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Rod “Woody” Woodruff (left) and Daymon Woodruff run The Buffalo Chip in Sturgis. PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAYMON WOODRUFF

Meet the father-son duo running The Buffalo Chip

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STURGIS – Think of one of those harmless, Friday night keg parties in high school. The ones in the cornfield with only the headlights of your car diffusing the night sky. Maybe a few more trucks show up with friends hanging off the tailgate, tires spinning in the mud. Someone’s playing the guitar.

But the next time, they come by the hundreds. Word gets out that it’s a pretty good time. Then, the next time, they come by the thousands and suddenly Ozzy Osbourne is on stage and says, “How did I not know about this friggin’ place?” And this is how the legend of The Buffalo Chip goes. “It’s just a special place for an awful lot of people,” says founder and CEO Rod “Woody” Woodruff. He opened the campground in 1981 as

a place for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally-goers to retreat to after the city wanted all the bikers to howl in the night someplace else. Turns out downtown Main Street was the promenade while the Chip was the party. They welcome bikers from around the world once more for the 85th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in the Black Hills of South Dakota

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Centenarian attended 1938 Sturgis rally

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STURGIS – At the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, it’s not *all* bikinis and debauchery. Some just come to feel the omnipresent rumble, to wave to the bikers and to take in the smell of fried food and fuel. And they come back for it year after year (after year).

At 109 years old, Hazel (Bush) Baumberger is the oldest living South Dakotan and a lifelong admirer of the rally. She was there for the first one in 1938, when she and her husband, Art, heard about dirt track races in the Black Hills and choked on dust for a few days. No, she doesn’t own a motorcycle. No, she doesn’t wear leather. And, no, she never made it to one of the infamous rock concerts at The Buffalo Chip out-

side of town. But you would’ve seen her on La-zelle Street, and she’d always don a rally T-shirt with a Harley-Davidson pin on her lapel. “Motorcycles fascinated her,” said Sandra Griese, Baumberger’s 79-year-old niece who still spends time her with “Annie” every week.

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ACLU says SDSOS voter database released too much info

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A voter registration database published by the South Dakota Secretary of State’s Office appears to have identified residents who registered to vote while signing up for public assistance programs — something that the ACLU of South Dakota is saying means the department is violating state and federal law. The information in question comes from voter registration databases that have long been available for purchase by political campaigns but were recently made freely available to the public after the passage of House Bill 1062.

Along with information like addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, a column labeled “County” had for some voters instead labeled as “Public assistance agencies (SNAP, TANF, WIC, etc.)” A letter sent by the ACLU of South Dakota says that the databases at one point had this information even more clearly spelled out under a column labeled “Source of Registration,” which was not visible in the databases accessed by the Argus Leader.

The SDSOS did not respond to questions regarding whether they had updated the filings and their response to the allegations, though as of Aug. 1 the databases appeared to have fully removed any mention of where a voter had been registered.

The ACLU of South Dakota says the information puts the office squarely in violation of state and federal laws regarding the confidentiality of applicants to public assistance programs, as well as the National Voter Registration Act, which says in part that states shall “ensure that the identity of the voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered is not disclosed to the public.”

The letter calls for the SDSOS to remove the copies of the database currently on the website, scrub them of information regarding where or how a voter was registered, notify affected voters by mail and update the state website to outline how much information is made public in the database. Asked for comment, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said in a statement that, “Due to overall concerns about House Bill 1062, I have appointed separate counsel for the secretary of state and legislators to discuss the issues.”

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