

# Bottle

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"You can make out the phrase 'Signing Off,' and it looks like the name 'Noah' next to it," he said.

Then a mischievous thought comes to mind. "Noah? And I found it during the Missouri River flood? Is there an ark nearby?" he asked, flashing a grin.

The tale began two weeks ago on a late afternoon, when Tramp was working the shoreline with his friends, Kristen and Troy Behounek.

"There were the three of us with a boat. Two of us would walk along the shore, the third person would drive about a half-mile down the shoreline," Tramp said.

"The water had been high from the flooding, but one day it dropped dramatically, about two feet. You could find things that you would normally never see because of the high water."

The trio weren't looking for anything special, mostly duck decoys or anything else that washed ashore, Tramp said.

"We were just 'putzing around' where we normally go fishing. We had spent about an hour on the Nebraska side and about two hours on the South

Dakota side," he said.

"You could find almost anything coming out of Lewis and Clark Lake. We were even seeing decks off houses and a huge propane tank on one of the islands that four boats came and took back."

Tramp and Kristen Behounek were walking on the South Dakota shore, about 5 to 10 miles west of Bon Homme Colony, when Tramp made a discovery.

"There were so many sticks and logs, it was hard to find anything. Your eyes were focused for anything minute," he said. "Then something shiny caught my eye. I'm not sure why. Maybe it was the glass reflecting the sun, but you could tell it was something different. I walked over and, sure enough, it was the bottle."

Tramp felt an immediate attraction to the bottle and its contents, wondering about the person who launched the missile into the lake.

"I realized that someone threw it out into the water, wondering if someone else would find it," he said.

At first, Tramp hid the bottle behind his back, thinking his friends wouldn't find it anything special.

"My buddy held up his bottle, and I said, 'That's really cool.' Then I held out my bottle," Tramp said.

The debate over the bottle im-

mediately began, with the Behouneks sharply divided in their advice.

"I said, 'Open it right now!' And (Troy) said, 'Never open it!'" Kristen said. "The two guys knew they couldn't leave me alone with the bottle, because I would have opened it right away."

Tramp said he enjoys showing off the bottle to family and friends.

"He probably sleeps with it," Kristen Behounek quipped. And so the battle has raged on, with cash even entering the picture.

"I was with about 20 friends, and one of them offered me \$150 on the spot," Tramp said. "He said he wanted to own it so that he could put it on his mantle. But in the next second, another friend offered me \$250."

Tramp was startled that anyone would want to buy the bottle and its contents. "I don't want to sell it, but I consider the offers still on the table," he said with a chuckle.

Tramp knows he wants to keep the bottle on his mantle. But he's unsure whether to open the bottle or leave it closed.

"I would like to open it and find out who it was. But I would also like to keep it like it is. I'm torn," he said.

He even turned to advice from his Crofton science teacher, Tom Vollmer, who leads students on

shoreline searches for fossils.

After receiving advice from all sides, Tramp sees the situation two different ways. Does he satisfy his curiosity? Or does he run the risk of destroying the very thing he has grown to admire?

Tramp fears there's no turning back if he removes the letter and dime.

"If I opened it, I would like to be able to put it back the way it is right now. But could I?" he asked. "The paper is already brittle, and I'm worried that it would just crumble if it got exposed to air."

Tramp believes someone intended for the content's removal and reading of the letter. In that case, Tramp would frame the letter and place it on his wall. On the other hand, if Tramp leaves things alone, the bottle retains an aura of mystery.

"Finding out would be kind of neat," he said. "But if I open it, it's no longer anything special."

Tramp is also looking for a third option, such as X-raying the bottle and letter.

"I'm a big fan of the 'CSI' shows, and I just know they would figure out the writing and who it was from. I may even contact them," he said with a chuckle.

Regardless of the letter's contents, Tramp remains intrigued by the bottle's journey.

"I would like to know if it

came from above Fort Randall (dam) and made it through the spillway gates," he said. "Or it could have been dropped into the water 10 feet from where we found it."

Tramp also remains curious about the length of time the bottle remained at large.

"The dime says 1970 on the head, so I'm thinking it was in the water at least that long," he said. "Why else would someone put in a 1970 dime? Even if it was on shore since 1970, that's still a long time."

The beer bottle cap remains partially covered but looks like Budweiser or Miller High Life.

The "77" and "79" imprinted on the bottom of the bottle would indicate it could come from 1970.

Tramp questions if it was destiny that he found the bottle.

"Why us three (on the trip)? And of us three, why was I the one to find (the bottle)?" he asked.

Regardless of his decision, or what he does — or doesn't — find, Tramp believes it's a once-in-a-lifetime situation.

"With the river running like it is right now, there is so much current. It would amaze me if the water ever gets that high again," he said. "As far as the bottle, I don't think you'll ever find anything like it again in the lake. It's really different."

## Planes Collide On Runway At Boston Airport

BOSTON (AP) — The wing of a Delta jet has clipped the tail of an aircraft that provides regional air service for the carrier while both planes were on the runway in Boston.

Boston Logan International Airport spokesman Phil Orlan-della says one person is complaining of neck pain after a Delta Boeing 767 jet hit the other plane Thursday evening. There were no other injuries.

Delta spokesman Trebor Banstetter says the wing from Delta Flight 266 from Boston to Amsterdam hit the vertical stabilizer of Atlantic Southeast Airlines Flight 4904, also on departure from Boston to Raleigh-Durham.

The Delta jet returned to the gate and ASA passengers were transported by bus to the terminal.

Atlanta-based Delta says both aircraft have been removed from service for inspections. Passengers are being put on other planes.


## YANKTON AREA

# HOMES ON PARADE

## Saturday, July 16, 2011

Also, see listings on-line at [yanktonrealtors.com](http://yanktonrealtors.com)

**9:30-10:30am**



**615 Pine \$74,900**

- Stop paying rent!
- Perfect first home
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath
- Nice backyard with patio and alley access

**Erica Knox • 660-2992 Anderson Realty**

**10:30am-Noon**



**1211 W. 16th \$299,900**

- Gorgeous AND comfortable
- Very private, park-like backyard
- Triple garage, huge shop

**Virginia Larson • 661-0418 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**10:30-11:30am**




**1210 Whiting St. (south off Whiting Dr.) \$79,000**

- Built in 2002
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
- Full basement
- Many recent improvements

**Lisa Noecker • 661-0054 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**10:45-11:45am**




**307 Locust \$123,500**

- Nice 4 bedroom, 2 bath
- Many beautiful updates
- Alley access, nice backyard
- Spacious & cozy

**Erica Knox • 660-2992 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**11-11:45am**




**811 Pearl \$114,900**

- Completely updated home
- Double garage off paved alley
- Nice city view
- Awesome wood flooring

**Dan Specht • 661-0283 Vision Real Estate Services**

**11am-12pm**



**3007 Francis \$139,900**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch
- Double garage
- Large eat-in kitchen plus lower level kitchenette
- Nicely landscaped backyard

**Stan Sudbeck • 402-841-5885 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**11am-12pm**



**2822 Mary \$179,900**

- Handicap accessible home
- Quality construction
- Custom cabinets
- HOA
- Ideal location in friendly neighborhood

**Bill Bobzin • 661-0148 Century 21**

**11am-12pm**



**307 Golf Lane Price Reduction \$179,900**

- 4 bedroom, 3 bath
- All new updates
- 3 stall garage

**Carla Schlingman • 661-8643 Century 21**

**12-12:45pm**




**304 Donahoe \$229,000**

- Move-in Perfect
- Master bed/bath
- Main floor laundry
- Private setting — a must see!

**Dan Specht • 661-0283 Vision Real Estate Services**

**12-1pm**



**311 Lilly \$289,900**

- Space & privacy!
- Laundry on main & upper level
- Geo-thermal heating & cooling
- 1200 sq. ft., 3 stall garage

**Erica Knox • 660-2992 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**12-1:30pm**



**201 Ridgeview Dr. \$200,000**

- Country living just minutes from town!
- 5 bedrooms, 3 bath
- Triple car garage on 1.07 acres
- Formal dining room, open living room, main floor laundry

**Sandy Korkow • 605-464-0948 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**12:15-1:15pm**



**2209 Valley Road \$214,900**

- 5 bedrooms, 3 baths
- Fireplace
- Located on signature No. 17 fairway

**Bill Bobzin • 661-0148 Century 21**

**12:30-1:15pm**



**605 E. 20th St. \$124,900**

- Darling 2 bedroom, 2 bath
- Double stall attached garage
- Built in 1987, open kitchen/dining/living area
- Conveniently located across from YMS track and close to park
- Full unfinished basement

**Stan Sudbeck • 402-841-5885 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**12:30-1:30pm**



**509 James Place \$135,000**

- This 3 BR, 2 bath home is ready to move into!
- Recent updates: dishwasher, floorings, AC, interior paint
- 2007 — new shingles, siding, & much more
- You've got to see it!

**Randy Kussman • 661-8743 Vision Real Estate Services**

**12:30-1:30pm**



**1707 Woodland Loop \$259,000**

(2 blks west of W. City Limits Road on 8th Street)

- Beautifully updated and decorated
- Gorgeous river view
- James Steel outbuilding for toys!

**Tanya Hacecky • 661-1150 Vision Real Estate Services**

**1-2pm**



**1300 W. 17th \$305,000**

- 5 bedroom, 4 bath walkout
- Fireplace, 10' ceilings
- Open staircase
- 3 stall heated garage
- Close to Summit Center/High School
- Main floor laundry

**Carla Schlingman • 661-8643 Century 21**

**1-2pm**



**102 Forestview Drive \$118,500**

- Rural water, City sewer, natural gas, central air
- Beautiful sunroom w/sliders to deck
- Fenced backyard, double garage, garden shed
- Includes appliances

**Char Herrlein • 661-0864 Century 21**

**1-2pm**




**2912 Masters Ave. \$204,900**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with over 1400 sq. ft.
- Large kitchen, patio doors to double deck
- Main laundry, lower level family room
- Large lot, triple garage

**Kathy Youngberg • 661-0389 Century 21**

**1-1:45pm**



**2515 Deer Blvd. \$210,000**

- 4 bedrooms, 3 bath
- Minutes from Yankton on paved road
- 2 stall attached garage & 520 sq. ft. detached

**Norene Gibson • 464-1693 Vision Real Estate Services**

**1-1:45pm**



**1509 Mulberry \$109,900**

- Extensive remodel
- 4 bedrooms
- Alley access to nice backyard
- Great location

**Dan Specht • 661-0283 Vision Real Estate Services**

**1-2:30pm**



**145 S. Ridgeway Dr. \$275,000**

- 2.92 gorgeous acres with view
- All top floor is master suite with view
- Walk-out lower level is complete apt. if you wish
- Directions: W on Hwy 52 approx. 7 mi. to Gavins Point entrance, through park road to road on right to Rolling Hills Dr., continue to S. Ridgeway Drive, then left.

**Virginia Larson • 661-0418 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**1-2:30pm**



**1405 Ash St. \$114,900**

- Built '94 — 3 bedroom, 2 bath
- Chuck's Kitchen Cabinets
- 90x100 fenced lot
- Unfinished basement (egress)
- Underground sprinklers

**Leona Sparks • 660-6078 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**2-4pm**



**610 Sawgrass \$141,000**

- 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse
- Master bedroom has 2 walk-in closets
- Laundry in basement and 2nd floor near bedrooms

**Sandy Korkow • 605-464-0948 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**2:15-3:15pm**



**305 Linn PRICE IMPROVED \$113,500**

- Lovely 2 BR, 2 bath brick home ready to move into
- Hardwood floors throughout main
- Remodeled kitchen & bath
- Beautifully landscaped

**Jo LaBarge • 661-7264 America's Best**

**2:30-3:30pm**



**109 Wildwood Dr. Mission Hill New Price - \$189,500**

- Situated on the Jim River/1.45 acres
- 3 BR, 2 bath, formal dining
- Lots of garage space, plus carport & gazebo
- Directions: East on Old Hwy 50 to Fleeg's Riverside Road House, turn right on Wildwood Drive, first house on the right.

**Luana Fredericksen • 661-0596 Century 21**

**2:30-3:30pm**



**30930 434th Ave. \$365,000**

- Spacious 4100 sq. ft. ranch on 4.88 acre wooded lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2.75 baths
- Finished walkout basement with family room, game room, and kitchen/pub area

**Sally & Terry • 660-6679 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**2:30-3:30pm**



**2608 Mulberry \$369,900**

- Golf Course Frontage
- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths
- 3 stall garage
- Full finished basement with walkout

**Carla Schlingman • 661-8643 Century 21**

**2:30-3:30pm**




**306 Green St. \$83,500**

- Charming 2 BR 1950s bungalow
- Baseboard hot water heat and central air
- Poured foundation awaits your finishings, has second bath
- Park like fenced yard with single garage and carport

**Sherry Battin • 660-3423 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**2:30-4:30pm**



**202 Calumet \$419,000**

- Expertly designed 4 bedroom, 4 bath townhome
- Spectacular water views
- Three season porch and wrap around deck

**Sally & Terry • 660-6679 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**Sunday, July 17th Open Houses**

**1-4pm**



**724 Kohles Rd. Crofton • \$219,900**

- Located in Kohles Acres
- Water view! Updated 3 bed/2 bath
- Suitable for full-time living
- Ample garage space

**Kaye O'Neal • 402-418-0402 Shore to Shore Realty, LLC**

**1:15-2pm**



**1230 Pasque Circle \$129,900**

- Very nice 3 bedroom ranch with double garage
- Eat-in kitchen, main floor laundry, lower level family room
- Over 1900 sq. ft. of finished living space!

**Stan Sudbeck • 402-841-5885 Lewis & Clark Realty**

**2-3:30pm**



**2904 Adkins Road \$135,000**

- Great Location!
- Great Neighborhood!
- Includes all kitchen appliances
- Empty & available
- Never had pets

**Char Herrlein • 661-0864 Century 21**

**2:15-3:15pm**



**1000 West St. Price Reduced \$112,000**

- 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home on corner lot
- Patio, extra parking pad, oversized garage
- New roof in '09, basement can be finished to your specs

**Joe LaBarge • 661-7264 America's Best**

**2:15-3:30pm**



**515 1/2 Picotte \$75,000**

- Calling All Investors!
- Perfectly clean, excellent condition, ready to rent
- 2 bedroom
- Garage, fenced yard

**Virginia Larson • 661-0418 Anderson Realty, LLC**

**Anderson Realty, LLC 665-7407**

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**Century 21 Real Estate 665-8970**

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