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City Tax Revenue Flat

Receipts Low, But So Is Unemployment Rate

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Six months into 2013, Yankton has flat sales tax revenue but low unemployment.

Sales tax receipts through June were \$4.19 million, or .1 percent ahead of the same period last year.

Sales tax figures for the city at the end of

2012 were 7.2 percent ahead of 2011, aided in part by a 6.9 percent increase in retail trade believed to have been spurred largely by the opening of Menards in April.

"I think the sales tax figures look a little bit worse than last year's numbers primarily because of the grand opening of Menards," City Manager Amy Nelson said. "Whenever you have a grand opening of a major retailer, the initial

year is strong, and then the numbers taper. I think we are seeing some of that occur here in Yankton. I expect that sales tax revenue will pick up in the second half of the year, but remain cautiously optimistic."

Yankton's percentage change in sales tax revenue during the first six months is on the lower end of what other large South Dakota cities are experiencing, according to South Dakota Department of Revenue data. Brookings is 10 percent

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Something New At SAC



COURTESY PHOTO

The gym floor at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton received a considerable makeover this summer. The floor was sanded, recoated and painted, giving the surface a brand new look.

Summit Activities Center Gym Gets \$26K Makeover

BY DEREK BARTOS

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If you plan on attending events at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center gym this fall, be prepared for things to look a little different.

Gone are the senescent Riverboat logo, faded lines and yellow tint that marked the gym's floor — replaced by a refinished surface and new graphics.

"If you are a regular that comes to any kind of activities at our gym, you're going to notice it immediately," said Yankton School District (YSD) activities director Ryan Mors. "It looks really sharp."

During the summer, the school district had both wood gym floors of the activities center completely sanded down, recoated and repainted.

Work began on the auxiliary gym floor in late May, followed by the primary competition gym floor in July. Each floor took approximately three weeks to complete, with an additional week needed for the finish to cure. The primary gym's floor is currently in the curing phase and should be ready for use sometime next week.



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The new color scheme for the Summit Activities Center gym features black free throw lanes and red mascot logos.

Athletic Performance Solutions of Oak Park Heights, Minn., performed the work at a cost of \$26,424.

According to YSD buildings and ground super-

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Experts

Health Risks Higher From Packaged Greens

BY DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The outbreak of a stomach bug two states have linked to bagged salad came as little surprise to food safety experts, who say the process of harvesting, washing and packaging leafy greens provides numerous opportunities for contamination.

Although nutritionists stress the chances of getting sick from vegetables are low compared to the dangers of a diet without them, packaged salads heighten the risk because leaves from several batches often are mixed together.

"The washing and comingling of different batches of lettuce means a hazard that may appear in one field can show up in lots of bags of lettuce because of the common bath," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of the food safety program for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer health advocacy organization based in Washington.

Officials in Iowa and Nebraska say a packaged salad mix containing iceberg and romaine lettuce, carrots and red cabbage was infected with cyclospora, a parasite blamed for sickening 397 people in 16 states. It's not clear whether the produce also was to blame for the outbreak in the other states.

Last year the Food and Drug Administration issued more than 20 recalls for packaged salads, romaine lettuce or spinach. Most were due to tests finding listeria or E. coli bacteria, both of which can cause serious illness.

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CORRECTION

Due to a shipping issue, the August edition of *Spry*, which was scheduled to run in Thursday's *Press & Dakotan*, was not available for inclusion in that issue. It will be rescheduled as soon as it arrives. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Region's Economic Index Declines

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The economy in nine Midwest and Plains states is likely to grow in the coming months, a monthly survey predicted Thursday, even though the overall index declined for a fourth straight month.

The overall economic index for the region declined to 53.5 in July from June's 55.6, but any score above 50 suggests growth.

Creighton University econ-

omist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, said the index indicates the regional economy will continue to add jobs, but at a slow pace.

"Companies with ties to the U.S. farm economy and to international markets are reporting much softer business conditions," Goss said. "This will show up in the broader regional economy in the next three to six months."

The survey of business

leaders and supply managers covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. It uses a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100.

The employment index increased to 55.3 in July from 53.7 in June, but still fell well below the 59.3 seen in May and 60.7 in April.

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Battle For Best Bunny

Judge Becky Whitlock inspects the New Zealand Senior Buck entry from Curtis Nelsen (right) during the rabbit show at the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days, which kicked off Thursday at the 4-H Grounds in Yankton. Nelsen won a blue ribbon with this entry. Achievement Days runs through Sunday, with contestants vying to qualify for the South Dakota State Fair in Huron later this month. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

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