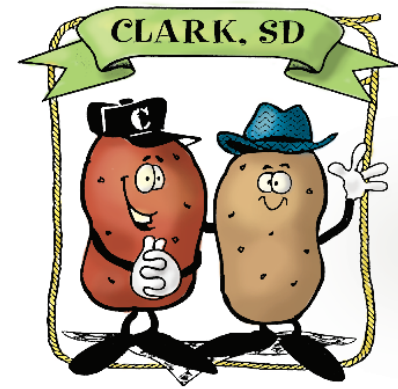




## The 25th annual Clark Potato Day will be Saturday, August 6



Clark celebrates its 25th Potato Day this year. 'If the community

gets as excited about Potato Days as the merchants, organizations and individuals who are putting it on, then Saturday should be one fun blowout.

This was the beginning of the story that preceded the first annual Potato Days event held on Saturday, August 1, 1992 in the *Clark County Courier*.

Along with the story was a photo of the Tater Puff Drill team in action. A high energy group of local volunteers performed a choreographed routine to a potato ori-

entated rap song sung by Brenda Hanley with her backup singers and dancers.

They were one of many performing on the flatbed of a semi-truck that day in Dickinson Park, which included a kids sing-a-long. The flatbed also served as the stage when handing out awards.

God's Country, the Obermeier Singers (Fromdahl sisters) and Lisa Finstad were the featured entertainers followed by a lip sync contest and then the Tator Puff Drill team.

The fun kicked off at 10:00 a.m. that first Potato Day with the craft and flea market booths and a car and motorcycle show held in the downtown area. Potato dish and potato chip dip contest started at noon. Kids games were held and a 11 x 14 inch poster contest was held with kids creations drawing 'anything to do with potatoes'. The parade ended the day's fun at 6:00 p.m.

For many, many years local businessman Greg Furness was the chairman of the Potato Day event

and still plays an active role for the event.

For the last several years Robin Hartley and Cassi Bloom have been the co-chairs and are working to bring this year's schedule all together.

"We're really looking forward to this year's Potato Day. It's our 25th annual celebration this year and we have a lot of fun activities planned," emphasized Bloom. "There is always a need for volunteers to help with the day."

"Sheltered Reality is coming to

Clark for Potato Day," said Hartley. "They are a youth orientated drumline that mixes character education and positive ideas for action with facts, statistics and real life stories in between energizing drumline performances. An adult scavenger hunt is being planned between the parade and the dance that evening with three person teams participating, starting at the Lookout. A painting on canvas event is being held in the afternoon in the Daco-

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### Step Outside Event teaches shooting skills

Twenty-one youth took part in the Clark County Step Outside Event held last Thursday at the gravel pit near the Clark Rural Water treatment plant located six miles south of Clark. Divided into smaller groups, students rotated from .22 rifle shooting, trap shooting, archery, muzzle loading and turkey hunting demonstrations.

In the foreground Alaina Hovde is shown by Brian Blackwell the proper positioning of holding a .22 rifle. In the background, Waylon Olson is guided by Todd Kaufman. Youth were carefully guided by instructors as they experienced various shooting skills, complete with ear plugs and safety glasses. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks with local conservation officer Kyle Lenzner hosted this event.

### The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days coming soon



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 Wednesday and Thursday, August 3 and 4 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.

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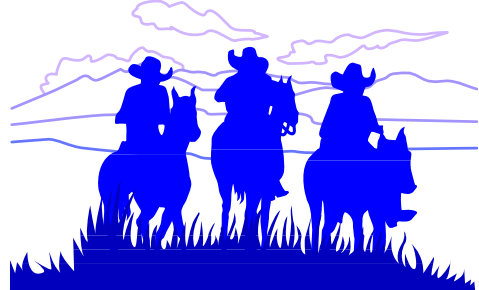
### Fifteenth annual 4-H Rodeo is set for July 23 and 24 with many activities planned for 4-H contestants

The Clark County Fairgrounds will be the site of the 15th annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24. The rodeo events will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Over 200 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.

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 13-14 in Fort Pierre. 4-H'ers 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.



### Hail and wind show up in Clark on Saturday evening

A not-so widespread hail and wind storm cut through Clark County's midsection last Saturday evening, between 7:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. The city of Clark and a tract about 10 miles south and southeast of Clark was the targeted path of gusty winds and hail.

The city of Clark was peppered with pea-sized hail followed by the larger variety. "Most damage in Clark was suffered on the west edge of town," said police chief Jeremy Wellnitz.

Wellnitz went on to say that a tornado was confirmed about seven miles south of Clark, in the vicinity of the Clark Rural Water Treatment Plant.

"The one thing that came out of this storm is that the storm siren didn't go off," said the police chief, as it wasn't operational and he is waiting to get it sent in and be fixed as soon as possible.



This hail stone size picture was shared with the Clark County Sheriff's office Facebook page by Denise Meyer. Meyer lives seven miles south of Clark and collected these from her yard.

Heaton said that the worst crop damage were those fields north of Dry Lake II. Some windy, rotating funnel clouds were sighted near Naples, in eastern Clark County. In this area, as well as the community of Clark, there was crop damage, vehicle damage, some property damage and branches down. Northwest of Vienna, structural damage as well as flattened crops occurred. The top rain fall reported was almost three inches, approximately half way between Clark and Vienna, as the crow flies. The city of Clark officially reported 1.10". Henry had 1.72" without much damage and Vienna reported .75" of rain. Much of Clark County needs moisture and this week has a forecast of excessive oppressive heat. The heat index, heat and humidity combined, is expected to be over 100° on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

### Pinochle Club provides bidding, melding, tricks and conversation

"It's a fun group! We all enjoy coming," was the consensus when the *Clark County Courier* sat down with the ladies who are the steadfast members of the Monday Pinochle Club.

The ladies meet after dinner, play till 3:00 p.m. or so, break for a light lunch, then keep playing until they all enjoy supper made by the hostess.

Some of the group resumes playing later after supper going into the evening hours.

Pinochle is a trick-taking card game which can be played individually or with partners, using a 48-card deck, with four suits and cards nine through the ace. Each hand is played in three phases: bidding, melds and tricks. There are many variations to the game of pinochle, but the game ends, usually, at 150 points or 1,500 points, depending upon how one keeps score.

The ladies take turns in alphabetical order in who hosts and the hostess feeds everyone supper in addition to the afternoon dessert.

"You get to try new recipes then," added Betty Kranz. "I didn't learn how to play pinochle until I was 62 years old. You're never too old to learn this game. It's fun to play. Nobody ever gets mad at anybody. It's all in fun and we all enjoy getting together and catching up with each other each week. It's something I



The Monday Pinochle Club has been meeting every Monday, rain or shine, for the last 16 years. Enjoying the camaraderie, cooking prowess, laughter and giggles as they enjoy each other's company along with a good game of cards, the ladies make sure not to miss a play date.

Shown above in the back row, left to right, are Ruth Wittrock, Lois Brower, Joanne Bowers, Kathy Holdahl, Donna Hughes, Eleanor Temple, Nina Troske and Shirley Sjoberg. In the front, left to right, are Angie Wolf, Betty Kranz, Vivian Bruns, Kathryn Becker and Mavis Byrnors.

really look forward to. This group is good about always coming. When my husband Lavern was alive, he would enjoy having the group over and would be a sub if we needed one."

Substitutes are important when the set-up requires two tables with six players each.

Substitutes/members in addition to those pictured above are: Helen Larson, Nancy Worth, Marcela Parish, Shirley Brenden, Linda Kruthoff, Karen Hink, Marilyn Dollembacher and Angie Hillcrest.

"You don't drop out unless you die or move away - that's about it," notes Angie Wolf of her card club.

Players who have moved away were Maxine Sjoberg and Kate Becker. Those now deceased are Bonnie Schulz, Lucy Johnson, Mary Helms, Helen Graves, Sharon Croninger, Gracie Lorenz, Margie Seefeldt, Bernie Farnam and Lavern Kranz.

If there are not enough players in attendance, a sub is called and they

wait until she comes to start the games. "They'll call you if you're not on time, too," said a member of the group.

At the beginning they draw names to see who is on whose team. It's three against three at the two tables of pinochle players. It's a game of bidding and the highest bidder plays the hand or makes trump. The group plays until everyone around the table has dealt the cards - six hands.

"There's a little competition and some strategy involved," noted Joanne Bowers, "but it's mostly just fun. Somedays we'll laugh so hard we'll get tears in our eyes. We've missed a few Mondays due to blizzards, but not many. We're pretty determined we're gonna play."

"Don't schedule me on a Monday," Ruth Wittrock would tell her daughter when making out her schedule at work.

"Some hands of cards go quicker than others," said Lois Brower. "If you're at the head table and you

lose, you move over to the number two table and switch players. It's a fun game to play."

Vivian Bruns, Kathryn Becker and Nina Troske have been playing in a club the longest. "My sis-

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**Clark Chamber of Commerce**  
**Potato Day - Aug. 6, 2016**  
*Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #1*  
With a firm hand they raise their three children,  
And may appear a bit too stern,  
But they love, cheer and support all children  
As there is so much to learn.

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*Bradley tr."	
*Crocker .04"	
*Raymond .40"	Garden City .30"
*Clark 1.10"	Henry 1.72"
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July 13	79	56	0
July 14	66	49	0
July 15	73	49	0
July 16	77	53	1.10
July 17	76	55	0
July 18	80	57	0
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