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## Top of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 2	80	58	0
July 3	80	59	0
July 4	82	62	0
July 5	82	62	0
July 6	83	68	0
July 7	83	60	0
July 8	83	60	1.95
2013 precipitation to date	14.36"		
2012 precipitation to date	11.55"		

### Garden City Alumni Reunion is Saturday

The Garden City All School Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 13 at the Ringneck Lodge on the west edge of Clark.

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Romagene Rawlins at 605-881-6320 or 605-532-5215.

### Clark County to host mitigation workshop

The Clark County Emergency Management will be hosting a local community hazard mitigation workshop on July 15, 2013 in Clark at the Clark County Courthouse, Community Room. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The workshop will be the culminating event of the County's Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Project which began in the winter of 2011.

The public is encouraged to continue to participate in the mitigation planning process and continue review and comment on the Mitigation Plan Draft.

The Clark County Mitigation Planning Committee has completed the Mitigation Draft Plan which will be offered to the public for review and comments. The Draft Plan will be displayed at the Clark County Auditor's office, located in the Clark County Courthouse in Clark on July 15, 2013 for a period of 30 days.

### Calcutta tournament is this weekend

This weekend is a golfing highlight of the Clark Golf Club summer with the Calcutta running Friday through Sunday. The scramble will begin on Friday along with practice rounds being played all day. The tourney begins Saturday and ends on Sunday afternoon.

### Chamber board to meet this Thursday

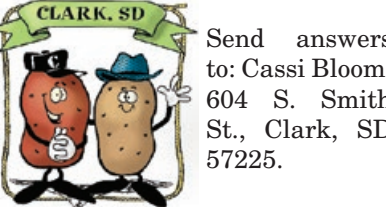
The Clark Chamber Board of Directors will be meeting this Thursday evening, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the coffee shop.

With Potato Day less than a month away the Chamber will be planning Saturday, August 3 activities.

### Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #1

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is again having the Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head contest in conjunction with Potato Day on Saturday, August 3, 2013.

Clue #1: "He's the youngest of three. She's the youngest of four. And she is related to so many people, no one can keep score."



Send answers to: Cassi Bloom, 604 S. Smith St., Clark, SD 57225.

## Seefeldt is elected chairman of the Clark School Board

### ▲ Steffen re-elected vice president

The Clark School Board very much has a new look! July is the month when school boards finish up with old business and start anew.

The oath of office was administered to new board member Todd Fjelland and returning board member Robert Steffen. Fjelland was appointed by the school board for a one-year term replacing Michelle Mehlberg. Steffen ran unopposed for a three-year term on the board.

After a brief discussion of what the role of the board president should be, along with the leadership style protocol of the board president, Kim Seefeldt was elected president on a unanimous ballot. Steffen was also re-elected vice president on a unanimous ballot.

**Committees**  
School board committees include: Negotiations: Kim Seefeldt and Bob Steffen; Policy: Bob Steffen and Todd Fjelland; Buildings and grounds: Amy Sass and Bob Steffen; Technology: Todd Fjelland and Amy Sass; Athletic Co-op: Kim Seefeldt and Trudi Gaikowski; Transportation: Trudi Gaikowski and Kim Seefeldt. Kim Seefeldt is the board

member designated as the voting member of the ASBSD; NESB Cooperatives: Bob Steffen as board representative with Trudi Gaikowski and Amy Sass as alternates.

**Budget Hearing**  
Business manager Heidi Sigdestad led the budget hearing discussion, breaking down all of the respective school funds with charts, graphs and explanation.

As noted in last week's school budget story in the *Courier*, the administration is very appreciative of the opt out of the tax freeze for \$300,000 annually for five years, without coming to a vote.

Sigdestad showed the board how the general fund had grown by seven percent due to a three percent increase to both certified staff and classified staff salaries as well as a \$20.00 increase in health insurance.

Capital outlay decreased by .05 per thousand to \$1.25 per thousand with all the obligations including the Senate Bill transfer of \$105,000 annually to the general fund.

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## Clark's annual Fourth of July fireworks are again a huge success

The Fourth of July was quite a weekend in Clark County this year with many activities including: class reunions, baseball games, parades, street dances and golf outings.

Speaking of golf, the Clark Golf Course is a great place for a fireworks display and with nice, summer-like weather, the fireworks were again a huge

success.

Several large 'salutes' announced the beginning of the fireworks celebration across the sky. The Clark Fire Department helped mastermind the project. The fire department's annual street dance took place Saturday night and it also attracted a lot of folks to the downtown area.

## Firemen deserve much credit for fireworks show



For as long as one can remember, there have been fireworks in Clark, shot off by members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department. Shown above with the equipment needed for the event, the launching tubes, the swabbers and the flare used to light the wicks on the fireworks are Clark firemen, left to right, Jeff Seefeldt, department president, Shane Hagstrom, Wade Stobbs and Mikel Seefeldt.

One knows that familiar sound. You see it a split second before you hear it. It's a bright white orb and then it's gone as you hear a loud boom that you can almost feel in your chest.

It's called a 'Salute' and it usually starts off the annual Clark fireworks show put on at the Clark Golf Course on the 4th of July. "We usually start off with three salutes to get everyone's attention," stated fire department president Jeff Seefeldt. "From six miles away I've heard those salutes."

"You can feel the shock wave as they come out of the tube," adds fireman Wade Stobbs.

Stobbs added, "There is kind of a 'shoop' sound as the three, four and five inch balls come up out of the steel tubes and go up into the sky to make the public fireworks displays."

Shown above, the steel tubes

have long spikes that are pounded into the ground to anchor them. The department has one - five inch, two - four inch and three - three inch tubes that they use to launch the fireworks and all are spaced about 20 yards apart out on the golf course.

The tubes are set about 50 yards away from the firetrucks and the firework balls.

"We get about 150 balls I'd say that are shot off in the tubes and about five or six boxes of one inch shells. We mix them in for a variety during the display - along with the salutes," said Seefeldt.

"Safety first is a priority. We have the public back about 300 yards, just in case. Last year we had a couple incidents with a three inch ball that only went up about four feet then came down again. That made about an eight inch crater in the ground. Also we had one of our

one inch boxes come apart. One hit Wade Stobbs in the leg."

"It felt like a baseball hitting you and that's through our heavy bunker gear that night. It's pretty hot in there so we've learned to drink a lot of water during the day to prepare for that night," noted Stobbs. "Last year was the first time in a long time though that something like that has happened."

The big fireworks are shaped into balls with a base at the bottom and about a two foot wick at the top. They are lowered into the tube by the wick which hangs over the side.

The lighter leans away from the tube and just taps it and it's off. "As soon as you hit that fuse - it's gone," says Jeff. "Then you run and duck."

About 10 firemen are around for the process. They have two light-

**Firemen**  
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## Goats are really popular at the 4-H Achievement Days

With 4-H Achievement Days coming up on August 7, the pressure is on for area 4-Hers to work with their animals, getting them ready to show.

Teaching them to lead and how to stand still for the judges are two things that Tavie Guzman is concentrating on with her Boer meat goats, Bonnie and Clyde and Root Beer.

This is the fourth year that Tavie has shown goats. The first three years, she was an independent 4-H member. Currently she is a member of the Raymond 4-H Club led by Gale and Mary Filipek and Ann Schmidt. She's been in 4-H since 2008.

Rod and Mary Hurlbut, former 4-H leaders for 17 years of Raymond 4-H Club, are the ones who have supplied Tavie the last few years with goats.

"We just started raising them four years ago," said Mary. "They are a very fun project for young kids to start out with in 4-H. They are easier than sheep, I think," she says. "They are fun to watch. They'll play and jump around together. They are a very curious animal. It doesn't take them very long to warm up to you. If you stand there long enough - they'll come to you. The Boer breed of goats have a good disposition. We've never had a problem with our meat goats. Dairy goats are the ones that are known for being more problematic."

"If these guys get out - they just stand by the fence."

"We have one little latecomer we call Lucy that my grandkids enjoy leading around with the dog leash. That's the first thing they want to do when they come - go get Lucy."

The Hurlbut's have around 100 goats and they 'kid them out' once a year, starting in February. They're about 25-30 pounds when the Hurlbut's sell them in April, they often go to 4-H members. Besides Guzman, Tate McGraw, Lydia Reidburn and Cole Brenden are area 4-Hers who have purchased the Hurlbut's Boer goats.

Tavie Guzman who started in 4-H in 2008, has always shown goats from the Hurlbut farm. She showed 'Mickey' the first year in 2010, 'Root Beer' in 2011 and 'Cow-

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Two and a half year old Root Beer smiles for the camera along with her trainer, 4-H member Tavie Guzman. Bonnie and Clyde who are six months old stand close by. The goats make their home at the Rod and

Mary Hurlbut farm, but are trained and cared for almost daily by Guzman as her 4-H projects. "They're the best project a kid could have," says Tavie's mother Jackie.



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