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# Summer Sales Dip

## Despite Busy Month, June Revenue For Yankton Drops

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Despite a busy June, Yankton saw a small dip in its sales tax numbers versus the same time last year. However city officials aren't sweating it.

The June report showed a total sales tax income of \$791,322 versus \$799,073 for a 0.97 percent drop.

City Manager Amy Nelson said ultimately the city is still well ahead of where they were this time last year as a whole.

"We're up overall for the year," Nelson said.

"We're up 5.48 percent."

Nelson said while the report is for the month

of June, it doesn't tell the full story of a month that featured a number of major sporting tournaments and part of the busy tourist season.

"There was a slight fluctuation in June's numbers," she said. "June's numbers don't technically cover all of June.

They're the last half of May and the first part of June, so we don't really get a full picture of June until later on in the summer months."

Nelson added that other numbers indicate that this is merely a fluctuation and that another



Nelson

boost is anticipated with the next report.

"A lot of people have asked me, 'Well, with so much going on in town, how could we have taken a step back here with the sales tax?'" she said. "If you look at the BBB, which is the bed, board and booze (tax), it was up 11.36 percent. That tells me that we're going in the right direction and things are moving the right way. I think we'll see stronger numbers in our next report, which should be coming out, I would hope, next week some time."

She added that she expects the second half

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## Beating Back The Flames



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Yankton fire crews battle a blaze that broke out at Sapa Extrusions' Yankton plant around 4:15 p.m. Monday. A cause has yet to be determined, but no injuries were reported to either employees or firefighters.

# Crews Contain Blaze At Sapa

Firefighters From Yankton And  
Gayville Battle Fire In Paint Area

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Fire crews from Yankton and Gayville were dispatched Sapa Extrusions in Yankton around 4:15 p.m. Monday after a large fire broke out in a paint room.

Yankton deputy fire chief Larry Nickles told the *Press & Dakotan* plant employees had attempted to extinguish the blaze, but the fire moved too quickly.

"When we arrived on scene, we had heavy smoke coming out of the center of the building in the paint room area," Nickles said. "Workers from Sapa had tried to fight the fire in the paint room, but were pushed back by smoke. The sprinklers did activate and tried to put the fire out — that did help keep it in check."

Nickles said once crews were inside, the support of a ladder truck was necessary.

"Our first entry crews were able to get a knock-down on the fire, but the fire was well above them as there's 20-plus foot ceilings in there," he said. "Sapa has put to use the ladder truck on the exterior roof area when the fire broke out through the roof on the stack area."

He added that the fire was mostly contained to a single area.

"The whole fire, and a majority of the smoke damage, is in the paint room area," he said. "Sapa has put their crews together and they're trying to get everything fired back up to get back into business except for that paint room. ... Right now, the way it's looking,

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PHOTO: ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ

City maintenance man Leo Holzbauer recently purchased the Onion House from Bob and Jan Schuh, Scottsdale, Ariz. The Onion House, a Delmont landmark, was damaged in the May 10 tornado and there had been rumors that the structure would be torn down. However, Holzbauer, who has fond memories of the Onion House from his boyhood, said he just couldn't see the building being removed from Delmont and he stepped in with an offer to buy it. He will be doing much of the repair work himself, and he said Mayor Mae Gunnare assured him the city had no timeline for completing the repairs.

## Delmont

# The 'Onion House' Is Saved

Local Man Purchases Landmark House Damaged In May Tornado

BY ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ  
P&D Correspondent

DELMONT — Delmont's landmark structure, the Onion House, is in the hands of a new owner who wants to restore it from the damage incurred by the May 10 tornado.

Leo Holzbauer, Wagner, said he has purchased the famed Onion House because he wanted to see it remain: "I didn't want to see it go down; it meant more to me than that."

Bob and Jan Schuh, Scottsdale, Arizona, the most recent owners, had been uninterested in repairing the damage and while visiting here had entertained offers from several in the community. Bob Schuh is a Delmont native. Rumors were rampant, but in the end it was Holzbauer who stepped up to the plate.

Holzbauer, who is the city's maintenance man, said he

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## Crofton

# New Rules Adopted Amid Inquiry

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CROFTON, Neb. — The City of Crofton will follow a new set of rules for handling city funds and operations following Monday night's regular meeting.

The council took the action with the discovery of alleged irregularities in the reporting of city operations.

At this time, the Crofton council has focused on passing the series of policy statements and not discussing former city clerk Nancy Foxhoven or her job performance, according to Interim City

Manager Charlie Gail Hendrix.

Foxhoven recently retired after serving 26 years in the clerk position.

The city will continue with its review team conducting an investigation into city operations, Hendrix told the *Press & Dakotan*.

The review committee is headed by City Attorney Daniel Hendrix and Interim City Manager Charlie Gail Hendrix. The committee is made up of persons with law enforcement, accountancy, government and law backgrounds.

The committee has concentrated on four areas of concern:

- bank accounts;
- general accounting practices;
- utility payments;
- payroll and time keeping.

During Monday's meeting, the council also passed operating policies related to the appointment of a city manager/administrator and the description of duties for that office.

The new policies dictate that the city clerk shall not be the city treasurer.

In addition, the Crofton council has

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