

# PLAIN TALK

Volume 129, Issue 31  
USPS 657-720

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

PROVIDING ORIGINAL CONTENT SINCE 1884 | WWW.PLAINTALK.NET

75¢



Post 1 State Tournament Results  
Page 8



COURTESY PHOTO

Mackenzie and Josie Huber held a scholarship raising blood drive on Tuesday, and by all accounts went above and beyond. The pair helped organize a blood drive that had more than 70 registrants and 65 donated units of blood, which will in turn help close to 200 people.

## Donating For A Good Cause

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
shauna.marlette@plaintalk.net

Humbling and heartwarming. Two words used by Mackenzie Huber and Josie Huber to express the outpouring of blood donations Tuesday in Vermillion.

The event organized by the Hubers for the LifeServe Blood Center which serves South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa communities.

"It was just humbling and heartwarming to see people willing to give a part of their day to sit with a needle in their arm for however long it took them to donate – especially since nobody likes needles," Mackenzie said. "We were just so honored and happy to be a part of it."

Last summer the Hubers received an email from a friend telling them about the opportunity to host a summer blood drive with the opportunity to earn a \$750 scholarship for their education. The girls discussed the program and decided they were willing to take on the challenge. The goal, have more than 50 units of blood donated to earn the scholarship which would be split equally between them.

To say that the results were outstanding would be an understatement.

More than 70 people registered to donate blood and 65 units were collected, said Rachel Fernandez, territory representative of LifeServe Blood Center.

"The day went just fabulous,"

she said. "With the 65 units donated nearly 200 lives will be saved. We say three lives are saved by each donation."

Fernandez said the scholarship program is open to anyone in the service area of LifeServe, they just need to be willing to take the challenge.

"Any senior or college age student can host for the opportunity to earn the \$750 scholarship," she said. "We try to schedule them between Memorial Day and Labor Day and then the month around Christmas. So, the number of scholarships is only limited by the scheduling during those months. Of course we don't try to schedule to many in any one area."

HUBER | PAGE 13

## CAFO Public Hearing Highlights Community Concerns

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
shauna.marlette@plaintalk.net

Approximately 50 people attended the final Clay County Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing held on Monday, July 27, on proposed changes to the Clay County Ordinances to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and Animal Feeding Operations (AFO).

The proposed changes, which have been under consideration for more than a year primarily focus on removing changes made in 2013 to the ordinances originally adopted in 2005.

Toby Brown, land use planner for South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) explained to the group that the majority of the changes being considered are to remove changes made in 2013 which removed AFO information from the CAFO ordinances.

"The first change is to the definition," Brown explained. "We are adding back in the AFO definition which will bring us in alignment with the administrative definition established by state statutes. Essentially this is bringing us back to the 2005 definition."

He added that the majority of the proposed changes to the ordinances are a result of adding AFOs back to the books.

One major change to the new ordinances, if adopted, would eliminate the Small B category and eliminate small AFO and small CAFOs from having to apply for a conditional use permit from the county.

Brown said that all of the limits of number of animals designating which size op-



Shauna Marlette/ For The Plain Talk  
A public hearing held this week to discuss potential changes to the Clay County CAFO Ordinances was met with strong public opposition. Pictured is Toby Brown highlighting the potential changes.

eration a CAFO/AFO would be classified as stayed the same except for dairy cow operations where the limit for a large CAFO would be expanded to 5,600.

The changes proposed Monday, reflect less ambitious changes to the ordinance, which were presented at a public hearing in April. They included: changing the definition of a CAFO to align with state regulations; changing the classifications from small, medium and large to class A, B and C; eliminating the cap on the size of CAFOs allowed

CAFO | PAGE 13

## Mold Not At Fault

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF  
randy.dockendorf@yankton.net

VERMILLION – Poor ventilation – not mold – is causing health problems for some persons using a University of South Dakota building, a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) team said Wednesday.

"The most bang for your buck would be to improve ventilation," said Dr. Elena Page, a physician who led the team, during a news conference.

The federal experts spent three days at USD this week. The team evaluated the condition of Noteboom Hall, built in the 1950s, following complaints the building is making some people sick.

The team members are from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), an arm of the CDC dealing with health hazards in the workplace. Page was joined on the team by industrial hygienists Gregory Burr and Kendra Broadwater.

University officials believe the building is safe, but they requested NIOSH do a scientific appraisal of the building after some employees filed injury reports with the state, according to a USD news release. Complaints have ranged from respiratory problems to hair loss.

"Over the past year, we have offered to move individuals to offices in other buildings but, for a number of reasons, all but one have chosen to stay in Noteboom," USD Provost Jim Moran said in a news release.

The NIOSH team met Wednesday morning with USD President James Abbott to discuss their findings. Abbott has said future use of Noteboom

MOLD | PAGE 13

## Ready And Waiting: USD Preps For New School Year

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
shauna.marlette@plaintalk.net

According to University of South Dakota (USD) Dean of Students Kim Grieve the school is ready and waiting to welcome the next class of students to the university. However, she admits a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to get to this point.

"We are all excited for students to come back," she said. "We have been working all summer to provide

SCHOOL | PAGE 13



SHAUNA MARLETTE/ FOR THE PLAIN TALK  
USD has been preparing all summer for the new School year and Dean Kim Grieve says the school is ready.

## Clay County Fair Ready To Entertain

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
shauna.marlette@plaintalk.net

The Clay County Agricultural Fair is set to kick off on Thursday, August 6 and behind the scenes the volunteer board is busy preparing the annual event.

Sharron Jensen said the board began their preparations as soon as last year's event was finished.

Special events planned include inflatables, music, kids tractor pulls, barnyard Olympics, crowning the fair princess, a ranch rodeo, a vendor fair and the annual demolition derby, not to mention 4-H and Open Class exhibits on display for judging.

"It is just a great three-day event that the entire family can enjoy," Jensen said. "There is something for everyone and we encourage everyone to come out and take part."

While the fair itself will not begin officially until Thursday, Open class registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4 and 4-H registration will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 4-7 p.m.

Then on Thursday the fun will begin.

The inflatables will be open from 1-8 p.m. on Thursday, while the exhibit buildings will open at 4 p.m.

Live music will be provided from 5-7 p.m.

"We will have vendor booths in Clover Hall, a community barbeque and Barnyard Olympics Thursday evening," Jensen said. "We are promoting Thursday night as our family night."

Friday, the events will open at 9 a.m. with the 4-H rabbit show, followed by the Sheep Show at 10 a.m.

"New this year will be the

FAIR | PAGE 7

# THE CLAY COUNTY FAIR

Vermillion, SD

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**A BLUE RIBBON A-FAIR**

**3 DAYS OF FUN**  
for the whole family!!!

Live music Thursday and Friday night, Storytime with Vermillion Public Library Friday and Saturday, Livestock Shows all 3 days, Inflatables, Vendors (Clover Hall), Free Craft Session, and much more!

**Check out the website at [www.claycountyfair.net](http://www.claycountyfair.net)**  
**COME HAVE FUN!**

Sponsored by: Bunyans, Clay Rural Water, Clay Union Electric, CorTrust Bank, Walker Construction, & **PLAIN TALK**

MUSIC

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

KID'S TRACTOR PULL

Ranch Rodeo

DEMO DERBY

BARNYARD OLYMPICS