

Thirteenth annual 4-H Rodeo is set for July 26 and 27 with many activities planned for 4-H contestants

The Clark County Fairgrounds will be the site of the thirteenth annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27. The rodeo events will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Over 240 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 15-17 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.



A busy week for house tear downs in Clark

Brent Forest, in his excavator made light work of three residences in Clark this past week.

Above, with city employee Roger Collins, observing in the foreground, the excavator crawls through the debris to knock down the south part of the structure at 907 N. Idaho St. in Clark.

This residence, referred to as the Willouby house because they are the current owners, was taken down Tuesday morning.

Look for a picture of the two tear downs on the 400 block of North Commercial street elsewhere in this issue.



Mark and Joy Tracy are a 'clergy couple.' Both recently graduated from the Sioux Falls Seminary in May, receiving their Master's Degrees in Divinity. While attending seminary, they served as pastors for the Henry/Kellerton congregations the past two years. This June, they accepted the call to add Clark United Methodist and the Garden City United Methodist Church to the churches they serve.

Originally from Watertown and the parents of three children, the couple looks forward to becoming active members of the community and recently moved into the UMC parsonage in Clark.

The Reverends Mark and Joy Tracy now at Methodist Church(es)

"We believe northeast South Dakota truly is God's country," stated Reverend Mark Tracy, who recently, along with his wife, Rev. Joy Tracy, has accepted the call to the Clark and Garden City United Methodist Churches.

Both recent graduates this May from the Sioux Falls Seminary, the couple has been serving the Henry

and Kellerton Methodist Churches over the past two years while also attending seminary as full-time students. They will continue to serve as their pastors and in total will have four churches to serve between the two of them.

"We never missed a Sunday driv-

Reverends Tracy
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Mary Nelson is shown at her desk in the office of the business manager at Clark High School. She started in this position on June 23 and is looking forward to being back in the halls of Clark High School, where she graduated in 1986. Married to Jeff Nelson and the mother of three children, Nelson says she will enjoy being able to see her youngest daughter Morgan while at work everyday, as Morgan graduates from CHS in the spring of 2015.

Mary Nelson is the new Clark School business manager

On June 23, Mary Nelson started on the job as Clark School District's new business manager.

"I'm back in the halls of Clark High School again," said Nelson. "I was a Clark Comet senior back in 1986. All of my children have attended here and this upcoming

school year will be my daughter Morgan's senior year. I'm looking forward to that. This next year will just fly by. I'll get to keep on eye on her," chuckles Nelson.

Nelson's most recent position was

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	HI	LO	PR
July 8	73	54	0
July 9	74	54	0
July 10	76	57	0
July 11	86	66	0
July 12	75	59	.30
July 13	73	53	0
July 14	64	50	0
2014 precipitation to date	10.82"		
2013 precipitation to date	15.06"		

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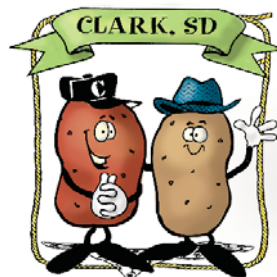
Potato Day - Aug. 2, 2014

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #2

*The much loved husband and glamorous wife,
Together work through life's toils and strife.
As potato picker, taxi driver,
Sunday School teacher, tractor operator, calf raiser...*
The Mrs. has filled many roles in her life.

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

Twenty-third annual Potato Day is scheduled for August 2



In a half month's time on Saturday, August 2, 2014, Clark will hold their 23rd 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 2014 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. Wrestlers are still needed, so sign up to get in the spuds.

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.

Phil Baker, Sioux Falls is the

Dickinson Park headliner this year, for kids of all ages.

On Friday, August 1, Spudnicks at Nite Laugh-in Hee Haw Show will be at the Clark Golf Club. 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.

So mark your calendars for August 2 and look for more to come on Potato Day 2014, the 23rd annual Potato Day!

Heather's Bistro to be in the former Clark County Mercantile building

What was the former Clark Post Office in the early 1950's and later the Clark County Mercantile will soon become the new location for Heather's Bistro along U. S. Highway 212 in Clark's business district, just east of the Courier office.

"Ever since I took up 60's Plus dining, I've been thinking that I could use more space," began Heather Johannsen, owner of the local coffee shop in Clark. "I called the owner of this building Clay Yeoman and told him I wanted to take a look at it. I love old buildings. I know it was a post office at one time as the vault and safe in the building still have Clark Post Office painted on them. It's a huge metal safe that will stay where it's at, as it's too big to get through the door. It must have been there when the building was built in the early part of the 20th century."

Johannsen liked what she saw and took possession of the building at the end of June. Former owner Yeoman did a lot of work in restoring the business space for the open-

Heather's Bistro
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By mid August, what used to be the Clark County Mercantile, will become the new location for Heather's Bistro in Clark. New owner Heather Johannsen, who grew up on a farm north of Raymond and graduated from Clark, states that she loves old buildings and is looking forward to having more room at her new location.

The Total Image Salon will continue to occupy their space in the mid section of the building.

