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Expanding In Yankton



State dignitaries, local officials and employees of Baldwin Filters were on hand to celebrate the facility's approximately \$28 million expansion ribbon cutting, held Thursday in Yankton. Shown cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the addition is Gov. Dennis Daugaard; Baldwin employees Brad Barta, Justin Curtis, Elizabeth Gellerman and Jackie Backer; and Sam Ferrise.

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Monte Gulick, plant manager of the Baldwin Filters' Yankton plant, addressed the crowd on hand Thursday for the ribbon-cutting of the new facility addition.

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Baldwin Filters Plans A \$28 Million Investment In Yankton Facility

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At a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first phase of Baldwin Filters' \$28 million investment in its Yankton facility, Gov. Dennis Daugaard praised the company for supporting jobs in America.

"I'm very pleased that Baldwin chose Yankton to enlarge their presence," Daugaard said as he stood in front of a new assembly line. "This is a company with an international presence, and they could have located elsewhere. But they chose Yankton, and they are doubling their footprint here."

Sam Ferrise, president of Baldwin Filters, acknowledged that a location in Mexico was considered.

"I wasn't a fan of that because I always

viewed the next step of this facility to have something like this," he said. "It's a testament to our employees here. We look for a long, continued success story here in South Dakota."

Ferrise thanked local and state officials for their help in making the Yankton expansion the best choice for the company.

Baldwin Filters is a member of the Franklin, Tenn.-based CLARCOR organization, which is a diversified marketer and manufacturer of mobile, industrial and environmental filtration products, and consumer and industrial packaging products sold in domestic and international markets.

Baldwin Filters has had a Yankton

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Unproductive And Unloved, Congress Heads Home

Congress Failed To Settle Agreements On Taxes, Defense, Spending, Farms And Post Office Policy To Name A Few

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WASHINGTON — The most disliked, unproductive Congress in decades planned to leave Washington this week until after the November election, departing without agreements on virtually every big issue it deals with: taxes, defense, spending, farms, even post office policy.

Lawmakers spent Thursday pointing fingers and charging opponents with cynical political posturing. Among Congress' last decisions was a characteristic 2012 judgment: Punt action until later. It will let the farm bill, a broad measure that sets the nation's agriculture and food and nutrition assistance policies, expire Sept. 30.

Congress also exits without any serious effort to edge away from the "fiscal cliff," the prospect of economy-damaging budget chaos if it doesn't act by year's end. Bush-era tax cuts are due to expire, and automatic spending cuts will take effect unless alternatives are passed.

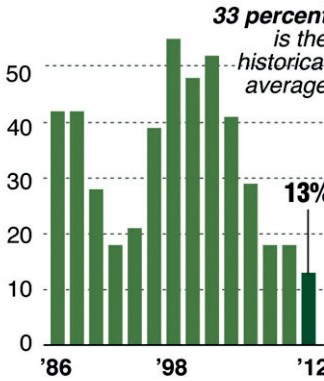
The public is noticing, as the legislative failures stir uncertainty and further roil an already-weak economy. This Congress' approval ratings were stuck at 13 percent in a Gallup survey Sept. 6-9, the lowest the pollster has ever logged this late

ELECTION 2012

How low can they go?

The approval rating of the U.S. Congress in 2012 could be the lowest ever in an election year; the trend:

• Congressional job approval rating in election years



When there has been a high turnover of seats

• Low job approval in months leading up to Election Day

• Election is after redistricting of all 435 seats following the Census; 1992, 100 new members elected; in 2002, 53

Source: Gallup poll of 1,017 adults, Sept. 6-9, 2012; margin of error: +/-4 percentage points
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Road Connection Makes Final Stop At Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.

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One year ago, the Road Connection hit the highway with a mission.

The grassroots, nonpartisan advocacy campaign set out in a truck to bring awareness to deteriorating roads and bridges and to secure more federal infrastructure funding.

After visiting 39 states and racking up more than 35,000 miles, the truck made its final stop Thursday at the Road Connection Rally at the Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI) factory in Yankton, its mission a success. Along with the initiative's main sponsors — Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., and its sister companies: Johnson Crushers International, Inc., and Astec Mobile Screens — hundreds gathered at the rally to celebrate the campaign and MAP-21, a two-year, \$105 billion federal highway bill that was signed into law in July.

"I want to thank Kolberg-Pioneer for hosting this rally and for your leadership in or-

ganizing the Road Connection that got together other companies like you to go to congress and hold Congress' feet to the fire and say, 'Let's get a real bill passed,'" said Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who attended the event along with several other local and state politicians.

Hitting the road for the campaign were Curt Peterka, advertising manager of KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens, and Andrew Gillman, mobile journalist with Performance Marketing in Des Moines, Iowa. The two promoted increased awareness about infrastructure funding around the country at KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens distributors, tradeshows and other events. They also made impromptu stops at construction sites, state capitols and mall parking lots to help spread the word.

In addition to the road tour, KPI-JCI also launched an intense social media campaign that resulted in nearly 4,000 Facebook fans,

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Mark Tacke watches the bowling ball take out a pin during the forklift bowling contest at Sapa Extrusions' Safety Day festivities Thursday. Each contestant had to operate a forklift through a tight maze before rolling the ball off a platform and toward the wooden pins.

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Sapa Holds Annual Health And Safety Day

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Focusing on the great strides the company has made in safety during the past two years, Sapa North America held its annual health and safety day Thursday at locations around the continent, including Yankton.

The company's 58 extrusion presses in North America were shut down for the day, and its 4,500 employees attended fairs offering training and information to improve on-the-job safety, as well as their health and well-being.

Despite the progress company-wide, it was noted that the Yankton plant is currently trying to overcome some safety lapses. Special guest Gov. Dennis

Daugaard was on hand for the Yankton event to praise Sapa North America's commitment to the well-being of its employees, as well as meet privately with company officials to discuss the opportunities third rail transit systems present for the aluminum extrusion industry.

"We stop the company once a year and stand back and reflect on all the achievements we've made and the challenges we have going forward," Sapa Extrusions North America President Patrick Lawlor said during a presentation to those in attendance. "For me, safety is the foundation of the organization. We can't run extrusion presses

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