

## Clark County Achievement Days are right around the corner

▲ Stretched to four days in 2019

The summer is going pretty fast this year, with July coming soon to an end. This is the time of year, when the 'heat is on' for the local 4-H youth to get ready for the upcoming Clark County 4-H Achievement Days.

The Achievement Days event will be spread out over four days this year. On Monday, August 5, will be the Dog Show event, set for 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, August 6, the static exhibit judging will commence in the morning, with livestock weigh-ins in the afternoon. Wednesday and Thursday, August 7 & 8, will be the livestock shows with the hearty chicken barbecue and evening program to finish out the week's events.

Kimberly 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 91st annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy finalizing plans. Many exhibits, livestock shows, programs and entertainment will be featured.

The Clark United Methodist Church ladies will be running the lunch stand this year. The popular chicken barbecue served by the 4-H Leaders will be held on Thursday evening, August 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program featuring the style show and exhibit showcase will follow the barbecue at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The day that the 4-H static exhibits will be judged is not open to the public. Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. and livestock weigh-ins will be later in the day from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 7, the day begins with the Exhibits Building being open for viewing of the many entries at 8:00 a.m. The Rabbit & Companion Animal show will begin

at 8:00 a.m. The Beef Show will be on Wednesday at 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. is the start of the Swine Show.

On Thursday morning, when the fairgrounds open at 8:00 a.m., the Poultry Show begins. The Sheep Show starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Goat Show has a 1:00 p.m. starting time.



The chicken barbecue starts at about 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Style Show, Parade of Exhibits and the crowning of the 4-H King and Queen, which will top off the show's events.

### Monday's Dog Show

New this year is the Monday timing for the Dog Show. It will be held at the fairgrounds on Monday, August 5, starting at 4:00 p.m. and running until about 6:00 p.m. for the viewing public.

"We've moved the Dog Show out of the Thursday schedule to a Monday time of 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. so more of the public has a chance to see the kids and their dogs perform in the Dog Show," explained 4-H Advisor McGraw. "It also helps out our 4-H families as many kids do more than one event at Achievement Days and it's hard to do two things at once. This spreads it out a little."

"This isn't your typical livestock show. Come out and see how the kids and their dogs perform. It's fun to watch them. We had seven 4-Hers compete last year and this

year we have eight kids with their dogs."

There are three different categories in which the dogs compete. They are Showmanship, Obedience and Agility. Those with dogs have been practicing recently at the fairgrounds on the agility course with jumps, tunnels, and A-frame boards to maneuver. The Showmanship part of the competition is usually first and challenges the dog owner in having their dog stay still for the judges. Then a route is followed with the dogs to their left of their owners. They also are quizzed about their animals at this point.

Then the Obedience part of the show has about seven different commands one needs to obey. The Agility part of the show tests just that-the agility of their dog on the obstacle course. All the while, the 4-Hers are also judged on their control over their dogs.

So don't forget on Monday, the fifth of August, is when one will find out who is "The Best of Show" at the Dog Show at the Fairgrounds.

### The Judges

The judges at the show this year will be: Foods - Pam Hofer, Diane Anderson. Clothing - Deb Sundem, Dianne Steinhauer. Home Environment - Pam Raeder, Jeanne Fuller, Julie Foster. Visual Arts - Bailey Coats, Kay Solberg, Michelle Mehlberg. Photography - Ann Scheel, Vickie Dreher. Horticulture - Dianne Rider. Welding/Wood - Jay Foster. Ag. Misc/Crops/Eggs/Entomology - Don Guthmiller. Child Development - Jeanne Fuller. County Only Lots - Bev Wright. Computer/Graphic Arts - Michelle Stuck. Writing/Poster/Curriculum/1st Aid/Misc - Michelle Stuck. Cloverbuds - Jennifer Tonak, Nicolette Schmidt.

Beef show judge - Tyler Bush. Swine show judge - Mike Clark. Poultry judge - Josh Johnson. Dog show judge - Deb Stamm. Rabbit and Cat show - Mike Grann.



'Roxie' the Miniature Pinscher and 'Harleigh' the Yellow Lab mix are learning to sit, stay, heal and come among other commands in preparing for the Clark County 4-H 2019 Achievement Days Dog Show which will be held at 4:00 p.m. this year on Monday, August 5. Shawna Thonvold on the left and Sara Thonvold on the right are next to their pet projects-the family dogs who they are training to compete in the 4-H Dog Show.

"It's fun and kind of exciting and you learn more details about your dog and how to teach and train them better," added Shawna Thonvold. The daughters of Brian and Kari Thonvold of Clark are in the Raymond 4-H club. Both have competed in the Dog Show the last three years. 'Piper' and 'Bella', also family pets were entries their first year in the Dog Show. 'Fuzz' the rabbit was an entry two years ago.

## 'Come', 'Sit' and 'Stay' at the Dog Show in Clark

With the Clark County 4-H 2019 Achievement Days coming up, right after the weekend of Potato Day, starting the week of August 5, the pressure is on for area 4-Hers to work with their animals getting them ready to show.

Learning to lead and standing still is par for the course for many varieties of livestock at achievement days, but for the dogs entered, more is expected of the friendly canines.

Sara Thonvold and Shawna Thonvold are two of the participating 4-H members who are working diligently with their pets, to get them in tip top shape for the competition.

Showmanship, Obedience and Agility will be the three categories in which the dogs can compete when the 4-H Dog Show is held on Monday, August fifth from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly McGraw, 4-H Extension Advisor stated, "We thought we would change it up a little in scheduling the Dog Show on a Monday towards evening, so more of the working public can come. It's about

a two hour show that starts at 4:00 p.m. It's a very fun show to watch." The Thonvold girls have been busy preparing their dogs for the Dog Show competition, a job they seem to really enjoy.

"We call them our rescue babies," said Sara of the family pets, Roxie, Harleigh, Bella and Piper. Two are Yellow Labs and two are Miniature Pinschers. The younger dogs, Roxie at one and a half and Harleigh at almost three are the pets the girls are working with for this year's Dog Show. In the past Bella and Sara won reserve beginner champion in showmanship. Last year, Harleigh and Sara earned champion status in Agility and Showmanship and has a dog bowl with her name on it to prove it.

Sara has the labs and Shawna works with the "Min Pins" in training their dogs.

"The Min Pins can be a little stubborn, but I started early with Roxie as she was young when we got her. Piper was a little set in her ways because we got her when she was older I think," explained Shawna.

Harleigh, Sara's dog is the most

energetic. "She'll be three years old soon and she minds well. It's fun to train her, although sometimes it can be difficult. I think it's easier if you have a personal connection with them," noted Sara. "Some people treat-train, but we don't usually. They learn without treats."

### Agility

"Harleigh got very excited last year before the agility competition. My dad said she looked like a bull waiting to come out of the chute. She wanted to just go!" admired Sara.

The dogs must be in one year of Obedience training to be able to qualify for the Agility portion of the show. "And, having a new dog, like I do this year, you have to start over with being in Obedience first before the Agility part," said Shawna.

Off-leash is also a second year option. The first year of competition, all dogs are on a leash while competing. "They basically do it by themselves," continued Sara. "You tell them what to do and run along be-

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## Meals on Wheels is important to the community

"I love to cook, but not for one person," stated Donna Nickels of Clark, above on the right. Bernice Halling, a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program that runs out of the Fay Wookey Assisted Living Center in Clark, states that she really enjoys delivering the balanced and nutritious meals. For the residents who participate in the program, the well balanced meal also includes bread, fruit and milk which are delivered by volunteers. In the summer time, Halling, Larry and Sally Waterfall and Margaret Nordhus volunteer to deliver and during the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays, members of the National Honor Society from Clark High School do the honors. "We serve about five to six residents a week on average, sometimes eight," noted Dala Albright of the Wookey Center who also delivers if needed. The Avantara Care Center staff also assists on Fridays with deliveries in addition to the Wookey staff. Insulated carriers provided by the local Lions Club

help keep the main meal warm and the colder items such as fruit and bread, are bagged separately. The white containers as shown above are re-usable. A menu is sent out to participants, and it's found that with the milk, it's been more convenient to just deliver a quart weekly, rather than the individual smaller containers. Often residents can get one and a half or two meals out of the portion sizes. "I can get two meals out of this usually, there is plenty there. It's a wonderful program," stated Nickels, who has enjoyed the deliveries for many years. The meal delivered above last Tuesday was steak, baked potato, beets, peaches and bread.

"I enjoy visiting a little with the people, too in doing my deliveries," said Halling. "It's good for those who live alone to have that human contact daily, I think. It's a great program for our town to have and important to the community"

## Skyler Flatten to play pro basketball in Italy

Clark High School Class of 2013 graduate and South Dakota State University standout Skyler Flatten has signed a contract to play with Virtus Roma, of Rome Italy, for 2019-2020.

Virtus Roma is a member of the Lega Basket Serie A and went 20-8 a year ago.

"I'm extremely thankful to Virtus Roma for the opportunity," Flatten said. "Choosing Rome was easy because of the history surrounding the area. I've heard nothing but



Skyler Flatten

good things from players who have been there in the past. I'm looking forward to joining my team and getting to work."

Flatten, who had NBA preseason workouts with the Boston Celtics, Sacramento Kings, Memphis Grizzlies and Utah Jazz (among others), wrapped up his Jackrabbit career this spring. He was an All-Summit League Second Team pick in his senior campaign averaging 15.5 points.



## Sidewalk is being repaired at Clark High School

As school is out for the summer, it is a good time for repairs to be made, both interior and exterior. Werdel Construction is doing the repairs to this sidewalk, tearing out the old, before putting in the new.