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Lights Out



This sign adjacent to Gavins Point Dam near Yankton warns visitors of the closed areas because of the partial federal government shutdown. The stoppage began Tuesday when Congress could not agree on a spending bill and the federal funding came to a halt for a number of programs, activities and facilities.

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Area Feels Effects Of Government Shutdown

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The sound of silence proved deafening at a number of area sites Tuesday, the first day of the partial federal government shutdown.

The lapse of federal funding meant a halt to most or all services for the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

However, the U.S. Postal Service will keep delivering mail, Social Security beneficiaries will continue receiving checks and active military will continue serving their tour of duty.

In addition, health, safety and law-enforcement services are continuing for the Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U.S. attorney's offices and the Bureau of Prisons, including the Yankton Federal Prison Camp.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to operate the mainstem dams, including Gavins Point Dam at Yankton.

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In addition, the public can continue to access the Missouri River, according to Gary Ledbetter, natural resource manager for the Gavins Point project.

"The boat ramps aren't closed," he said. "The training dike is open for paddlefish season, and the boat ramp is open at the training dike into the river and the Nebraska tail-

waters into the river."

However, other Corps facilities will be curtailed or suspended during the federal shutdown, he said.

"Basically, the Cottonwood campgrounds and the Nebraska tail waters camping area are closed. Campers have until 8 p.m. (today, Wednesday) to vacate, and no new campers can check in," he said. "The Cottonwood Day Area is closed completely."

As best they can, Corps staff will post signs indicating its closed campgrounds, day use areas and shelters, Ledbetter said. "However, people can still access the river through the boat ramps and can still

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Camp Offers 'Test Drive' For Careers In Health Care

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High school students from across the area were given the chance to receive hands-on training in various careers of the medical field as Scrubs Camp returned to Yankton.

The camp, held at Avera Professional Office & Education Center Tuesday, was created as a way of giving prospective healthcare students a glimpse of the field they want to work in, according to Program Manager Bart Hallberg.

"About 2007, the idea was hatched for Scrubs Camps to give high school students an opportunity to learn more and experience careers in health care," Hallberg said. "This is an opportunity for kids to test-drive various healthcare positions as they near the end of high school and make decisions on whether they're going to college or tech school."

During the camp, students attended seminars run by SIM-SD, Lewis & Clark Orthopedic/Sports Medicine, Avera Sacred



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Students learn infection clearing techniques from representatives of the SDSU Doctor of Nursing Practitioners program during Tuesday's Scrubs Camp at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Heart Hospital Nutrition, South Dakota State University's Pharmacy and Doctor of Nursing Practitioner programs and the South Dakota

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County To Take Over E911 Addressing System

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In an effort to conserve funds, the Yankton County Commission decided Tuesday to have its staff do E911 addressing and charge an application fee for the process.

Currently, the county pays Planning and Development District III (PDIII) \$70 for every new address, and that has traditionally been funded using 911 surcharges.

However, the County Commission said Tuesday that the state 911 Coordination Board has decided that is no longer an allowable expense.

The commission believes that by bringing the work under its own roof it can cover the costs by charging a \$35 application fee. The work will be done by the Planning and Zoning Office, as well as the Department of Equalization.

"This has absolutely nothing to do with us being disappointed or not pleased with the planning district. I've been very happy with the service they've given us," Commissioner Mark Johnson said. "The only thing is the cost. The state has taken away our ability to utilize those funds that we receive from 911 surcharges to use for this purpose. We have to continue to try to keep our budget tight."

In discussions with PDIII, Johnson said he has been assured that it will assist Yankton County staff with attempts to become more self-sufficient.

"I'm going to try to hold them to their word," he stated.

The decision comes at a time when fissures have emerged be-

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Employees at Vishay Dale Electronics in Yankton assemble components to be used in medical implants.

Vishay Workers Focus On Small Parts For Big Picture

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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Knowing their creations will one day be used in a multitude of high-tech applications, production employees at Vishay Dale Electronics truly take their jobs to heart.

The Yankton manufacturer's products include inductors, transformers and specialty connectors, with applications ranging from medical implants (such as defibrillators and pacemakers) to computers to automobiles. Several products also are on the cutting edge of design, such as components used by the military.

"Our people are very good at their jobs and know how important they are," said Tim Butler, the plant's director of operations.

Community members got a chance to see the work of the plant's 200 direct labor employees firsthand Tuesday during an open house at the manufacturer's location on East Highway 50.

"People ask, 'What does a Vishay employee do?' Well, that all depends on what area you're talking about," Butler said.

For most of the direct labor employees, the day begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. During that time,



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Catch Of The Day



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The arrival of October may have shut down the government, but it opened up the fishing action in the tailwaters below Gavins Point Dam Tuesday as the annual paddlefish season open. Scores of anglers worked the waters to hook these prehistoric fish. Lisa Carda of Crofton, Neb., landed this keeper, which measured 49 1/2 inches from eye to the fork of the tail. The season runs through Halloween.