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Shutting it Down?

GOP Unity Frays As Shutdown Deadline Nears

BY DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON — A threatened government shutdown imminent, House Republicans scaled back their demands to delay the nation's health care law Monday night as the price for essential federal funding, but President Barack Obama and Democrats rejected the proposals as quickly as they were made.

"We're at the brink," said Sen. Barbara

Mikulski, D-Md.

On a long day and night in the Capitol, the Senate torpedoed one GOP attempt to tie government financing to changes in "Obamacare." House Republicans countered with a second despite unmistakable signs their unity was fraying — and Senate Democrats stood by to reject it, as well.

The stock market dropped on fears that political gridlock between the White House and a tea party-heavy Republican Party

would prevail, though analysts suggested significant damage to the national economy was unlikely unless a shutdown lasted more than a few days.

Still, a shutdown would send hundreds of thousands of workers home and inconvenience millions of people who rely on federal services or are drawn to the nation's parks



OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/MCT
Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) speaks at a press conference after a Republican Conference meeting in Washington on Monday.

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CORRECTION

The story in Saturday's *Press & Dakotan* regarding funding decisions by the state Board of Water and Natural Resources contained several errors. The length of the Yankton loan is 30 years. The amount for Freeman was \$158,000. The amount for Vermillion was \$225,000. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Don't Grow Complacent: Flu Season Is Coming

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Even though South Dakota led the nation in vaccinating its population against the flu last year, State Epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger said there is room for improvement during this year's flu season.

"For the past several years, we've had the highest (influenza vaccination rate) in the country or the second highest," Kightlinger said. "But saying that, it's still not 90 percent or 95 percent, we're still in the 50s."

According to a press release sent out by the South Dakota Department of Health last Friday, the state tied with Rhode Island for second in overall vaccination (57.6 percent) and first overall in adult vaccination (51.1 percent) in 2012. The Centers for Disease Control reports Massachusetts had the highest vaccination rate (57.5 percent) while Florida had the lowest rate at 34.1 percent.

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Infection Prevention Nurse Jan Johnson attributes the higher numbers, especially among Yankton area youth, to allowing them access to free vaccines.

"There's a lot of effort put forth by the Department of Health in that they provide free vaccine to children under the age of 18," Johnson said. "We have volunteer nurses that go out to the schools and help vaccinate children in the school system. We also run free clinics for children in Avera Sacred Heart that are

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Those Who Can, Teach



DEREK BARTOS/P&D
Bob Olson points out improvements needed in a beginning welder's work during a class last week at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton. Olson, who is a welding inspector at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI), teaches welding at both RTEC and KPI.

Veteran Local Welder Also Helps Train The Future

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of articles exploring Yankton's manufacturing industry during South Dakota Manufacturing Week.

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Unlike many educators, Bob Olson gets to see the fruits of his labor firsthand.

The American Welding Society certified welder, certified welding educator and certified welding inspector not only instructs welders in technique, but he also gets to work with many of his students once they enter the workforce.

Olson trains welders in Yankton at both Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI) and the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), and is also a welding inspector at KPI.

"People come in not knowing how to do it, and they catch on and go out and make a living with it," he said. "It's a change of life for them, and it's fun to watch."

Olson has been working for nearly 30 years at KPI, which manufactures equipment for the aggregate, construction, paving and recycling industries.



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tries. He began as a welding instructor and inspector, and he has worked with a variety of departments throughout his career, including engineering and service.

While he continues to educate workers and inspect welds, he also has taken on more responsibilities, and is currently in charge of many of KPI's machines and the consumable materials the company uses.

"I like doing those types of things. It's my life," Olson said. "Welding is so important, and it's always in demand. Think about all the stuff that's made from welding. The list just doesn't stop."

Several years ago, the instructor chose to expand his educational efforts by also teaching welding at Yankton High School through Southeast Technical Institute. When RTEC arrived in Yankton in 2004, he joined the organization.

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Guitar Man



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Cody Geary hits the frantic last chord during his guitar of his accompaniment to the song "Home," sung by the Yankton High School vocal group Acafellas, during Monday's annual "Evening With the Star" vocal show at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The YHS vocal groups explored musical changes in the show "Now and Then," featuring current songs as well as tunes as far back as the 19th century. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

SD Plan To Cut Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates Approved

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — A plan to reduce the tax rates charged for unemployment insurance in South Dakota moved forward Monday.

The state Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council voted to recommend a two-part approach that would save businesses about \$11 million total by the end of 2015.

The reserve ratios would be reduced for all employers who participate in the system. That means they would need a smaller amount of money per employee in their state accounts.

The plan also now calls for keeping the wage base at \$14,000, rather than go up in 2015 as currently scheduled in state law.

Businesses pay unemployment taxes based on the actual earnings of workers up to the \$14,000 wage level.

The council meets again Wednesday morning after state administrators have reviewed the latest version of the plan.

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Former Groseth Property Acquired

Plans Call For Retail Mini Mall, With New Verizon Store

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The former Groseth Motors site on the north side of Yankton will soon be the home of a retail development featuring Wireless World and other entities.

Vince Lubben of Lubben Properties, LLC, told the *Press & Dakotan* Monday that he purchased the approximately three-acre property from Cliff and Carol Groseth because he is convinced the northeast corner of 31st Street and Broadway Avenue is the best site in Yankton.

"In the retail world, it's the three important rules of location, location, location," he said. "I want this to be the nicest looking complex in Yankton. It's going to be first class. We want the people of Yankton to be proud it is part of their town."

Lubben calls the proposed development a "mini power strip center" that is more than a run-of-the-mill strip mall. He projects it will cost at least a couple million dollars to complete.

The development will be named Groseth Crossing in tribute to the Groseths, who owned the property for approximately 40 years.

The Groseths had not returned a message left by the *Press & Dakotan* as of press time Monday.

Three buildings will be constructed by next spring as part of phase one of the project. Two more buildings are also proposed for the site and will be built as soon as tenants can be found.

Lubben, of Sioux Falls, is an owner of 38 Wireless World locations in the region and has had an outlet in Yankton since 2000. The Wireless World is currently at 3013 Broadway Avenue in a strip mall near Wal-Mart.

"We're excited about this opportunity for us, our employees, our customers and Yankton," Lubben said, noting the new

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