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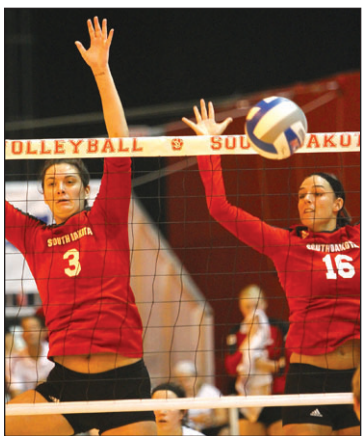


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**S.D. Preps
For Health
Exchange**

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — South Dakota is letting the federal government set up its insurance marketplace under President Barack Obama's health insurance overhaul, but state officials and organizations charged with getting the word out have been busy preparing for Tuesday's start of open enrollment.

South Dakota is one of 36 states letting the feds run the health exchanges, and technical staff has been spending a lot of time trying to get state and federal computers talking to each other, said Eric Matt, a policy adviser to Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Matt said unclear federal regulations, numerous last-minute changes, inadequate testing on the federal side and postponed deadlines have made that a challenge.

"We'll see how it works," he said. "I'd be shocked if it was glitch-free."

The online marketplaces will be a place where people can buy health insurance as part of the effort to reduce

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It's Zero Hour In D.C.

Democrats, Republicans Trade Blame As Shutdown Nears

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the government teetering on the brink of partial shutdown, congressional Republicans vowed Sunday to keep using an otherwise routine federal funding bill to try to attack the president's health care law.

Congress was closed for the day after a post-midnight vote in the GOP-run House to delay by a year key parts of the new health care law and repeal a tax on medical devices, in exchange for avoiding a

shutdown. The Senate was to convene Monday afternoon, just hours before the shutdown deadline, and Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had already promised that majority Democrats would kill the House's latest volley.

Since the last government shutdown 17 years ago, temporary funding bills known as continuing resolutions have been noncontroversial, with neither party willing to chance a shutdown to achieve legislative goals it couldn't otherwise win. But with health insurance exchanges set to open on Tuesday, tea-party Republicans are willing to take the

risk in their drive to kill the health care law.

Action in Washington was limited mainly to the Sunday talk shows and a barrage of press releases as Democrats and Republicans rehearsed arguments for blaming each other if the government in fact closes its doors at midnight Monday.

"You're going to shut down the government if you can't prevent millions of Americans from getting affordable care," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

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Dust, Rust And Diamonds In The Rough



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Thousands of people journeyed to Pierce, Neb., this past weekend to take in the sale of nearly 500 vehicles that were part of the now-closed Lambrecht Chevrolet dealership. It was estimated that people were on hand from every state in the U.S., as well as from at least seven countries.

**Thousands Flock To Northeast
Nebraska For Vintage Car Auction**

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PIERCE, Neb. — Rumors of celebrity appearances from the likes of Jay Leno and Tim Allen swirled around this small northeast Nebraska town of 1,700 during the weekend.

Such possible sightings matter little to Tom Lord. No, to the resident of Tulsa, Okla., the real highlights were the rusted, battered vehicles that littered the giant, 80-acre field.

"It's one of those things that if I had a bucket list, this would be on it," Lord said Saturday afternoon during the Lambrecht Car Auction in Pierce.

Car enthusiasts from every state in the United States, as well as at least seven countries, converged on Pierce for the two-day auction that featured nearly 500 vehicles from the now-closed Lambrecht Chevrolet dealership.

The biggest draw? A handful of the vehicles, ranging from trucks to sedans, had fewer than 10 original miles. One, a 1958 Chevy Cameo pickup with under two miles, sold Saturday for \$140,000.

Lord and friend, Felix De Geyter of Broken Arrow, Okla., were among the approximately 10,000 people from across the globe — some came from as far away as China and



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

These attendees at the Lambrecht Chevrolet car sale Saturday study this vintage vehicle before it was put on the auction block.

New Zealand — either bidding on vehicles or simply there for the experience.

"It's so massive, it's hard to describe," said De Geyter,

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In this archive photo, a Yankton High School student works on welding skills during an Industrial Manufacturing and Fabrication class at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC). The high school training introduces kids to the skilled trade. Welders are in high demand in Yankton and the surrounding area.

Playing A Large Role

**Local Employment In
Manufacturing Almost
Double The State Average**

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of articles that will explore Yankton's manufacturing industry during South Dakota Manufacturing Week.

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When it comes to the manufacturing sector, Yankton County is above average.

According to the Labor Market Information Center of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, in an area that encompasses Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson and Yankton counties, the percentage of jobs in manufacturing exceeds the state percentage by almost 10 percent. Among privately-owned establishments in those



counties, 21.4 percent of the jobs are in manufacturing, compared to 12.5 percent for the state as a whole. In Yankton County specifically, the number is even higher — 23.8 percent.

"Yankton's manufacturing community is very unique," said Lacey Johnson, the Department of Labor and Regulation's (DLR) Yankton office manager. "There are a wide range of products made, from vehicle filters that make our cars run every day to precision-machined aluminum aircraft components. Not only does the Yankton manufacturing sector produce a wide range of products, but they differ in many areas. For an example, Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc., employees are working with objects smaller than a dime, and Kolberg-Pioneer employees are dealing with large mining/construction equipment."

It's because of the local prevalence of manufacturing

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**Report:
Gambling
Struggled
Before
Ban On
Smoking**

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Past and current members of the South Dakota Lottery Commission and its administrators, as well as those involved in Deadwood casinos, have consistently held that the smoking ban South Dakota voters placed on alcohol establishments in 2010 would and did cut into gambling revenue at video lottery establishments and Deadwood casinos. But a new report shows that video lottery's difficulties began years earlier.

Video lottery revenue began to stagnate in 2005-2006 and actually dropped in the two years before the ban began. The ban accelerated a trend that was already under way. Video lottery's share of South Dakota's gambling market stood at 60.7 percent in 2002 and by 2012 had fallen to 42.2 percent.

During that same decade, documented play at Deadwood casinos and estimated play at tribal casinos doubled. Their market shares grew: Deadwood from 19.4 percent to 25.6 percent; and tribal casinos from 16.4 percent to 26.5 percent.

Video lottery also lost some market share to other South Dakota Lottery products. Scratch tickets nearly doubled in sales and jackpot lotto sales did double. Their shares likewise went up: scratch tickets from 1.5 percent to 2.4 percent; and lotto tickets from 2.1 percent to 3.3 percent.

The report by Union Gaming Analytics, a Las Vegas-based company, was delivered last week to the South Dakota Lottery Commission. It is the deepest look at video lottery since the electronic poker, blackjack, keno and bingo games became legal in 1989.

Lottery officials wanted the study because they sought a detailed map of the current market, including competition from neighboring states, as well as a blueprint for possible changes that can be made in the next few years to increase video lottery's revenue to the state treasury and to the businesses that own and manage the terminals.

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