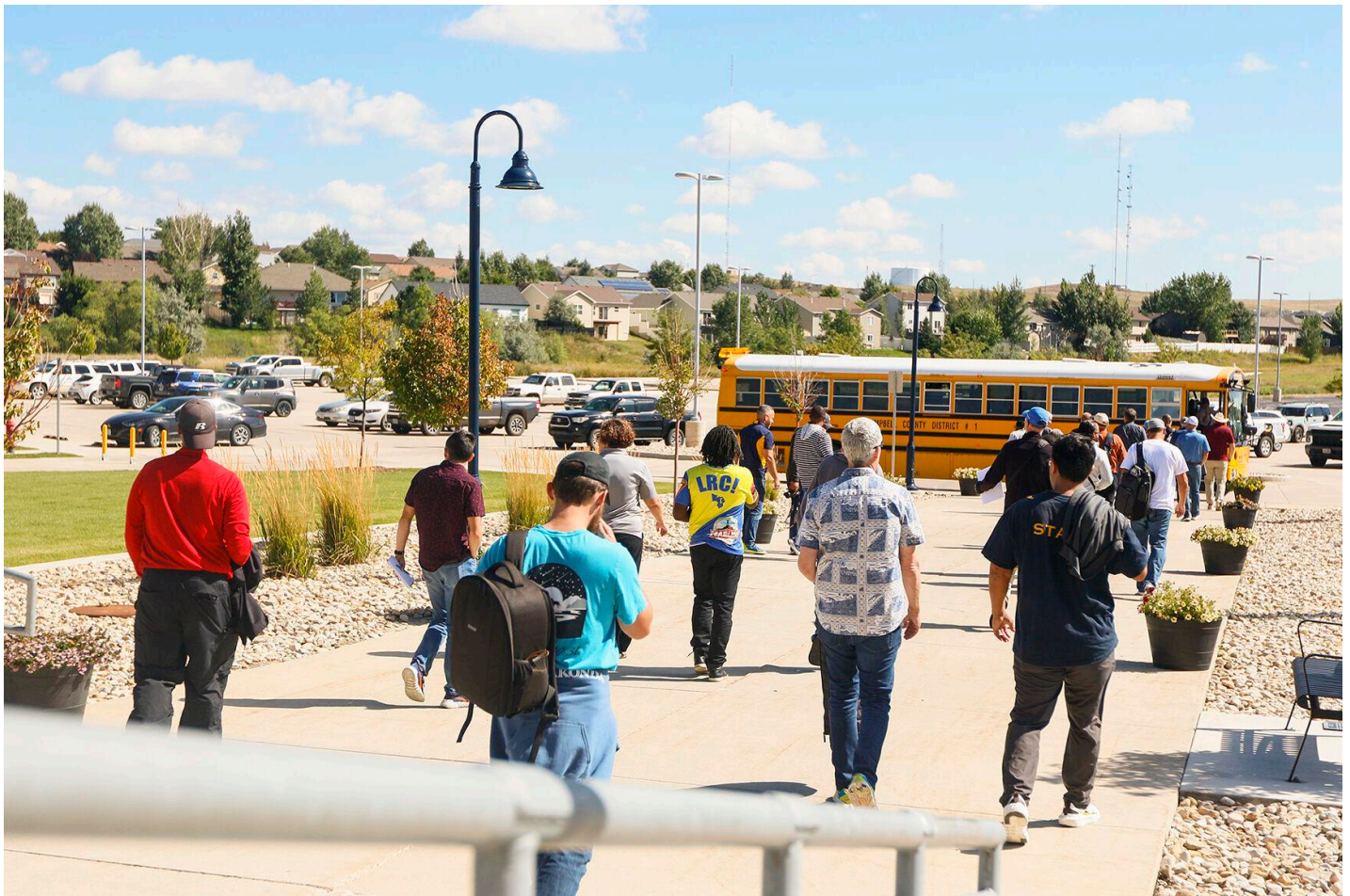


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# Gillette to allow temporary cell towers during Camporee

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Two school bus loads of visitors toured Gillette in September in anticipation of the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee.  
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In August, Gillette’s population will nearly triple when 60,000 people arrive for the International Pathfinder Camporee.

One of the issues in dealing with this influx of people is making sure that Gillette residents and the Pathfinders have cellphone service.

Cam-plex has been working to address this issue. Verizon plans to install a temporary cell tower in Morningside Park to help prevent the network from being overloaded.

The city's zoning regulations require that all new cell towers be permitted, "which triggers a number of aesthetic requirements," said City Administrator Mike Cole.

There are exceptions that can be made in the interest of public necessity or in a state of emergency. Last week, the city council approved exempting temporary cell towers from the city's zoning ordinance for Camporee.

Verizon will install its tower in mid-July, and it will be removed once Camporee is over in mid-August.

Mayor Shay Lundvall thanked city employees for working hard to make Camporee go as smoothly as possible.

"I'd like to thank city staff for all that you guys have done, the up and down roller coaster ride you guys have been on with this whole Camporee, and it's going to be pulled off, it's going to be a great event and it's thanks to you guys," he said.

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