

MINNEHAHA COUNTY CLEANS UP!

Planner Ryan Streff instituted a new county outreach program. After successfully applying for grant money from South Dakota, Ryan began planning to hold clean up days in the rural subdivisions. This involved working with a variety of different entities including landfill staff, township supervisors, neighborhood residents, & County Parks Department, obtaining materials, and lining up different contractors. The County Clean Up is an opportunity for residents to clean out their houses, clean up their yards, and to get rid of those materials for free.

On Saturday, September 18th the neighborhoods of Rowena, Pine Hills/Rollenger's Addition, and Pine Lake Hills/Mystic Meadows each received six large dumpsters. Household items, appliances, yard waste, wood products, metal, tires, and other scrap, junk, building and waste materials were accepted. The response was so terrific that extra dumpsters had to be brought to each location. The 2nd



Bonnie Duffy waits for the next resident



Garbage was delivered by any means possible



Ryan Streff with Split Rock Township Supervisor Bonnie Duffy



Residents unload garbage at the Pine Hill location



Novak Sanitary another full dumpster



8 am and open for business in Pine Lake Hills/Mystic Meadows



Whatever works



Darin VanDeBerg & residents work together

Clean Up took place on October 2nd, again targeting neighborhoods on the east side of Sioux Falls. Clean Up projects for neighborhoods north and west of Sioux Falls are in the works for next spring, summer and fall. This program will be continued as long as grant money is available.

Pictures on these two pages are from the clean up in the Pine Hills/Rolligner's Addn. and Pine Lake Hills/Mystic Meadows neighborhoods. Planning staff Scott Anderson, Pat Herman, Ryan Streff, Darin VanDeBerg and intern Ben Aslesen worked at the event. Special thanks for all their help goes to Split Rock Township Supervisors Bonnie Duffy and John Monahan, and Phil Tooley with the payloader.



Darin VanDeBerg and Pat Herman - typical government workers?



Phil Tooley, Split Rock Township, makes room for more



Pick-up Palooza

PLANNING STAFF NEWS

GIS Coordinator Heidi Jerke and her husband Ted became the proud parents of their 3rd son, **Edison Scott Jerke** on July 30th. Edison was born on the same day as Heidi's father and weighed 7 lbs 3 oz. Big brothers Parker and Lewis are looking forward to teaching Edison how to put one over on Mom & Dad and being able to say "Edison did that."



Edison Scott Jerke

Parker & Lewis with their little bro.

Heidi & Ted off to the hospital

Seasonal Building Inspector Ken Schafer became a Grandpa for the 10th time on September 16th. Gavin Patrick weighed in at 7lbs 9ozs. Gavin has two older brothers. No bets are made in the Schafer household, all of Ken's grandchildren are boys.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HIRED

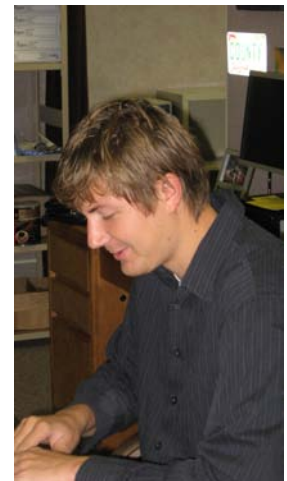
Pat Herman was promoted to Assistant Planning Director on August 10, 2010. She earned a bachelor's degree from Augustana College and a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State University in Indiana. Pat is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She has worked in the planning field for the past 15 years with experience in both city and county planning.



A familiar face to county residents, she has worked as a planner for Minnehaha County for the past 10 years and was GIS Coordinator in the early 1990s.

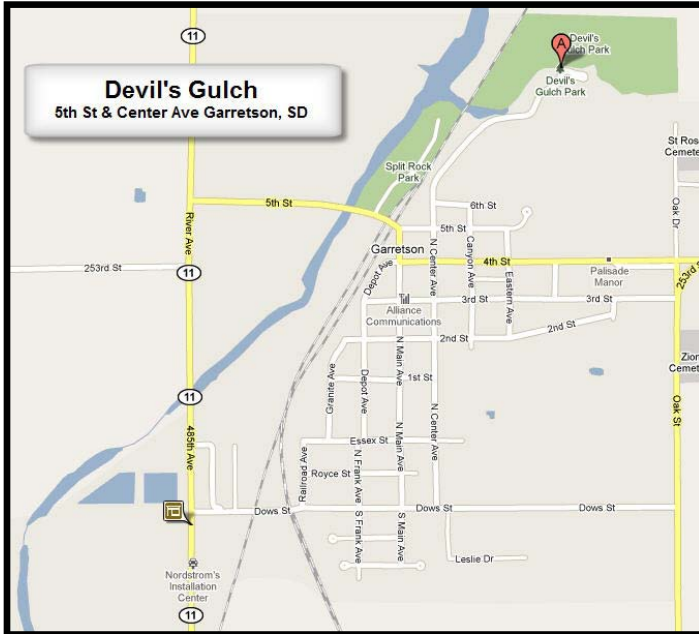
FALL INTERN

Ben Aslesen has joined the department as a planning intern from September through December. He is from Vermillion, MN which is located 20 minutes south of the Cities. Ben will be graduating from Augustana College this December with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government and philosophy. In his free time Ben enjoys tennis, ultimate Frisbee and movies. He is considering the Peace Corps after college. Ben has been a real asset to the department, willing to assist with anything - including the Clean Up Project. He is an excellent dumpster diver.



Historic Minnehaha County Devil's Gulch - Spirit Canyon

Devil's Gulch can be found off of 5th Street in Garretson, South Dakota. This natural chasm with its scenic rock formations of quartzite is known for the famous jump of outlaw Jesse James. Devil's Gulch has also been called Spirit Canyon. The quartzite is said to be up to 4000 feet deep in some areas and is estimated to be 1200 million years old.

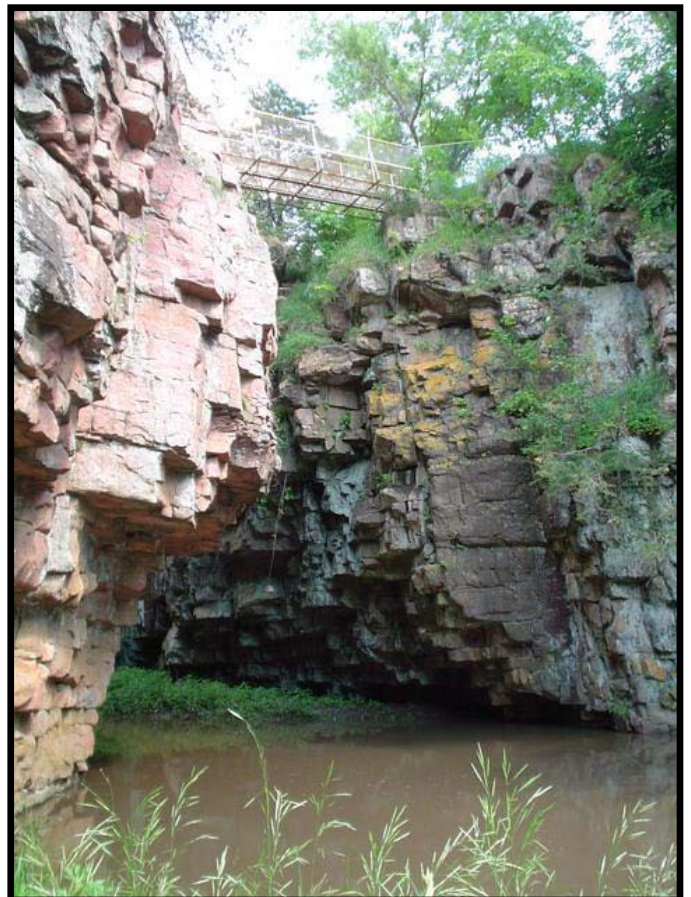


The early Dakota Indians have a story for how the gulch was formed that has been handed down from generation to generation.

There was an Indian Spirit named "Iktomi," who was known to be wise in many things, and yet quite foolish in other things. He was about the size of an ordinary man but physically shaped somewhat differently. His body was big and round, comparable to a bug, with slim arms and legs, and large hands and feet that were long and very strong. He dressed in buckskin clothing with a coonskin robe. Iktomi was famous for the tricks and jokes he played on both men and spirits in order to get some-

thing from them. He became known as "the imp of mischief whose delight it was to make others look ridiculous."

Iktomi, a powerful spirit, was not one to back off when taunted by another spirit or Indian. Ha-Shootch-Ga, an Indian warrior, and, a trouble maker himself, insulted Iktomi about his powers, skills, and bravery. He challenged Iktomi to a test of tomahawk prowess. Iktomi accepted the challenge and with one of his long arms, he raised his tomahawk as far above his head and as far behind his body as it would go. In the meantime, Ha-Shootch-Ga saw the flame of anger in Iktomi's eyes and he knew he was in trouble. He ran like the wind from the challenge he had made. Iktomi let the tomahawk fly after Ha-Shootch-Ga. It flew high into the sky and then plummeted to the quartzite-covered earth where it cut a huge gaping gash—a canyon in the quartzite rock. There were no more challenges. The Spirit had won the duel and created Spirit Canyon aka Devil's Gulch.



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