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Yankton Revenue Soars

City Sees A Healthy Rebound In July Tax Receipts



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In June, the City of Yankton posted a small slump in revenues versus the same time last year.

But it was a much different story in July when the city posted its best month in at least three years.

According to a release from the City of Yankton, the city took in \$862,407 — an increase of 8.76 percent over the same month last year. By contrast, the city brought in \$791,322 in the month of June,

or .97 percent lower than that month in 2014.

Yankton City Manager Amy told the *Press & Dakotan* that while there haven't been any significant changes in the past month, the area has seen activity that has helped drive sales up.

"I don't know that any conditions changed, per se, but I would say that things overall are happening in the community that are moving sales tax in a positive direction overall," Nelson said.

This marks only the fourth month over the last three years in which the city

broke \$800,000 in sales tax revenue. Three of those months have occurred in 2015.

Nelson said while she's unsure if this is a record overall, it's a great sign.

"We've certainly had a lot of events going on, and our businesses are giving us indications that they're doing well," she said. "All of that contributes to sales tax."

Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* earlier this month one of the factors behind

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Officials Look To Contain Invasive Species

BY DIRK LAMMERS
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SIOUX FALLS — An invasive species of mollusks seen sporadically in the Dakotas in past years is establishing a population in two river systems — but state officials hope to prevent the zebra mussels from spreading to other reservoirs.

Zebra mussels of multiple sizes were found recently on boats moored in South Dakota's Lewis and Clark Lake, a Missouri River reservoir in the southeastern part of the state. The mussels, which clog intake pipes and compete for algae, surely will work their way downstream, but state officials are increasing their boat inspections to prevent the nuisance critters from hitching rides upstream or into other waterways.

The population appears to be exploding in Lewis and Clark Lake since a single mussel was found on a removed dock in November 2014, said Mike Smith, statewide aquatic invasive species coordinator for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department.

"Before, we just had the one," Smith said. "Now we know for sure that we have a reproducing population on the lake."

Last month, North Dakota's Game and Fish Department found a significant number of zebra mussel larvae called veligers in the Red River north of Wahpeton. Fred Ryckman, the department's aquatic nuisance species coordinator, said 3- to 4-day-old veligers have been found in several spots along the north-flowing river, suggesting a sizeable adult population.

"What's surprising is that they went from next to nothing to this year just being tremendously abundant."

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A Memorable Gift



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Members of the Yankton Kiwanis Club gather for their meeting on Tuesday to announce that an endowment fund be established to benefit Yankton High School's math and science departments. The club will continue to grow the fund and disperse a designated amount to YHS annually. (Left to Right): Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindel, Yankton Kiwanis Club Treasurer Dan Rafferty, Yankton Kiwanis Club President Teresa Rentsch, Granddaughter of Don Modereger, Staci Stengle and South Dakota Community Foundation Director of Development Jeff Veltkamp.

Fund To Assist YHS, Math, Science Students

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The Yankton Kiwanis Club (YKC), along with the family of the late Don Modereger, signed an agreement on Tuesday to establish a fund for the math and science departments of Yankton High School.

The club has created an endowment fund with the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF). These funds will provide an ongoing revenue stream for students in the years to come.

The agency is responsible for creating a larger investment and a steady withdrawal over time so that the endowment truly keeps on giving.

"At the community foundation, it is our mission to promote philanthropy around the state."

JEFF VELTKAMP

"It certainly means a lot to me and for the kids in the math and science departments moving forward," said Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindel. "They have an opportunity to receive something, long after I'm gone, for kids in the future."

Modereger was a long-time member, past president of the YKC and a lieutenant governor for the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Along with the donation from the YKC, members of the Modereger family have also made a donation to the fund.

"Through his (Modereger's) efforts and efforts of the club, we try to recognize and donate to the programs that benefit the community youth in our area," said YKC Treasurer Dan Rafferty.

With a donation from the Modereger family, as well as the investment from the YKC, a total of \$3,000 was initially establishing into the fund.

Modereger's granddaughter, Staci Stengle, was present Tuesday to express her appreciation.

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Coming Up

Bash Sets Sail To Aid Special Olympics

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It's time to weigh anchor on this weekend's ninth annual Bash to the Colonies Regatta sponsored by Lewis and Clark Resort.

The Bash to the Colonies is a philanthropic sailing event that raises money for the Special Olympics of South Dakota.

"It is a weekend of giving back," said event coordinator and resort owner Jeff Wahl. "People want to donate; they just need a conduit to help out."

The idea for the event began with Wahl's love for sailing and a special connection to the Special Olympics. The first year, 2007, the race was a "no donation" event and completely sponsored



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton residents prepare to sail towards some friendly competition for a good cause. The ninth annual Bash to the Colonies event will take place this weekend and features a weekend of boat races and activities all to benefit the Special Olympics of South Dakota.

by the Lewis & Clark Resort, boats participating. By the second year,

Wahl's eldest daughter, Nicole, was contacted by the then-new president of the Special Olympics of South Dakota, Darryl Nordquist, and asked to help with fundraising.

The Wahl family had a special connection to the Special Olympics. Wahl's youngest daughter Brandi was born handicapped, and she competed in everything from gymnastics to running and the long-jump.

"The Special Olympics was really near and dear to her heart," Wahl said. "After she passed away, we decided, as a family, to keep the torch going."

That second year, they decided that the Bash to

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Freeman Seeks Football Partner

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FREEMAN — After dropping its varsity football program, the Freeman Public school district is seeking the state's permission for Freeman players to compete for Canistota or Menno-Marion, in that order of preference.

By a 3-2 vote, the Freeman school board decided at Tuesday night's special meeting to make the request of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA).

Freeman board members Kerry Hofer, Mark Miller and Laverne Diede voted for the motion, while Corey Gall and Cory Schrag voted against it.

Gall cast a simple "no" vote, while Schrag said he could support going with Canistota but felt Menno-Marion offered the better choice at this time.

The SDHSAA is scheduled to take up the matter at Thursday's meeting in Pierre.

The Freeman request seeks to attach its 10 players to either program, with Canistota as the first preference. Should the SDHSAA board reject Canistota for any reason, the Freeman district is then asking for consideration of the Menno-

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