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Slow Speed Ahead?

June Economic Report Show Slow Growth For Midwest

By The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Data from a June survey echo previous signs that slower economic growth likely lays ahead for nine Midwestern and Plains states, according to a report released Wednesday.

The report said the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index rose to 53.0 last month from 50.4 in May.

“Much weaker business conditions for firms tied to energy are restraining the overall reading,” said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey. “Weaker conditions were particularly evident in Oklahoma and North Dakota, two energy-producing states. This weakness is spilling over into metal manufacturers throughout the region.”

The survey results from supply managers were compiled into a collection of indexes

ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Looking ahead six months, the business confidence index rose to 59.9 from May's 58.3.

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ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

Members of the “We Love To Bowl League” crowd the lanes as they celebrate 10 years of bowling in a league of their own.

Bowling League Rolls Its Own Strikes

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A special bowling league in Yankton will end its season with a tournament celebration next week. The “We Love To Bowl” (WL2B) league, which is made up mostly of bowlers with developmental disabilities, is set to hold its annual tournament July 7 at the Yankton Bowl & Family Fun Center.

With all the looks of a bowling league and none of the rules, the WL2B league began its faithful journey 10 years ago when Ability Building Services (ABS) employee, Jody Sailer saw a need for a fun activity for people with developmental disabilities.

“We always try to make sure our individuals get out into the community as much as possible,” said Sailer. “It is great exercise for them.”

After watching people compete in the bowling portion of the Special Olympics, Sailer saw a lot of people who wanted to bowl but didn't want to conform to the rules of leagues and competition. Also, the Special Olympics only lasted for four weeks and people needed something fun to do between basketball and softball season.

“It is definitely not like a regular bowling

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Authorities Investigate Wagner Shooting

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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WAGNER — A 22-year-old Wagner man has been shot following an altercation early Wednesday morning with multiple persons on the town's South Main Street.

Donovan Patterson, a resident in South Tribal Housing, was shot at approximately 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday during the altercation, according to Charles Mix County Sheriff Randy Thaler.

The altercation involved “several individuals,” the sheriff said in a news release.

Patterson sustained a gunshot wound to his lower abdomen and was treated at Wagner Community Hospital, Thaler said.

Patterson was subsequently flown to a Sioux Falls hospital for further medical treatment.

The incident remains under investigation by the Wagner Police Department and the Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office.

Wagner Police Chief Tim Simonsen was out of the office Wednesday afternoon and was not available for comment to the *Press & Dakotan*. He

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A Royal Triumph

University Of South Dakota Student Takes The Crown As Miss SD

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE

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VERMILLION — Growing up in Hot Springs, Autumn Simunek, a senior at the University of South Dakota (USD), always knew that she loved the Miss America and more closely the Miss South Dakota pageant.

However, this weekend that love was turned into a crowning moment as she reached one of her ultimate goals: being named Miss South Dakota.

“Originally, I am from Hot Springs, where the pageant has been held for 69 straight years,” Simunek said in an interview with the Plain Talk. “I grew up in this organization. I have been a part of it for more than 15 years of my life. I looked up to the women who competed, these independent, intelligent, strong women. Then I realized I wanted to compete in the pageants. I won the Miss South Dakota Outstanding Teen title when I was 14 and knew from then on out that I wanted to become Miss South Dakota.”

Simunek was crowned Miss South Dakota 2015 last month. Her platform is “5 Stars For Serving Those Who Served.” For her talent, she performed

the classic pop vocal “Hallelujah.” Simunek is the second former Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen in a row to go on to win the title of Miss South Dakota.

“This year was my fifth year competing, so it took me awhile to get there, but in the end with determination, perseverance and patience I was able to win the title of Miss South Dakota,” she said. “The scholarships were a huge reason I wanted to win the Miss South Dakota title, it is a huge component in the Miss American Organization. In order to pursue my education at the University of South Dakota it was extremely important for me to have scholarships and I am going to be able to graduate, after I am done with my student teaching next year, completely debt free.”

Throughout the week-long pageant Simunek had great success.

Simunek won the preliminary talent award Thursday night. She also won the \$1,000 Miss America Community Service Award, Top Fund-raiser Award, State Quality of Life Scholarship,



COURTESY PHOTO

University of South Dakota senior Autumn Simunek was crowned Miss South Dakota 2015 recently in Hot Springs. Simunek will represent South Dakota at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City in September.

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Vermillion Voters Stay The Course

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VERMILLION — As 1,206 Vermillion voters made their way to the voting booth on Tuesday, the overwhelming feeling was nobody was sure how they were going to vote. The decision? Keep both ordinances approved by the Vermillion City Council on the books.

MALT BEVERAGE ORDINANCE

While the bonds for the Prentiss Park Pool Project were overwhelmingly approved by voters last November, there was no guarantee that they would choose to keep the ordinance allowing the city to collect an extra 5 percent on the wholesale costs of malt beverages sold in the community on the books.

In the end, the voters' decision was to keep the ordinance with 63 percent of the vote, 445-761.

The following is how the Wards voting broke down.

Northeast Ward: 37-Yes, 71-No

Central Ward: 57-Yes, 145-No

Northwest Ward: 165-Yes, 137-No

Southeast Ward: 186-Yes, 408-No

Steve Ward, who represents the Southeast Ward on the Vermillion City Council, said he was very pleased by Tuesday's turnout.

“I think the turnout was the

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OF 15TH STREET