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Twenty-second annual Potato Day is but 10 days away on August 3

Right around the corner is Clark's signature celebration - Potato Day on Saturday, August 3.

The volunteers of Clark have again risen to the occasion of planning a day filled with fun filled events for the entire family of all ages and generations. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and Potato Day 2013 will be the best one yet.

Special afternoon entertainment will be at two sites during Potato Day 2013. Randy Kantack - Magic with a Message will be performing on the Chamber Stage at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

The Dacotah Ramblers band will be at the Clark American Legion Hall at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Also at the Legion Hall at 1:30 p.m. will be bingo.

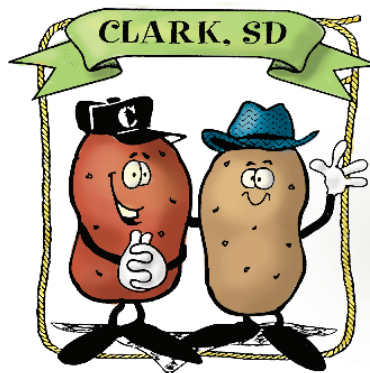
The night before Potato Day on Friday at 7:00 p.m. will be the band Rhubarb Jam performing at the

Clark Golf Club.

Saturday begins early with a pancake feed and the mile walk, 5K, 10K and bike race. The coin dig for the youngsters is at 8:30 a.m. and the hunt for the elusive hidden Potato Day Medallion begins at 9:00 a.m. with the first clue dropped at Heather's Bistro.

Bargains with 'A-Peel' start at 9:00 a.m. at the many unique downtown Clark businesses. Those wanting to enter their entries in the best decorated potato contest or the Flower and Garden Show at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop better do it before 10:00 a.m. as that is the deadline for the judging. Entries will be on display all afternoon.

Other contests that day are a coloring contest, guess the potato weight contest and guessing who Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head are this year. Watch for those clues in the *Clark County Courier* issues preceding



Potato Day. For those good in the kitchen, a potato and chip dip recipe contest will be judged at 11:00 a.m. A ping pong ball toss for the kids off of the Dacotah Bank building will be approximately 10:00 a.m.

Little Miss and Master Tater Tot will be judged at 10:45 a.m. on the Chamber Stage in Dickinson Park. Arts in the Park will be ongoing from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The ever famous mashed potato

wrestling starts at 11:15 a.m. preceded by a kick boxing demonstration at 11:00.

At noon, the cars roll in for the Clark Car Club Show to go until 4:00 p.m. when the trophies will be awarded. Also for those interested, Mud Drag Races will be held out at the fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. The MDR were 'huge' last year and expect them to rival mashed potato wrestling as a Potato Day showcase event.

A horseshoe tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. and a bean bag tournament starts at 2:00 p.m. Bingo and cowpie bingo will also be held in the afternoon.

The tractors roll in about 2:30 p.m. which is always fun to watch as well as hear the older engines come down the road. They all usually park across the highway south of Dickinson Park with green and red being the dominant colors.

The Potato Day parade is at 5:00 p.m. with line-up starting at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Catholic Church going back towards the north.

That evening the band Eclipse will be playing outdoors in the alley between the Lookout and the Sportsman's.

For more details, times and places, check out the Potato Day insert that will come out in the July 31 issue of the *Clark County Courier*.

Many other events such as mashed potato eating, peeling and sculpting events around 12:30 p.m., carnival games and the inflatables for the kids offer a lot of variety for the youngsters. The variety of food available that day will excite the older set. Something for all ages is what Potato Day is all about.

TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 16	81	67	0
July 17	83	69	0
July 18	87	69	0
July 19	77	62	0
July 20	78	60	.52
July 21	79	66	tr
July 22	74	56	0
2013 precipitation to date	15.58"		
2012 precipitation to date	11.97"		

Clark receives a half inch of rain

The Clark rain map usually runs here, but with most reporting points only receiving a trace of .10 of an inch of rain, it would probably have a negative impact, but compared to this time last year, the country-side is a real positive.

It seems as if rain this week follows U.S. Highway 212, as the reporting points along this highway received approximately a half inch of rain last week.

In Clark, weatherman Ryan Eggleston reported .52" of rain Saturday night.

Two Chamber ribbon cuttings this week

Clark Chamber of Commerce members are invited and reminded that there are two ribbon cuttings this week.

The Chamber ribbon cuttings are: Wednesday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. at WW Tire Co. and on Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Corner Diner. The Chamber welcomes these businesses to the community.

Let's get ready to WRESTLE!

As Potato Day nears, one of the more visible showcase events of the day is the Mashed Potato Wrestling.

If you would like to participate in Mashed Potato Wrestling, contact Robin Hartley, or Cassi Bloom, or Melanie Smith or any of the Chamber directors.

Any and all Mashed Potato Wrestlers are welcome!

Teeners region play begins next Monday

The Teener regional baseball tournament begins for the Clark Teeners next Monday, at Northville, against Warner. Game time is set for 11:00 a.m.

If victorious, the Teeners then would play in the winner's bracket on Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. If a loss happens, then the team would play again on Monday, at 7:00 p.m.

How perceptive are you?

As the *Clark County Courier* has gone to a color edition, other changes are in the offing.

The front page will be experiencing a make over. It might be just gradual enough that it's not an Oh My! occasion or a wow effect, but the letterhead at the top of page 1 will have a new look in the near future.

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #3

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is again having the Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head contest in conjunction with Potato Day on Saturday, August 3, 2013.

Clue #3: This couple enjoys the country life and live out on a farm. He's been called a lot of things, but calls his wife his good luck charm.

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

Crops are looking good but a drink of water is always needed

July can be quite fickle when it comes to the growing season in Clark County and eastern South Dakota. To this point row crops, wheat, hay and pasture land are all looking quite nice heading into the last week of this usually abnormally dry month. Moisture is key and as always some areas get some moisture and some areas get left out as rain can be sporadic at best this time of year.

July often is very hot and dry in South Dakota and the week ahead is forecast to be just a little below normal temperature-wise. Highs are to be around 80°, so it will be interesting a month from now to see whether or not the crops have caught up, or not. Timely rains will be key throughout the next six weeks.

"Crops look good for the most part. The last four weeks, heat and timely rains have helped to move things along," stated Mark Rosenberg, SDSU Extension Agronomy/

Weeds Field specialist of Aberdeen.

Corn

"A lot of corn around here is showing signs of tasseling, indicating the plants are finishing their growth stage and are heading towards their reproductive stage," said Rosenberg. "Our soil moisture is in good shape and we are further along than we thought we would be this spring.

"We're seeing some Goss's wilt in Brown County. This won't have a huge impact," he noted.

"Disease development is favored by high humidity (moisture) and temperatures of 80°F. Goss's wilt infection occurs in corn fields that have been subjected to and wounded by hail, heavy rainfall, sand blasting or strong winds. In order for infection to occur, plant leaf injury is required. The residue borne bacteria are slashed onto the plant

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Cheddy likes his morning walks

Joann Barry stops for a minute to visit with Chedister or 'Cheddy' as they take their morning walk along North Idaho Street in Clark. Cheddy is an English Springer Spaniel who very much enjoys getting out with his owners Raymond and Joann Barry.

"It helps keep me in shape, too," says Barry. "He's a good dog but he can get into trouble in the house. He likes to pick things up and move them around. He enjoys watching the deer come through our yard. A little fawn and his mother were recently in our yard and the fawn put his nose right up to the window and so did Cheddy. It was kind of cute to see."



Traders are EDL champs and top seed in District 1B

The Clark Traders are the 2013 Eastern Dakota League Champions. The Traders ended up at 16-2 in the EDL with a 17-2 victory over Sisseton, Sunday at Dickinson Park.

Pictured above are Traders, left to right, Brady Welk, manager Fred Obermeier, Taylor Welk, Jay

Huber and Bryce DesLauriers.

The Traders will be the top seed in District 1B, at Milbank and will receive a first round bye. The Traders will play on Sunday with pairings to be announced later this week.

Volleyball team involved in fatal three vehicle crash

It is with a heavy heart that we report the fatal three-vehicle crash, involving the bus carrying the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone girls volleyball team, Monday, July 22 in Kingsbury County, a half mile west of Arlington on U.S. Highway 14. The team was returning from a team camp in Elkton.

According to the South Dakota Highway patrol release: "A 17-year old Badger girl died in a three vehicle crash involving a school bus as driven by John Brown of Clark. There were minor injuries on the school bus.

"Savannah Koistinen, 17, of Badger, was driving a 2002 Oldsmobile Alero eastbound on U.S. Highway 14. Traveling with Koistinen was Kelsey Keller of Bryant and Levi Tapani, of Sheridan, Wyo.

"As Koistinen slowed to make a northbound turn into a private ru-

ral residence near Arlington, a 2013 Mazda 3 driven by Cynthia Holmquest, of Sioux Falls, failed to slow down and struck from behind Koistinen's turning vehicle in the back end.

"Koistinen's Oldsmobile was forced into the westbound oncoming lane of traffic, where a 1999 International 3000 school bus transporting a group of high school volleyball players made head-on contact with her vehicle. The school bus was driven by John Brown of Clark. There were minor injuries on the school bus.

"Koistinen died at the scene of the crash. Her passengers, Keller and Tapani, were transported to Brookings by emergency personnel and then flown to Sioux Falls area hospitals with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. All were

wearing seatbelts.

"Holmquest was wearing a seat-belt and was not injured. She was cited for careless driving." Holmquest is a Sioux Falls police officer.

Clark superintendent Brian Heupel stated in a telephone interview Tuesday morning, that the volleyball players were taken to the emergency room at a Watertown hospital and were checked out. "There were some bumps and bruises but nothing needed overnight care," he stated. Heupel was very thankful of the hospital staff during the debriefing at the end of the night at the hospital. "Care and compassion were really shown by everyone involved."

Clark School counselor Kandice Schugel is available this week, said Heupel, if anyone would need her

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