

Fourteenth annual 4-H Rodeo is set for July 25 and 26 with many activities planned for 4-H contestants

The Clark County Fairgrounds will be the site of the 14th annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26. The rodeo events will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Over 250 contestants have signed up to take part in the two day event. Events for junior and senior contestants are planned in both the small and large arenas at the rodeo grounds.

The rodeo event order for both days at the large arena includes: senior barrels, junior barrels, junior-junior barrels, senior steer wrestling, senior dally team roping, junior flag race, junior-junior flag race, senior pole bending, senior bareback riding, senior saddle bronc riding, junior cattle riding, senior bull riding.

In the small arena, the event

order is: senior calf roping, junior boys breakaway, senior breakaway, junior boys goat tying, junior girls breakaway, senior ribbon roping, junior girls goat tying, senior girls goat tying, junior pole bending.



The 4-H Rodeo contestants will compete for an opportunity to qualify for the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo State Final to be held August 14-16 in Fort Pierre.

4-Hers from across the state are coming to Clark over the weekend to compete in the 21 different events in three divisions, junior-junior, junior and senior.

Saturday and Sunday will be considered separate rodeos so actually contestants will have two chances to qualify for the state finals. Over 1,500 run-throughs will take place in the two days.

Allyson Monson elected to national FCCLA office

For the first time Clark FCCLA is home to a national officer. Allyson Monson decided as a freshman that she would run for a national position. That goal was achieved at the national FCCLA convention in Washington, D.C. held the first week in July, where Monson was elected to the National FCCLA Executive Council as First Vice-President.

In the last three years Monson has been preparing for the process, which began on July 5 with a fifty-question test covering all aspects of FCCLA for which she received the second-highest score among the 31 members who tested. The next step was an interview and delivery of a three-minute speech on FCCLA building leaders. Monson then joined the rest of the candidates in a "fish bowl", an exercise in which candidates formed teams and were asked to solve a situation as a group. During this process they were observed and judged by the nominating committee. The candidates also participated in a project session where they once again worked as a team to plan an FCCLA event.

At 8:00 p.m. on July 6, Monson was notified that she had moved into the second round along with 19 other candidates. The first challenge in the second round was to



Allyson Monson, second from left in the front row, takes her place as a National FCCLA officer to serve of 10 officers who will promote and work with the National FCCLA organization, as well as plan and preside over the next national meeting in 2016. She is pictured with the team

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A life was saved at the Clark pool

A life was saved last Thursday afternoon at the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool, in Clark.

Nine year old Seth Tarbox was pulled out of the three/foot portion of the pool by the lifeguards on duty. He didn't have a pulse, was not conscious and was not breath-

ing. Prior to the arrival of emergency responders CPR had already been started.

Tarbox was transported to Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown by Clark County Ambulance and later by Watertown Fire Rescue. He was treated at Prairie Lakes Hospital in

Watertown and has now recovered and is at home.

Agencies assisting were Clark Police Department, Clark County Ambulance Service, Clark Fire Department, Sanford Clinic PA, Clark County Emergency Management and Watertown Fire Rescue.

According to Clark Chief of Police Jeremy Wellnitz, an awards ceremony will take place in the near future acknowledging all those who played a part in this life-saving event.

Clark Chamber of Commerce

Potato Day - Aug. 1, 2015

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #2

This couple likes Children and Dogs.

They have two Labs and one child.

Or is it one Lab and two children.

It is one or the other.

What we can be sure is that no one is a brother.

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

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 7	66	50	0
July 8	72	53	0
July 9	75	56	0
July 10	80	57	0
July 11	84	66	tr
July 12	89	68	0
July 13	87	63	0
2015 precipitation to date	11.07"		
2014 precipitation to date	10.82"		

Bryce and Missy Lehna are the new Crocker Hills Bar and Grill owners



Missy and Bryce Lehna have purchased the bar in Crocker and renamed it, noting the location, The Crocker Hills Bar and Grill. Formerly from Hawaii and Minnesota with Bryce's roots in the Crocker Hills, the couple has moved their family here, with the intentions of enjoying the simpler life in more of a country

setting. Formerly a full-time Navy pilot (currently in the U.S. Navy Reserve) and a Hawaiian realtor, Bryce and Melissa "Missy" look forward to their new venture, welcoming patrons back to Crocker.

There's once again a gathering place for the locals in the town of Crocker. And it's appropriately named - The Crocker Hills Bar and Grill, recently purchased by Bryce and Melissa "Missy" Lehna.

With the help of their teen-aged sons, Bret and Beau who will be attending Clark school next fall and family friend, Karyl Maas and several others, the bar had their grand opening last Friday evening - complete with a kalua pork special, a band and fireworks, shot off by Forrest Grimes.

"The community is very happy it's open again," said Missy. "We hear that all the time."

"We get people in here from all over our part of the county as there are less eating places around than there used to be in the smaller towns."

"We'll hear people say here...I haven't seen you out for a while," added B. Lehna.

"We want it to be known as a family friendly community gathering place, a good place to gather for birthday parties and special occasions. We're open to all events," invites M. Lehna.

Bryce Lehna's grandparents Ben and Sophie Lehna (now deceased) and his parents Elaine and the late

Bernard Lehna are familiar names in the Crocker area, having lived there for many, many years.

"I grew up around here and later spent summers out here," said B. Lehna. "I remember the older stores that were across the road, Spratt's General Store, Flattens Store and Post Office. There were four grain elevators and two dance halls here in Crocker's earlier years."

The Crocker Bar, originally built by Elmer Gross in 1965 is celebrating its 50th year. "This is our anniversary year this year," say the couple.

A dance hall area to the south and outdoor seating have been additions over the years. The Lehna's have in mind more of a rustic look for their future plans.

A love of country and a simpler life is what encouraged the couple to move back to Crocker. "We wanted to get our boys out in the country. They are more in their element out here, liking hunting and fishing than they were living in the city. They'll be helping out in the kitchen here, too."

The couple moved from Waimanalo, Oahu to start their venture. Missy spent the last 10 years as a realtor in Hawaii and Bryce flew airplanes (P3's, T34's and C12's) in

his 26 years of active duty with the U.S. Navy. About a year and a half ago, he switched from active duty to reserves. He was also deployed several times after 9-11 flying patrol and reconnaissance missions.

The couple met at a casino in Red Wing, Minn. and were married in 1997. "It's the only time I really won," complimented Bryce of their meeting at that location.

Missy (Possehl) grew up in Frontenac, Minn., a town of about 500 people where she enjoyed the small town atmosphere. "I worked as a waitress starting at 12 years old," she said. "Being in the business before, I knew we could do this."

"Before we even bought this, I contacted Karyl Maas for her support. I grew up with her, she's great," said B. Lehna.

"I call her my angel," added M. Lehna. "She's been such a great help."

"Old friends and relatives are coming out of the woodwork," stated B. Lehna. "It's been just great."

"I enjoy being here, hearing the local farmers visit about their plans. You just can't beat small town/country life. We've lived in several states over our time together (23 years),"

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Steffen is re-elected chairman of the Clark School Board

Todd Fjelland elected vice president

July is the month when school boards start over, fiscally and member-wise. Trudi Gaikowski and Amy Sass both took the oath of office beginning three-year terms. No election was needed this year as they both ran unopposed.

Bob Steffen was re-elected president of the Clark School Board at Monday's meeting, on a unanimous ballot and Todd Fjelland was elected vice president, also on a unanimous ballot. Shannon Huber was absent from the meeting, as the

new mother was at home.

Committees

School board committees include: Negotiations - Todd Fjelland and Robert Steffen; Policy - Amy Sass and Shannon Huber; Buildings and grounds - Trudi Gaikowski and Todd Fjelland; Technology - Shannon Huber and Amy Sass; Athletic Co-op - Todd Fjelland and Bob Steffen; Transportation - Trudi Gaikowski and Shannon Huber.

Robert Steffen is the board member designated as the voting mem-

ber of the ASBSD; NESC Co-operatives: Trudi Gaikowski as board representative with Shannon Huber and Amy Sass as alternates.

Budget hearing

The budget hearing for the 2015-16 school budget was held prior to the board meeting. Superintendent Luanne Warren and business manager Mary Nelson led the discussion of school finances. The Clark County Courier will do an in depth budget story between now and the beginning of the school year.

Superintendent Warren attended the South Dakota (Legislative) Blue Ribbon Education Task Force meeting, held recently in Aberdeen.

"The talk was about freezing capital outlay at where each individual school is currently at," said Warren, and that led to discussion as to what options or alternatives were open to the board regarding capital outlay.

"We're at \$1.20 per 1000 and that is very low," explained Warren, as \$3.00 is the maximum and many

schools are at the maximum, or at least the \$2.50 level.

The school's five-year plan will probably be given high priority quickly, if capital outlay is to be frozen.

Warren stated that she thought it would be an immediate action, not a year to get ready situation, or a two-year moratorium.

As the school board was talking a \$1.50 capital outlay scenario, it was reported that \$27,000 could be generated for every \$.05 levied in

capital outlay.

"We need to have an idea where the money is going to go - before we just go up," said board chairman Steffen.

The board felt it to be unfair if there would be a penalty, such as a capital outlay freeze, for keeping a frugal, conservative attitude.

"I'm being told we need to be ready if this becomes a reality," said Warren.

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