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Gramma's Babydolls have found a home at the Fuller Farm



Lambs with a smile. That is what the Babydoll Southdowns are known for when they are young. They also have a lot of thick shorter wool which makes their head resemble a Teddy Bear.

Jody and Bill Fuller have about 65 of these animals in their herd at their farm east of Clark. Jerome Surber, left, likes them too and had a part in naming the flock at his grandparent's farm. Gramma's Babydolls is the name of the double registered flock as "We've got to feed Gramma's sheep", came to be a common saying on the Fuller farm when the grandkids would visit.

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"It's been so fun" says Jody Fuller of Clark. "We've really had fun with the Babydoll Southdown sheep." Bill and Jody Fuller have grown their Babydoll flock from seven sheep in 2006 to 65 brood ewes now, one of the largest flocks in the nation.

"She knows more about Babydoll sheep than anyone in the country," says Bill Fuller with a smile.

"'Lambs with a smile' or 'Teddy Bear sheep' are some of the names they've been called," noted Jody. "When they are younger, they look like they have a smile on their little face, it's so cute and their head gets so wooly their head looks like a Teddy Bear's face. You just want to kiss them," she giggles.

Their flock is named Gramma's Babydolls as that is what her grandkids have come to know them as. "We got to feed Gramma's sheep," they will say when they are visiting," says Jody.

Grandsons Hudson Fuller of Clark and Jerome Surber of Henry are very familiar with the Fuller's sheep and have some they can even call their own.

Hudson is in 4-H and will be showing a couple Babydolls at this

Gramma's Babydolls
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Drought conditions continue to worsen

Drought conditions continue to worsen across the state as indicated by the new US Drought Monitor Map released Thursday. Most of the southern half of the state is in D2 (Severe Drought) while most of the state is in D1 (Moderate Drought) says Dennis Todey, SDSU Extension State Climatologist in his July 20 drought summary.

"The current drought issues are the culmination of several issues over the last several seasons," Todey says. "A lack of precipitation last fall created an easy harvest season, but it also failed to refill the soil moisture profile over most of the state for the first time in many years." Some areas are reported as being over three inches below average last fall.

The dry winter and early spring warmer temperatures also contributed to the current drought conditions. Todey explained that the lack of snowfall throughout the winter kept run-off at a minimum and increased temperatures have increased plant water use and exhausted limited soil moisture reserves. Currently 42% of the state

reports agricultural water supplies as short to very short.

In Clark County, the lack of moisture has played a significant role. In a nutshell, the western side is very dry, the southern end is coming off a big rain over a month ago. Scott Finstad of Bradley reported 2.5 inches and Fred Obermeier at Crocker reported 1.60 inches.

The city of Clark officially received .42 this last week and is fairly typical of the critically dryness of the county, as very little rain has

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 17	87	67	0
July 18	85	66	.04
July 19	94	66	0
July 20	96	70	.13
July 21	86	71	0
July 22	93	71	0
July 23	86	69	.25
2012 precipitation to date	11.97"		
2011 precipitation to date	18.49"		

Gene Furness is on the board of directors of the SD High School Basketball Hall of Fame

South Dakota, along with Indiana are the only two states with High School Boys and Girls Hall of Fames (SDHSBBHOF).

Starting in 2010, thus far 49 athletes have been inducted into the SDHSBBHOF and next year, 2013, even more exciting news is on the horizon, as the SDHSBBHOF will have a new venue.

Myron Moen, former Sisseton High School and General Beadle State College basketball standout is the SDHSBBHOF's president. Moen announced in late May that the SDHSBBHOF will be moving to Sioux Falls, from Madison, in autumn 2013.

The Hall of Fame has been lo-

ated in the Community Center in Madison since its inception in 2010. Its future home will be the Pentagon, a \$19 million multi-purpose facility being built by Sanford Health in northwest Sioux Falls.

"We believe by moving to the Pentagon we will greatly increase the visibility of the Hall of Fame and make it more accessible to the many people who share our passion for South Dakota basketball," said Moen.

"We have some wonderful and wide-ranging memorabilia that chronicles the history of basketball in our state. We need more space in order to expand our exhibits and we feel the Pentagon will be an ideal

venue for our growth.

"We are very pleased to partner with Sanford Health in this exciting endeavor," said Moen. "The Pentagon will be a one-of-a-kind facility which will provide tremendous exposure for the Hall of Fame."

The Hall of Fame was founded with an objective to record and preserve the history of basketball in South Dakota. Forty-nine of the state's greatest boys and girls players from the past have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The next class of inductees will be honored in March 2013.

Clark resident and former Clark Comet basketball coach, Watertown High School basketball standout

and South Dakota State University basketball starter Gene Furness, is on the SDHSBBHOF board of directors.

"It is just a great organization and I'm really excited about the move to the Pentagon in Sioux Falls," said Furness. "The new location will be a showcase of high school basketball for the State of South Dakota."

SDHSBBHOF Board members include: Wayne Thue, Hayti; Gene Furness, Clark; Leon Tobin, Aberdeen; Bob Swanhorst, Sioux Falls; Roger Nelson, Brookings; Coilen Moran, Hartford; Dave Wagner, Milbank; Harley Peterson, Watertown and Myron Moen, Jim Cordts, Rich Husman, Al Wieman, Lee Stoddard

and Dan Holsworth, all from Madison.

Furness listed the purposes of the SDHSBBHOF:

▲ To provide an organization for the recognition of outstanding high school boys and girls basketball players, coaches, officials and contributors from the State of South Dakota.

▲ To promote the accomplishments and statistics of the players, coaches, officials and contributors who are inducted into the Hall of Fame and to preserve this history for future generations.

▲ To provide a location where visitors may learn about South Dakota High School Basketball history and

the accomplishments of the inductees.

▲ To receive donations and contributions for the purposes of maintaining records and preserving the history of South Dakota High School Basketball.

▲ To work in cooperation and conjunction with any and all other agencies, both private or public, for preservation of South Dakota High School Basketball history and honoring the inductees of this Hall of Fame.

▲ To do any and all such other acts, things, activities or efforts in any manner connected with or nec-

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Twenty-first annual Potato Day is but 10 days away

Right around the corner is Clark's signature celebration - Potato Day on Saturday, August 4.

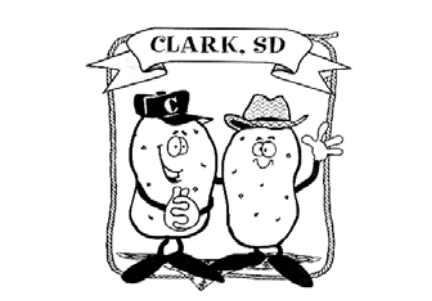
The volunteers of Clark have again risen to the occasion of planning a day filled with fun filled events for the entire family of all ages and generations.

Special afternoon entertainment this year will be the entertainer, Lonesome Ron, on the Chamber Stage at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Noted as King of the Valley Yodelers, his songs deal with a variety of subjects such as cowboy life, old west outlaws, Norwegian immigration and other historical topics. He's known to have written dozens of songs that work to keep the spirit of the west alive. He intrigues the audience with his historical knowledge of cowboys driving cattle as well as stories about the Hollywood cowboys including historical facts and humor.

At 3:30 p.m., Rev. Kevin Petersen and several youth and HighPoint leaders will be performing 'High-Point' kids songs and entertainment. At 2:00 p.m. members of the 4-H Performing Arts Troupe will sing and perform, doing a 'Salute to American Bandstand'.

The night before Potato Day on Friday at 7:00 p.m. a Hee Haw Variety Show will entertain at the Clark Golf Club. Songs, stand-up comedians and the efforts of local entertainers will all have their turn at the variety show held at the Golf Club.

Saturday begins early with a pancake feed and the mile walk, 5K, 10K and bike race. The coin dig for the youngsters is at 8:30 a.m. and the hunt for the elusive hidden Potato Day Medallion begins at 9:00 a.m. with the first clue dropped at Double 'S' Presso. Bargains with 'A-Peel' start



at 9:00 a.m. at the many unique downtown Clark businesses. Those wanting to enter their entries in the best decorated potato contest or the Flower and Garden Show at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop better do it before 10:00 a.m. as that is the deadline for the judging. Entries will be on display all afternoon. Other contests that day are a coloring contest, a quilt contest, guess the potato weight contest and guessing who Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head are this year. Watch for those clues in the Clark County Courier issues preceding Potato Day. For those good in the kitchen, a potato and chip dip recipe contest will be judged at 11:00 a.m. A ping pong ball toss for the kids off of the Dacotah Bank building will be approximately 10:00 a.m.

Little Miss and Master Tater Tot will be judged at 10:45 a.m. on the Chamber Stage in Dickinson Park. Arts in the Park will be ongoing from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The ever famous mashed potato wrestling starts at 11:15 a.m. preceded by a kick boxing demonstration at 11:00.

At noon, the cars roll in for the Clark Car Club Show to go until 4:00 p.m. when the trophies will be awarded. Also for those interested, Mud Drag Races will be held out at the fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m.

For the younger set, the kid's pedal tractor pull will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Kansas Street by Dickinson

Park. A horseshoe tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. and a bean bag tournament starts at 2:00 p.m. Bingo and cowpie bingo will be held also in the afternoon.

The tractors roll in about 2:30 p.m. which is always fun to watch as well as hear the older engines come down the road. They all usually park across the highway south of Dickinson Park with green and red being the dominant colors.

The Potato Day parade is at 5:00 p.m. this year with the line-up starting at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Catholic Church going back towards the north.

That evening the band Power Play will be playing outdoors in the alley between the Time Out and the Sportsman's.

For more details, times and places, check out the Potato Day insert that will come out in the August 1 issue of the Clark County Courier.

Many other events such as mashed potato eating, peeling and sculpting events around 12:30 p.m., carnival games and the inflatables for the kids offer a lot of variety for the youngsters. The variety of food available that day will excite the older set. Something for all ages is what Potato Day is all about.

Clark Chamber of Commerce
Potato Day - August 4, 2012
Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #3

*They are busy in the community
Cuz that's what small town people do
They have a couple kids
And a couple pets too.*

Send answers to: Cassi Bloom,
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Garden City hosts 125th Anniversary celebration



Anna Leibke deserves much credit for single-handedly making sure Garden City had a 125th Anniversary celebration. She was a committee of one and put in much hard work to help with the Quascentennial.

Above, the Garden City Opera House was open Saturday afternoon and many checked out the memorabilia on display. The city fathers have made sure the Opera House is in 'mint' condition.



The park was the place to be at the Garden City 125th Anniversary celebration. Horseshoes were played and bean bags were thrown and no one went

home hungry as many, many lunches were served. Also, the weather really cooperated and much visiting was done as this photo attests.