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The 22nd Annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo



is this weekend!

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District 1B Tournament starts Saturday at Dickinson Field

The District 1B Amateur Baseball Tournament is scheduled to start on Saturday, July 22 and go through Thursday, July 27. The tournament is slated to be held at Dickinson Field in Clark, barring any weather events that might dictate changes of venue.

nament this year. The Eastern Dakota League teams participating in the tournament and their season standings are as follows: Lake Norden Lakers 13-1, Milbank Firechiefs 8-6, Volga Cormorants 8-6, Clark Traders 8-6, Castlewood Monarchs 4-10, Elkton Snappers 3-11 and Ramona Express 0-14.

There will be seven teams in total playing in the District 1B Tour-



Pictured above from left to right are Kooper Wookey of Clark and Ashlynn Borns of Hartford with their grandparents, Cindy and David Borns. Each of them were trying the new cherry nut flavor of ice cream at Cluck 'n' Moo, with all of the group giving rave reviews.

Photo by Emily Yexley

Enjoy homemade ice cream and broasted chicken at Cluck 'n' Moo

Kevin and Sandy Ortberg of Clark have recently launched their food truck, Cluck 'N' Moo. The idea sparked with Kevin getting a 'wild hair' to start a food truck, with inspiration from a friend who has one. The couple love both broasted chicken and homemade ice cream. They owned the diner in Clark some 14 years ago, where they also served homemade ice cream and broasted chicken.

Each order takes about ten minutes. And, if there is order after order, it can be a bit of a wait, a wait that is worth every deliciously anticipating minute. A stop at the food truck can also serve as a great opportunity to try one of the Ortberg's scrumptious ice cream flavors, like

Cluck 'n' Moo
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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
July 11.....	86	54	0
July 12.....	66	55	0.21
July 13.....	74	57	0
July 14.....	85	64	0
July 15.....	81	60	0
July 16.....	73	55	0
July 17.....	74	51	0
2023 precipitation to date	11.96"		
2022 precipitation to date	14.36"		

Annual 4-H rodeo this weekend at Clark County Fairgrounds

The Clark County 4-H along with the Clark County Horsemen's Club will be hosting the 22nd annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23. Events will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

County to compete with other members in their age division and to continue to hone in on their skillsets for the state event and to obtain a qualifying score. Age divisions are junior (eight-14 years old) and senior (14-18 years old), and youth can compete in a multitude of different events.

Over 265 contestants have registered to compete in events over the weekend. Both the small and large arenas at the fairgrounds will be utilized for events.

Saturday and Sunday are considered "separate" rodeos, and contestants will have two opportunities to qualify for the state finals.

Youth involved in the Clark County 4-H Rodeo will compete for an opportunity to qualify for the South Dakota 4-H Finals Rodeo, which is held annually at the Stanley County 4-H Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierre, S.D.

Over 1,500 run throughs will take place over the course of the weekend.

Not only does the Clark County Rodeo allow local youth to participate, but numerous youth from across the state also travel to Clark

The lunch stand will be open for attendees and spectators to utilize for meals and snacks throughout the weekend, and there will be no gate fees to come watch the rodeo. The concessions will be hosted by Clark County 4-H families and leaders.



People gathered Saturday morning at Flat Iron Park in Clark to witness the Prisoner of War Bench Dedication ceremony by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota and Clark American Legion members. The

bench was donated by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota. Photo by Emily Yexley

Prisoner of War Bench Dedication by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota took place on Saturday morning at Flat Iron Park

Emily Yexley

A crowd gathered at Flat Iron Park Saturday morning as the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota and Clark American Legion members came together for a bench dedication ceremony. The Rolling Thunder® organization has been working around the United States to dedicate benches in honor and remembrance of Prisoners of War and those listed as Missing in Action, Chapter 2, out of Brookings, were the ones present during the ceremony.

According to their website, the

major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: "To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. We are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars."

The ceremony was opened by the presentation of the Color Guard, completed by members of the Cagley-Smith Post #60 American Le-

gion of Clark followed by an opening prayer by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota board member Chris Engbrecht.

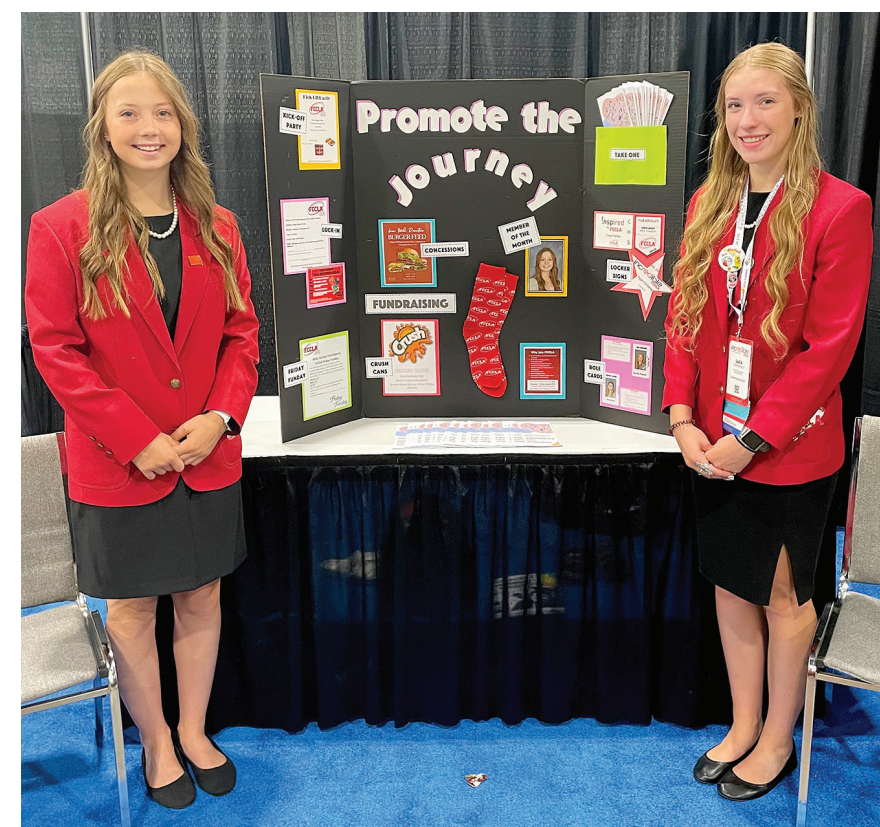
Grace Adam of Clark sang the National Anthem prior to the reading of the Mission Statement of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. as stated above. A member of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota spoke briefly on the history of the organization and all of the good works they do and events they participate in to help honor the memory of Prisoners of War, past and present, and those Missing in Action.

Cagley-Smith Post #60 American Legion member Rob McGraw accepted the donation after which time, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2 South Dakota board chairman Bob Foster dedicated the memorial. Rolling Thunder members Nicole Convey and Tom Paradise unveiled the memorial to the tune of "Taps" on the trumpet, played by Darin Lewis.

Much gratitude was expressed as the Color Guard was released and the crowd headed across the street to enjoy fellowship.



Clark FCCLA member Madison Pickrel is pictured in the left photo next to her presentation, "Say Yes to FCS" that she entered in the STAR event at the National Leadership Conference. In the photo on the right are Hannah Heiman, left and Sara Thonvold, right in front of their "Promote the Journey" showcase project that they shared with several advisors and FCCLA members.



Submitted photos

Clark FCCLA members attend national leadership conference in Denver, Colo.

Tammie Paulson

Several Clark High School FCCLA members represented their school and community at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, July 2-6. This annual event brought together more than 7,900 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student members, advisors and guests.

The conference provided Clark FCCLA members with many opportunities, including attending speaker sessions, engaging in youth workshops, competing on a national level and networking with fellow youth leaders. Centered around the theme "incREDible," this conference highlighted how FCCLA offers prospects to its members and advisors through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. By exploring career opportunities and instilling real-world skills, advocacy and service, FCCLA empowers



Neveah Rusher, pictured in the photo above, participated in state officer trainings and helped run S.D. meetings while at the National FCCLA Conference in Denver, Colo. the beginning of July.

throughout their lives.

Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to have welcomed over 7,900 members, advisers, corporate partners and guests who are dedicated to discovering the unlimited possibilities available through FCCLA. The relationships and skills developed during this conference have inspired students to make an incREDible difference in their communities."

During the conference, Sara Thonvold, Madison Pickrel, Neveah Rusher and Hannah Heiman participated in various events, with results as follows: Neveah Rusher, Region IV President participated in State Officer Trainings and helped run S.D. meetings while at the national conference along with the rest of her S.D team. Madison Pickrel, represented S.D. by competing in the STAR event "Say Yes to

FCCLA". Madison placed in the top 10 and was recognized on stage at the recognition session. Sara Thonvold and Hannah Heiman presented a chapter showcase project for advisers and students. Their showcase was titled "Promote the Journey", and they shared ideas with several advisers and FCCLA members.

FCCLA will be hosting its next National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Wash., June 29 to July 3, 2024.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 237,000 members and more than 5,100 chapters across the nation.