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Summer starts on Thursday!

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Four members of the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestling team travel with their Cyclone wrestling head coach Greg Marx to Kansas City, Kan. over the weekend as part of Marx's 605 Grapplers wrestling team. The group competed with fellow 605 Grapplers in a dual tournament with teams from Kansas, Texas, Missouri and more. The South Dakota team went 9-0 in dual competition, winning the 8th Annual Summer Scuffle.



Left: Cyclone wrestlers pose for a photo after receiving their championship medals. Back row, left to right: Cooper Pommer, Coach Greg Marx and Josh Kannegieter. Front row: Cade Gaikowski (left) and Elliot Bratland (right).

Right: Josh Kannegieter works to get his opponent to their back during one of his matches.

Photos by Christina Kannegieter

605 Grapplers win Summer Scuffle in Kansas City, Kansas

By Heather Jordan

The 605 Grapplers emerged the winner after seven duals in pool play going 9-0 overall to win the 8th Annual 2024 Summer Scuffle at Gardner-Edgerton High School in Kansas City, Kan.

Twenty-four teams wrestled on June 14-15 in Kansas City against other competitors from Kansas, Texas, Missouri and more to advance to the gold division, where they beat the SEK Elite Gold and the SWMO Stingers to win the championship.

The tournament featured a dual format where teams compete against each other on day one. On day two, teams were placed into pools based on their performance from the initial competition on the first day.

Each summer, Clark-Willow Lake head wrestling coach Greg Marx coaches the 605 Grapplers consisting of area wrestlers with the goal of providing national exposure for South Dakota wrestlers. The team seeks out the best wrestlers in South Dakota and organizes teams to compete against some of the best competition in the country.

The 605 Grapplers roster includes: 90 lbs. Blaze Sevigny, 98 lbs. Braylon Schell, 106 lbs. Cade Gaikowski, 113 lbs. Taten Adams, 120 lbs. Brody Randall, 126 lbs. Cooper Pommer, 132 lbs. Trystan Traupel, 132 lbs. Tacey Miller, 138

lbs. Gannon Gilligan, 144 lbs. Cody Zell, 150 lbs. Gage Anderson, 157 lbs. Christian Ehresmann, 165 lbs. Elliot Bratland, 175 lbs. Landyn Reiser, 190 lbs. Joshua Kannegieter, 215 lbs. Jesse Schneck and 285 lbs. Micah Hach.

Tournament Results:

In Match One Round One, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated Junkyard Dawgs 86-4. 106-Cade Gaikowski won by forfeit, 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Mason McEleny (Junkyard Dawgs) by Fall 2:10, 165 - Elliot Bratland defeated Jackson Matchell (Junkyard Dawgs) by Fall 4:29 and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter defeated Luke Gregory (Junkyard Dawgs) by Fall 2:24.

In Match Two Round Two, the 605 Grapplers defeated The Kansas Paint Company 78-6. 106 - Cade Gaikowski won by forfeit. 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Brock Slimmer (The Kansas Paint Company) by Fall 1:00, 165 - Elliot Bratland defeated Eli Sprague (The Kansas Paint Company) by Fall 2:42 and 190 - Tyler Jackson (The Kansas Paint Company) defeated Joshua Kannegieter on a 3-1 Decision.

In Match Three Round Three, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated the Angry Birds 79-10. 106 - Cade Gaikowski defeated Grant Taylor (Angry Birds) by Technical Fall 16-0, 126 - Cooper Pommer de-

feated Leo Cisper (Angry Birds) by Fall 1:17, 165 - Ender Rider (Angry Birds) defeated Elliot Bratland by Major Decision 11-0 and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter won by forfeit.

In Match Four Round Four, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated SEK Elite Silver 86-3. 106 - Cade Gaikowski won by forfeit. 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Shayne Boutte (SEK Elite Silver) by Fall 2:25, 165 - Elliot Bratland won by forfeit, 190 - Joshua Kannegieter won by forfeit.

In Match Five Round Five, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated Staley 72-10. 106 - Joshua Hopkins (Staley) defeated Cade Gaikowski by Decision 10-6, 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Tyrre Broom (Staley) by Fall 1:21, 165 - Elliot Bratland won by forfeit and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter won by forfeit.

In Match Six Round Six, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated KC-Piper 89-4. 106 - Cade Gaikowski won by forfeit, 126 - Luke Cline (KC-Piper) defeated Cooper Pommer by Major Decision 11-3, 165 - Elliot Bratland won by forfeit and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter defeated Brady Brooks (KC-Piper) by Fall 0:52.

In Match Seven Round Seven, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated Cowboys 55-18. 106 - Cade Gaikowski defeated Keyen Taplin

(Cowboys) by Decision 11-4, 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Gage Taylor (Cowboys) by Fall 0:50, 165 - Parker Farr (Cowboys) defeated Elliot Bratland by Decision 11-4 and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter defeated Sergio Alaniz (Cowboys) by Fall 0:46.

The 605 Grapplers advanced to the Gold Pool. In Match One Round Two, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated the SWMO Stingers 40-29. 106 - Daemen Duemmel (SWMO Stingers) defeated Cade Gaikowski by Fall 2:12, 126 - Cooper Pommer defeated Tanner Putt (SWMO Stingers) by Major Decision 12-2, 165 - Elliot Bratland defeated Aaron Dillingham (SWMO Stingers) by Fall 1:09 and 190 - Tony Stewart (SWMO Stingers) defeated Joshua Kannegieter by Decision 6-4.

In Match Two Round Three, the 605 Grapplers South Dakota defeated SEK Elite Gold 55-19. 106 - Cade Gaikowski defeated Gavin Sportsman (SEK Elite Gold) by Fall 3:50, 126 - Dax Kline (SEK Elite Gold) defeated Cooper Pommer by Major Decision 12-0, 165 - Talen Braswell (SEK Elite Gold) defeated Elliot Bratland by Major Decision 10-0, and 190 - Joshua Kannegieter defeated DeMarus Partee (SEK Elite Gold) by Fall 0:58.

Dacotah Bank - Clark Grand Opening is June 25

If one has been in Clark at all within the last year, they may have noticed the ongoing construction of the Dacotah Bank building. After the lengthy construction process, the remodeling is finally complete. To celebrate, Dacotah Bank in Clark is hosting a Grand Opening on Tuesday, June 25 from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. followed by speeches. Tours of the facility will be given from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available as well as a supper

served. The community will also be invited to sign up to win a cooler filled with Dacotah Bank gear.

"As consumers come in, they can expect a modern look while experiencing a small town feel," said Market President Brandon Herr. "We look forward to seeing everyone attend the grand opening of our newly remodeled bank," he shared. "We are excited to show everyone our reinvestment into the town of Clark and surrounding areas as an agri-business and family focused bank."



Fire destroys house in Clark

Another fire has destroyed a house in Clark County, this time in the city of Clark. Last Tuesday night, a fire broke out at the house just south of Saint Boniface Cemetery on North Commercial Street in Clark. Maria Alejandra Maldonado De Jesus and her two young children, Edward and Saphira lost their home that night. From the outside, the house looked deceptively fair. However, the interior told a different story, as pictured above.

If anyone would like to donate to the De Jesus family, monetary and clothing donations are most needed. Saphira wears 5T clothing, and Edward wears 6/7. A bank account fund has been set up at Dacotah Bank in Clark under the Maria Alejandra Maldonado De Jesus fire fund. Other donations can be dropped off at Angie Seefeldt's home at 114 South Commercial Street in Clark. The children attend Seefeldt's daycare.

Submitted photo

Ace Hardware will celebrate 100 years of business

Ace Hardware is preparing to celebrate a century of business on June 29. To celebrate this event, Clark Ace Hardware is hosting various activities throughout the week, June 24-29.

Ace Hardware has over 5,500 stores around the world, with the majority of those stores independently owned and operated by local entrepreneurs. Alfredo and Shannon Garduno of Webster purchased Dekker Hardware from owner Pam Dekker in 2021. "Alfredo and I have owned the hardware store in Clark since September 1, 2021, converting it from a Do-It-Best to ACE Hardware," said Shannon. The Garduno family also owns Ace Hardware in Webster.

Starting out the week on Monday, June 24, Cayden Binger will be serving smoothies from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Then, on Tuesday, a Milwaukee regional representative will be at Ace for Milwaukee Booking Days from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, a DeWalt and Craftsman regional representative will be at Ace for DeWalt and Craftsman Booking Days from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Clark FFA chapter will be serving popcorn and lunch from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as a fundraiser.

On Thursday, Dawsyn Hilmoe's Lemonade Stand will be open for business from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday will see the Clark Area

Junior Legion and Legion Baseball teams serving pancakes on a Blackstone grill from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tater's Trolley will also be open for business and serving from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 29 is the day of the Biggest Block Party Event. Free smoked pork butt and grilled hamburger meals, prepared on Treager and Big Green Egg grills, will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will also be a lot of free, fun activities for the kids and kids at heart from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Those activities include a bouncy house, coloring the sidewalk, gel blaster shootouts and free snow cones for everyone. Door prizes will be given out all day.

"We are humbled and blessed to be a part of the Clark and surrounding area communities!" Garduno shared.

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 11.....	77	52	0.02
June 12.....	83	61	0
June 13.....	90	59	0.37
June 14.....	83	56	0.06
June 15.....	82	62	0.01
June 16.....	77	65	0
June 17.....	78	57	0.07
2024 precipitation to date	10.95"		
2023 precipitation to date	4.64"		

Introducing a fun, new activity that encourages exploring

By Karli Paulson

The Clark County Courier is excited to share a new feature hidden among the pages this week—Jesi the NewsFlamingo—a feathery bird with a distinctive talent for news.

In honor of my sister, Jessica Jones, because she loved flamingos and a good story!

From this week on, Jesi will be hidden somewhere within the Courier pages for anyone to find. And, if you do find her, let us know! There will be a sweet treat waiting at the Clark County Courier office for anyone who can spot Jesi and prove it! Happy hunting!



State golf champion Roehrich honored by Governor Noem

On Thursday, June 13, Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone golfer Brynn Roehrich attended Governor Noem's Champions Luncheon in Pierre at the Governor's Residence.

Roehrich joined fellow individual state champions and team champions in this school year's winter/spring seasons throughout South Dakota in having lunch with Governor Kristi Noem. Brynn was crowned the individual medalist at the South Dakota Class B Golf Tournament in Brookings earlier this month.

Cyclone golf head coach John Brown accompanied Roehrich to the luncheon, pictured above with Governor Noem. Coach Brown stated, "This was a very nice way to honor our young South Dakota athletes. Brynn represented CWL with a tremendous amount of class. She was well deserving of the honor." He added, "I'm looking forward to the next three years of golf." Brown ended, "We would like to thank the Governor and her entire staff for a great day of celebration."

Photo Courtesy of Valerie Roehrich

The Clark County Courier office will be closed on Friday for a wedding.

Thank you for your understanding!

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