

Daytona Cronauer holds foster care mission fundraiser

By Carolynn Olson

During Christmas in Clark on Saturday, December 7, Clark Middle School student Daytona Cronauer held a bake sale fundraiser, selling homemade pies and caramels, with all proceeds going to Speed the Light youth missions program.

Speed the Light (STL) engages, teaches and discipled youth in God's mission. This is accomplished by creating a heart of mission generosity in students for the world's needs and missionaries' needs. Students are challenged to sacrificially give to missions, reach the lost in their own area and pray for missionaries around the globe. Funds raised through STL go to help missionaries travel faster, preach clearer and be heard louder in order for all to know Jesus.

Sixth grader Cronauer was helping raise money for Pete and Jenn Eekhoff, who are South Dakota foster care missionaries.

"I wanted to raise money to help



Daytona Cronauer sold caramels and homemade pies to raise money for Speed the Light youth missions program and Pete and Jenn Eekhoff, South Dakota foster care missionaries at Christmas in Clark on December 7.

Photo by Karli Paulson

buy the Eekhoffs a vehicle to help get them around South Dakota," she explained. Her goal was to reach \$1,000 by Sunday, December 15.

Cronauer heard Jenn Eekhoff share about their ministry, Foster605, when she attended the South Dakota Assemblies of God Youth Conference with her youth group in November. Foster605 is a ministry the Eekhoffs started to support the foster care community in South Dakota.

Daytona is the daughter of Pastor Mark and Tammy Cronauer of Clark. They are no strangers to fostering and adoption.

"We are foster parents and have adopted five children (including Daytona) through the foster care system," said Tammy. Because of her and her family's experiences, Daytona was touched by what was shared and wanted to raise \$1,000 to help support the Eekhoffs' cause.

In addition to the fundraiser during Christmas in Clark, Dayto-

na held a second fundraising bake sale on December 14 during the doubleheader basketball games at Clark High School where she sold baked goods, including cookies and bars, that ladies of the Clark Assembly of God Church donated.

Besides the bake sale fundraisers, Cronauer also received some generous donations from family and friends. In total, Daytona raised \$1,700, surpassing her goal.

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December 24	24	15	0
December 25	25	16	0
December 26	29	23	0
December 27	37	29	0
December 28	43	25	0
December 29	50	32	0
December 30	46	28	0
2024 precipitation to date	20.93"		
2023 precipitation to date	18.47"		



Henry students decorate gingerbread houses with Roetell residents in Clark

The Henry kindergarten, first and second grade classes visited Roetell Senior Housing on Wednesday, December 18. Megan Streier, Tori Borns and Abigail Bloom gathered their students to sing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Dashing Through the Snow," "Up on the Rooftop" and "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" to the residents. After spreading joy with their singing, the students swiftly went to the tables to decorate gingerbread houses with the residents. This is the second year the Henry elementary students have visited Roetell Senior Housing to build the gingerbread houses, which they plan on continuing.

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2024 Year in Review - Part II

July

The Clark Swimming Pool was closed for the summer due to equipment delays and lack of staff.

Greg Marx spoke at the Clark City Council meeting on different options for a baseball/softball complex.

Dacotah Bank in Clark celebrated 18-month-long remodel with ribbon cutting.

Cornis'kneehigh by the Fourth of July' as displayed by Abram, Vada, Hugh and Ford Schmidt while they stood in their family's southern Clark County corn field. The Schmidts are children of Garrett and Brooklyn Schmidt of Willow Lake.

Ace Hardware in Clark celebrated the chain's 100th anniversary of being in business.

Clark Area Farmers Market started July 9. Spearheaded by volunteers Joslyn Reeves and Kayla Flora, the farmers' market was held at Flat Iron Park the second and fourth Tuesday of every month until the middle of October.

The 107th Henry School Alumni banquet was held.

Clark's Corner Diner was awarded a \$10,000 Backing Small Business grant.

The Garden City KDLO tower continued construction progress after collapsing in a December 2022 ice storm.

Despite the rainy, soggy weather, Fourth of July activities were well attended in Willow Lake.

Several Clark FCCLA members excelled at the 2024 National FCCLA Leadership Conference in

ten, Bo Begeman, Baylar Lamb, Kamryn Nesheim, Hannah Heiman, Nevaeh Rusher, Sara Thonvold, Valley Roebke, Jakob Steen, Will Hovde, Talyn Ortberg, Madison Pickrel, Ella Sass and Logan Parker.

The final Garden City School Alumni Reunion was held at the Garden City Fire Hall.

Clark Area 12U boys baseball team placed third at the S.D. VFW Class B Tournament in Salem.

Ace Lammers of Henry was the S.D. Goat Tying champion in his age division and qualified for the National Jr. High Rodeo Finals in Des Moines, Iowa.

Pickleball court was up and going in Clark to enhance the tennis court south of Clark High School, made possible by various local individuals and organizations.

Brad Lamb was installed as new president of Clark Lions Club, receiving the gavel from outgoing president Dave Warkentien.

Clark Area 10U fastpitch softball team won their league championship in Watertown.

Clark County Fairgrounds were busy in July, hosting the Clark County 4-H Horse Show, 23rd annual 4-H Rodeo and National Barrel Horse Association district race.

The eighth annual Jakob Hohm Off Road Adventures ride was held in Willow Lake in memory of Jakob Hohm, son of Jamie and Colleen Hohm, who would have been a junior at Willow Lake High School this year.

Clark Area 18U slowpitch softball team earned the runner-up ti-



Potato Days in Clark, held in August, wouldn't be 'Potato' Days without the continued tradition of World Famous Mashed Potato Wrestling.

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Clark Area 14U baseball team placed fourth at the 2024 S.D. 14U Class B State Tournament, qualifying for the State as Region 6B champions.

August

The 26th Annual Potato Day weekend in Clark was filled with hot weather and many activities for people of all ages.

Clark County 4-H Achievement Days was held August 5-7 at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Local youth golfers competed at Torchy Ries golf tournament in Watertown.

conjunction with Potato Days.

Three Clark County 4-H members, including Kendra Warkentien and Neveah and Oliver Reitz were members of the S.D. 4-H Performing Arts Troupe.

Four area youth golfers had a busy summer. Competing in the S.D. Golf Association's Jr. Tour Cup Championship, Logan Borns placed second in his age group, Faith Roehrich was champion of her age division, and Kooper Wookley placed fourth in his age division. Brynn Roehrich won the Sanford Futures Tour Championship.

Clark Area Jr. Legion placed sixth at the 2024 S.D. American Legion State Class B Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament in Groton after advancing to State as Region 1B champions.

Boy and Girls Staters from Clark High School in 2024 were honored at an open house in Clark. Attending Boys State were Blake Lenzen and Parker Schmidt, and attending Girls State were Raigan Flatten, Alivia Gehkre, Katelyn Merkel, Talyn Ortberg and 2024 Girls State Governor Hannah Heiman.

Raymond Redwing Days were successfully held in Raymond.

Seven new faces at Clark School to start the new school year included Adrien Bjerke, Audrey Foster, Megan Palmer, DeAnn Paradis, Heather Patenode, Emma Vig and Kayla Weber.

Fun times were had at Vienna's Elevator Days town celebration.

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Clark is adding a new sport to their repertoire: Pickleball! Efforts to enhance the tennis court near Clark High School have been ongoing since last summer, thanks to the contributions of several individuals and local organizations.

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Seattle, Wash. Along with their advisor Mrs. Tammie Paulson, students attending were Raigan Flat-

tle at the 2024 USA Softball S.D. Youth Slowpitch State Tournament in Watertown.

Clark High School Class of 1964 held 60th reunion, and the Class of 1974 held 70th reunion in

Clark County Courier prices increasing in the new year

Effective January 1, 2025, the *Clark County Courier's* subscription prices, advertising and insert rates and obituary cost will be increasing. Subscription rates will be raised as follows:

Counties of Clark, Codington, Day, Spink, Kingsbury, Beadle and Hamlin - \$50/year

Elsewhere in South Dakota - \$55/year

Out of State - \$60/year

Online edition - \$40/year.

Prices for six month and three month subscriptions will remain the same.

The column inch rate for advertising will increase to \$7.00 for black and white, \$10.00 for color.

Obituaries will now cost \$100.

The price per insert will in-

crease to \$0.10/insert.

Other rates for 2025 include: Mail out paper(s) - \$3.00/paper

Classified ads - \$10.00 minimum fee for 25 words or less, \$0.15 per word thereafter

Card of Thanks - \$10 minimum fee for six lines, \$0.60/line thereafter

Announcements for births, baby showers, anniversaries, etc. are free of charge for the first week published, \$10.00/week thereafter

Front page banner ads - \$100

Holiday greeting ads - \$20/holiday

Community sponsor - \$20/ad
Deadline - Monday before 5:00 p.m., subject to change due to holidays.

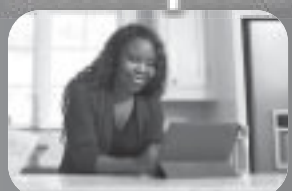


Live Nativity scene at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark hosted their Christmas program on Sunday, December 22. During their program, the poem "Twas the Night of Jesus' Birth" was read, while a Nativity scene was put together by the rest of the children in costumes. The children played bells to "The First Noel" and sang "Come on Ring Those Bells" as well. Angie Osterloh directed the special music. The church service and Christmas program came to an end outside where live animals, like sheep and a pony, were waiting to be part of the live Nativity scene. Everyone came together to sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" before going back inside for fellowship.

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