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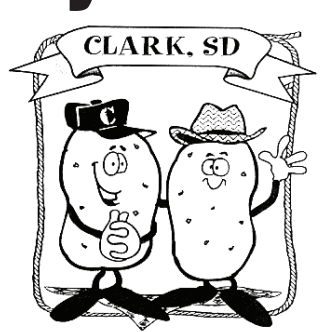
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Twenty-First annual Potato Day scheduled for August 4



In a little over five weeks on Saturday, August 4, 2012, Clark will hold their 21st annual Potato Day. Some new and exciting activities and events are being added to this year's venue. Sponsored by the Clark Chamber of Commerce, Potato Day 2012 provides activities which are fun for the entire family. Potato Day headquarters will be located under the Dacotah Bank tent at Dickinson Park. In keeping with tradition, anyone with a tasty potato and chip dip recipe is encour-

aged to enter the potato and chip dip recipe contest. Everyone always looks forward to the decorated potato contest held at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop.

Much to the delight of fans everywhere, potato wrestling and a Kick Boxing Demonstration will be held in Dickinson Park. Other much anticipated Potato Day events are the antique tractor parade arrival and the car show. The kiddie tractor pull brings a large crowd of young and old alike to cheer on their favorite competitors.

The Arts and Crafts show in Dickinson Park will again feature many vendors. Besides all the potato stuff, the event features those small-town festival activities that keep families and regular folks coming back year after year.

New activities on the agenda for this year's Potato Day start Friday

with a Hee Haw and a mechanical bull. Then on Saturday, among the many traditional and beloved events, there will also be mud drag races, a horseshoe tournament and bingo; just to name a few.

The Potato Day Parade is a huge culmination of the day's events with many floats, antique tractors and cars starting at the St. Michael's Catholic Church. Organizers encourage everyone to take an active part in the parade this year. There will be a traveling trophy awarded to the best business entry. For the best individual or non-profit entry, there will be a prize awarded. The three categories being judged are Best Potato Theme, Most Unique and Most Humorous.

So mark your calendars for August 4 and look for more to come on Potato Day 2012, the 21st annual Potato Day!

Strange, but true Aguayo has strange visitor

Last Tuesday morning, Tracy and Nick Aguayo had an unwelcome visitor on their front porch.

(For those of you who don't know - The Aguayos live in the former Elrod House, a block north of the courthouse - in the middle of Clark)

The unwanted visitor was, you guessed it, an animal.

"It was a scraggy raccoon and he looked me right in the eye," said

Tracy, and she quickly called Sheriff Rob McGraw who knew how to handle these types of situations.

"This is a safety concern issue," said McGraw, "The animal could have had rabies, but any time you see a wild animal, in town, in daylight hours, call me or the Game, Fish and Parks.

Aguayo added that she enjoys visitors, but this isn't what she had in mind.

Fireworks set for Wednesday in Clark

The annual fireworks display in Clark is planned for this week.

Fireworks will take to the sky at dusk come Wednesday night for Clark's 4th of July celebration.

The City of Clark and donations from other contributors will make the fireworks display event again a reality and it will take place at dusk at the Clark Golf Course.



Corn is ahead of schedule - chest high

It is a long-standing Clark County Courier tradition to picture youngsters standing in the corn field in the edition prior to the Fourth of July.

This year is an exception, as the corn is chest-high or even taller. The Courier had to 'step it up a notch' and recruited Ntai Stevens, a seventh grader to be and Matthew Streff, a fifth grader to be, to

show how tall the corn is to this point.

This field looks like many in Clark County at this time and the 95° heat forecast for this week will help continue to provide heat units, but the dry soil profile will become an imminent concern.

The July Fourth forecast for the week is hot and dry. You just might hear the corn grow!

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 26	83	65	0
June 27	84	64	0
June 28	82	61	0
June 29	79	59	.06
June 30	84	67	0
July 1	89	69	0
2012 precipitation to date	11.55"		
2011 precipitation to date	13.61"		

Willow Lake School Board meeting is well attended

A special meeting of the Willow Lake School Board was held Tuesday night in the multi-purpose room at Willow Lake School. With approximately 75 interested patrons in the room, the meeting became very 'interesting' during the "open forum" segment of the meeting.

Board meetings are a public meeting, but any time boards allow public input or allow the public to question motives and decisions, with board feedback, the public meeting turns into a meeting of the public, with much interaction from those in attendance.

(Boards do not have to allow public input or a delegation segment as an agenda item, but many board entities have elected to do this to better know how the electorate feels on given subjects and getting a true feeling of democracy to the process.)

Those in the audience waited well over two hours for the Willow Lake School Board to come out of executive session, for personnel discussion. Very few of the patrons who came to the 7:00 p.m. meeting had left by 10:15 p.m. when the 'open forum' discussion began.

The first 'forum' issue dealt with the resignation of Cindy Mafei, school secretary/administrative assistant. There was some discrepancy as to the title and job description of this position and it is posted this week in the Courier edition as administrative assistant.

The talk then turned to the superintendent's salary. There were questions concerning why a \$4,000 cut in pay to superintendent Terry Winegar's 2012-2013 salary.

School board president Marshall Edleman then explained the school board's position of looking for a half-time high school principal along with athletic director and elementary physical education or a combination thereof.

Edleman explained that the board is looking for a half-time principal in combination with other positions to help alleviate some of present superintendent Winegar's many duties. Winegar is the superintendent, high school principal, athletic director, head of special education, bus/transportation coordinator and elementary principal. Winegar was hired a year ago to do these duties at \$66,000.

The board then asked for a motion to adjourn, but the audience felt there was some unfinished discussion concerning the superintendent's salary.

A strong (multiple) voice (s) from the audience supported Winegar and felt that the \$4,000 reduction in his pay, even though some duties would go elsewhere, was looked at as a demotion.

Several in the audience voiced support of a dean of students, rather than a high school principal, but some duties, such as evaluation couldn't be performed by a dean of students.

The discussion then turned to the school board going forward. Several in the crowd who have previously served in leadership positions spoke of the process and perception of the school board as not coming

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A balcony overlooking main street and the town of Willow Lake was on Wayne Tellinghuisen's mind when he designed and rebuilt Tellinghuisen Construction into Tellinghuisen, Inc. and added the Home Town Hotel.

A new addition to the town of Willow Lake, an eight room hotel along with storage units, has been completed along with new office space at the former location of Tellinghuisen Construction and the Willow Lake Locker.

Just one year ago, a devastating fire burned four businesses in town along this location. One would

never know to look at Garfield Avenue now, what a blackened, tragic sight it was a year ago for the Willow Lake residents. Old west boardwalk sidewalks, a new rustic steak house and western type front on the grocery store all compliment the unique two story Hometown Hotel.

Sherrie Tellinghuisen takes a minute to rest and rock awhile on the second floor balcony. Maybe after the big celebration weekend, her husband Wayne, having all his construction deadlines on Garfield Avenue behind him, will be able to join her, relax a little and enjoy the view.

Home Town Hotel is now open

▲ Willow Lake hotel has rustic, old west look

Other than the old Willow Lake pictures and the old west look and the old grainary wood that was used throughout the decor, everything else at the Willow Lake Home Town Hotel is new.

Eight rooms and ten beds are available for customers at the Home Town Hotel and if one is originally from Willow Lake they might just be able to pick out a relative or two

in the old pictures that decorate the vanities, coat racks, counters and refrigerators. Sherrie and Wayne Tellinghuisen acquired about 100 photos from the museum in town, chose some from their own collection and some from Clifford Kannegieter of his father Art's collection and have added them to the decor. "We photo copied them, burnt the edges and added pour-on, an epoxy

to the top to cover them over the old wood used in the rooms and the counter in the breakfast room," says Sherrie.

Old barnwood was taken from an old grainary on the Truman and Dorothy Evenson farm southwest of Willow Lake, which was Sherrie's parent's farm.

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Clark School Board to re-visit bus contract

The Clark School Board met in special session, Wednesday, June 27, primarily to finalize the 2011-2012 fiscal budget.

The Clark School Board election was canvassed. Trudi Gaikowski and Michelle Mehlberg were declared the winners.

A twenty minute executive session was held for contractual purposes. After the closed session the board terminated the Duenwald Transportation contract. "During the July 9 meeting, the Clark School Board will take a look at bus contracts," said superintendent Brian Heupel.

Lamb to be ordained Sunday

Cassandra Lamb, a recent 2012 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary (ELCA) at Gettysburg, Penn. will be ordained on Sunday, July 8 at 5:00 p.m. The ordination will take place at the Good Hope Church near Willow Lake with a reception to follow at the church.

Cassandra has accepted a call to the South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. She is a 2004

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Garden City Alumni Banquet is July 14

The Garden City Alumni/All-School/Community Banquet will be held Saturday, July 14 in the American Legion at Clark. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Alumni, teachers, spouses and anyone who went to school in Gar-

den City and all Garden City friends are invited.

For more information, contact Jean Peterson at (605) 878-0672 or Romagene Rawlins at (605) 532-5215. If you plan to attend, please contact them by July 10.



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