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Don't miss the 4-H Rodeo this weekend at the Clark County Fairgrounds

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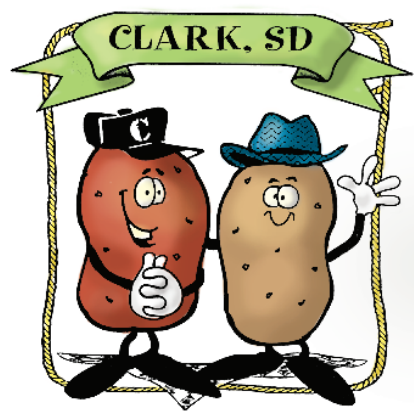
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## 26th annual Potato Day festivities promise to be fun for the entire family



Potato Day, in Clark, held the first Saturday in August, promises to be fun for the entire family. Potato Day is Saturday, Aug. 5, but actually it could be called Potato Days, because activities are held the entire weekend, not just Saturday.

A day of celebration, in honor of the potato, will give young and old alike an opportunity to enjoy many Potato Day activities. This will be the 26th annual Potato Day.

Many individuals work very hard

to make Potato Day a lasting success, working each year to make it a quality family event. Clark Chamber of Commerce co-chairmen Greg Furness and Melanie Smith along with Potato Day co-chairmen Robin Hartley and Cassie Kottke work hard behind the scenes. Both groups also have boards with key members that work hard with little recognition to pull off this community event.

### Bargains with a 'peel'

Crazy Day bargains can be found on Commercial Street and beyond. Participating merchants will have stores open from 9:00 a.m. to parade time. Come check out all of the bargains.

Scrip money and Potato Day Button drawings will be in front of the Potato Day tent at Dickinson Park.

Individuals retailers will be holding various promotions of their own, with contests, store drawings and give-aways.

### New activities

On Saturday, a Summer-Fly-In, sponsored by Wheatland Aviation will be going on, with a lunch at 12:00 noon. Steve Hennings, an airplane mechanic, is the Wheatland Aviation owner.

Goat Pebble Bingo at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Dickinson Park is another new event this year.

On Sunday, at the Clark County Fairgrounds is the first annual Antique Tractor Pull.

### Entertainment

Entertainment is always a big draw for Potato Days. Holy Rocka Rollaz, Dynamic DJ at the Golf Club, Jade Monkey at the Street Dance, sponsored by the Clark Fire Department and juggler Jason Huenke are all big entertainment attractions.

Times and places are all being finalized this week, for all Potato Day events, with the Potato Day schedule being inserted in the August 2

Clark County Courier edition.

There are no Mud Drag Races or Sheltered Reality this year.

### Parade

The 5:00 p.m. Potato Day Parade annually is a quality parade and a crowd pleaser, with many floats and entrants.

The antique tractor parade again will come from Watertown.

Many from the Car Show also stick around to enter the Clark Potato Day Parade

### Potato contests

Anyone with a tasty potato and chip dip recipe should enter the contest at Heather's Bistro. The Flower and Garden Show as well as the Best Decorated Potato Contest is at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop.

### Arts and Crafts Show

Dickinson Park will be the place to be on Saturday, Aug. 5 for craft items. Many craft items will be on display and available for purchase

from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Teri Cordrey is in charge of the Arts and Craft Show.

### Mashed Potato Wrestling

Headlining Potato Day each year is the 11:30 a.m. Mashed Potato Wrestling at homeplate, at Dakota Style Field, in Dickinson Park. Who can survive the spuds and their opponent always gets a nice round of applause from the huge gallery. The wrestling ring will be in front of the baseball grandstand so come early to guarantee a good seat.

### For the kids

Potato Day always caters to the kids and this year there are many kid centered activities, starting with the Ping Pong Ball toss at Dacotah Bank. Other activities include: Balloon-Atic, Little Miss and Master Tater Tot, kids tractor pull, inflatables, potato car races, minnow races, turtle races and Zoo School. Lisa Paulson's dance club

will perform prior to the Mashed Potato Wrestling.

Saturday will be a great day in Clark, Aug. 5, so come for the Fun Race at 8:00 a.m. and enjoy the many, many festivities throughout the day.

This list is not all inclusive, as three weeks remain before Potato Day. More information will be forthcoming.

**Clark Chamber of Commerce**  
**Potato Day - Aug. 5, 2017**  
*Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #1*  
**Both were Clark Comets and worked summers at McCains.**  
*They still have Maroon running through their veins.*

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

## Pastor Mark Cronauer is now at Clark Assembly of God



Pastor Mark Cronauer and his wife Tammy and five-year-old daughter Daytona have recently moved to the parsonage of the Assembly of God Church in Clark. Pastor Cronauer recently took over duties as the full-time pastor of the Assembly of God parish.

Pastor Cronauer's most recent calling was at the Prairie Valley Christian Center as associate pastor. Pastor Cronauer brings 17 years of pastoral experience as well as mission work to his new position.

Loving God and loving people. That is the personal passion of Pastor Mark Cronauer who has recently taken over duties at the Assembly of God Church as their senior pastor.

Originally from Lancaster, New Hampshire, from a family of five children, Pastor Mark is a graduate of White Mountains Regional High School in 1986.

Following graduation he enlisted with the U.S. Army and worked as a radio operator/mechanic. He operated and maintained the ground to air communication equipment for the 10th Attack Helicopter Battalion, stationed in Germany.

"When I joined the Army, I found myself desiring to know God more. I was also told by someone in a church there, 'Mark, you've got the call of God in your life.'

"After my service time was over, I sought out a college where I could learn more about the Bible and

**Pastor Cronauer**  
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## Crocker Wind Farm petitions the court for legal matter ruling

A petition for writ of certiorari was filed in the Third Judicial Court County of Clark, State of South Dakota by the Crocker Wind Farm.

Circuit Court Judge Carmen Means, in a conference call with Crocker Wind Farm attorneys, set Monday, August 14, at 10:30 a.m. as to when this matter is scheduled for hearing by the court. The briefing schedule is to be worked out through the respective attorneys prior to Aug. 14.

The petition that has been filed in Clark County is five pages in length and is Case No. 12CIVI 17-000017: reading Crocker Wind Farm LLC vs. Clark County Commission/Clark County Board of Adjustment. The Petitioner - Crocker Wind Farm - describes the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Clark County and without publishing the

entire petition, it expresses explicitly two points of contention.

Count one - significant conditions imposed by the Board are illegal - (The first two points are documented here):

The Board conditioned its decision to grant the permit with 3/4 of a mile for wind towers from existing off-site non-participating residences, which setbacks are grossly in excess of those required in the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance requires wind towers to simply be more than 1,000 feet from residences. The Board failed to follow the Clark County zoning ordinance for WES in this respect. The layout of a wind farm of the same magnitude under these conditions would be spread over a much larger geographical area necessitating more leased land and more infrastruc-

ture, making it less competitive economically.

For the Board to require setbacks for Wind Energy System towers of such a distance is illegal and a violation.

**Wind Farm**  
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| WEATHER                                    |       |    |     |
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| Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer |       |    |     |
|  | HI    | LO | PR  |
| July 11                                    | 90    | 67 | 0   |
| July 12                                    | 77    | 58 | 0   |
| July 13                                    | 70    | 53 | 0   |
| July 14                                    | 82    | 52 | 0   |
| July 15                                    | 86    | 60 | 0   |
| July 16                                    | 83    | 57 | 0   |
| July 17                                    | 94    | 65 | .60 |
| 2017 precipitation to date                 | 10.62 |    |     |
| 2016 precipitation to date                 | 10.45 |    |     |

## Clark swimming pool to be more shallow, more narrow in the future

With the weather drier than usual outside, talk of water was the subject of two big topics inside, at the July meeting of the Clark City Council.

Fixing the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool and the upcoming completion of the freshwater retention pond, southeast of Clark, were the two water related topics taking much attention at city hall.

Tom LaBrie of the Clark Rotary Club and Harvey Spieker of the

Clark Lions Club were in attendance, along with several other respective club members, to help with swimming pool improvements.

The Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool was constructed in the late 1950s with a large renovation taking place in the 1980s, but little repair work, or upgrades have happened in the last 30 years and the pool needs both repair and upgrades.

Mayor John Pollock stated that the city's plan is to make the pool

smaller and more affordable. "Water superintendent Darin (Altfilisch) noted that the pool loses 4,700 gallons of water daily. We are going to address the fiberglass shell, which is the only thing holding the pool together. Our goal is to make the pool more narrow and more shallow. The initial cost won't be cheap, but I really appreciate community monetary support and community involvement. I can't give you a dollar amount right now, but you know how appreciative we

are of Rotary and Lions Club help," the mayor said.

Council president Louann Streff was very interested in making the pool handicapped accessible.

Councilman and Rotarian Brian Cook said that the first phase of the swimming pool would be the bath house and restroom part of the swimming pool area. A \$12,000 figure was tossed out, but no decisions were made at this time as Cook

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## Cargill elevator in Vienna is closing August 30, 2017

A letter went out earlier this month to all Vienna Cargill Elevator customers that the facility will be closing its doors at the end of August.

Signed by Cargill regional sales manager Brad Lawley, the letter read: "Cargill continually evaluates its grain facilities to ensure its asset base is positioned to provide a competitive offering to its customers. After an in-depth evaluation of the

operational efficiency of the grain facility in Vienna, S.D., Cargill has decided to permanently close this facility effective August 30, 2017."

The letter went on to say that all current contracts would be honored and apologies were given for the inconvenience it may cause and field staff will be working with customers to explain their options and to assist, if needed.

## "Experiencing America at 12 mph"

Seven bicyclists start in Seattle and head home to the east coast

"A very positive first impression" is what the trans-America cycling group from South Carolina and Maine thought of Clark when they came into town last Wednesday.

Coming from the west and seeing the artwork in the field of Kenny Bell's made an impression with the group.

"I like this town already," stated organizer of the trip Jon Holloway (who spells his name with a small 'j'). "Hats off to Kenny Bell for his artwork," stated the college professor on break from his duties in the Art department at Lander University in Greenwood, S. C.

Holloway and his daughter Annie took a smaller bike trek previously and wanted to try a bigger adventure. One thing led to another and soon three families were on their trek across America together.

Holloway's friend Shawn Hunter, owner of an online professional development company, decided he could take his work with him on the road, so he and his son Charlie de-



From Seattle, Wash. to Yarmouth, Maine, this group is experiencing America at 12 mph on their bicycles. The trans America trip is a parents raising kids experience note the three 'Dads' with their four children in tow.

Thinking on their feet, adapting, changing gears and being social are some of the life lessons they are learning as they go along.

From left to right are Charlie Hunter, Shawn Hunter, Owen Bohrmann, Jon Holloway, Annie Holloway, Erich Bohrmann and Ian Bohrmann. The Hunters are from Greenwood, S.C. with the Bohrmanns and Holloways from Yarmouth, Maine. The group flew to Seattle, Wash. for their start on June 10 and hope to be to Maine by mid August.

## Clark County 4-H Achievement Days are right around the corner

Summer is screaming toward fall, as July seems always to be a blur. Clark County 4-H Achievement Days are right around the corner. The Achievement Days will be held Tuesday through Thursday, August 1, 2 and 3 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, in Clark.

Kim McGraw is the 4-H advisor for Spink and Clark counties and she is in charge of all 4-H activities along with the Clark County 4-H leaders.

Things are coming together but some work still needs to be done, according to 4-H Youth Advisor McGraw.

This is the 89th annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy finalizing plans. Many exhibits, livestock shows, programs and entertainment will be featured.

St. Michael's Catholic Altar Society will be running the lunch stand this year. The chicken barbecue, served by the 4-H Leaders will be



Thursday, August 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program featuring the style show and exhibit showcase will follow the barbecue at 7:15 p.m. This will be the second year of crowning a 4-H King and Queen.

Scheduling will be a little more spread out this year than in years past, with three days of Clark County Achievement Days.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, static exhibit

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