareness

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For Beryl Olson, pregnancy brought more than the newborn child.

"I developed gestational diabetes," she said. "It ended after my pregnancy, but it's a risk factor for developing Type II diabetes."

Olson, an occupational therapist at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH) in Yankton, finds herself among the thousands of area residents at risk for diabetes — many not even knowing it.

How big is the problem? "A study has shown 8.9 percent of area residents have diabetes, and we have 35 percent with pre-diabetes," said Susan Barnes, a registered nurse and ASHH diabetes educator.

"People think it's an old person's disease, that you need to be over 65. But we're seeing Type II diabetes in people as young as age 5 and definitely teenagers. The largest (pre-diabetes and diabetes) numbers are in the 45- to 60-year-old age group."

Diabetes has been targeted as the top priority in the community health-needs assessment, according to ASHH vice president Kara Payer. Hospital officials are stepping up their effort during November as American Diabetes Month and today (Thursday) as World Diabetes Day.

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YSD Working To Create A Shared Vision For The Future

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The Yankton School District (YSD) moved one step closer to creating a shared vision for its future Wednesday night during its second and final public strategic planning meeting.

Approximately 50 community members including school staff, parents and other district patrons attended the gathering at Yankton High School to prioritize district needs based on input gathered at the initial meeting and through a public survey.

"We have a lot of challenges in our school district, but we also have a lot of opportunities," YSD Superintendent Wayne Kindle said. "I think we have a great school district, but we can improve in some areas, and we're going to look forward to doing that."

While the primary goal of the gatherings was to prepare for the future, Kindle said the strategic planning meetings also are a part of the district's renewed effort to communicate with the public.

"I think something people have been very critical about was that we have not been very transparent or very inclusive when it comes to including community members, retired people or people without kids in the school district," he said. "I hope this process is a great beginning to show the public we've heard them loud and clear."

Kindle called the meetings "as transparent as it gets."

"You're going to help us decide and decipher how we're going to move forward," the superintendent told Wednesday night's attendees. "The priorities we decide tonight are going to be leading us."

At the first strategic planning meeting on Oct. 23, school officials unveiled the results of its online survey, which saw approximately 800 responses. Those attending discussed the answers to the survey's open-ended questions, which covered issues such as challenges faced,



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Avera Sacred Heart Hospital volunteer Loy Gravholt receives instruction on taking a blood glucose reading as part of proper diabetic care.

Douglas County First In State To Participate In Rural Attorney Recruitment Program

BY ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ P&D Correspondent

Douglas County is the first county in the state — and perhaps the nation — to take part in a program that is designed to return young attorneys from the Big City to Small Town America.

The Rural Attorney Recruitment Program enacted by last year's South Dakota Legislature will help establish recent law school graduate Jake Fischer on Corsica's Main Street, as an

extension of the Swier Law Office, Avon. While Corsica Development Corporation and attorney Scott Swier had been working on the program, it took the participation of the Douglas County commissioners to meet the program's state guidelines.

Bob Wilcox of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners said Douglas County fits the description of small and rural with its 3,800 population figure.

With the affirmative Nov. 5 vote by the commissioners, and a promise of

\$500 per year for five years, the program can move forward. The commissioners had been asked for \$1,200 per year, but after receiving only \$500 per year, Swier assured the board the remaining money would be found.

Indeed, Douglas County is the first in the nation to participate, said Amy Bartling, a Gregory attorney working with the State Bar Association to promote the program.

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The Rural Attorney Recruitment Program was approved by the Douglas County Commission Nov. 5, making the county the first in the state since the program went into effect July 1. The program is a cooperative effort to place young attorneys in small rural communities. Pictured are Amy Bartling, Suzanne Starr-Kappes, Bob Wilcox, Pierre, Scott Swier, Jake Fischer, Scott Vanden Berge, Dave Lambert and Floyd Muntefering.

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