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Achievement Days start
Monday, July 31!



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4-H Achievement Days are July 31 - August 2

Summer is flying by, and the end of summer signals full swing of 4-H activities. The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days begin Monday, July 31 and run through Wednesday, August 2.



A change from last year to this year is a pork sandwich supper, that will be held on Tuesday, August 1. Plans have been finalized and judges have been selected for the static exhibits and livestock shows.

On Monday, July 31, the evening starts with Achievement Days kick-off activities from 5:00-6:00 p.m., followed by the swine show at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1 is loaded with animal shows and other 4-H activities. At 8:30 a.m., the static exhibit building opens. The poultry show is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., goat show for 1:00 p.m., rabbit show for 2:00 p.m., with the sheep show rounding out the show day at 4:00 p.m. The pork sandwich bbq supper is set for 6:30 p.m., followed by the annual fashion revue style show, recognition of senior members and parade of exhibits.

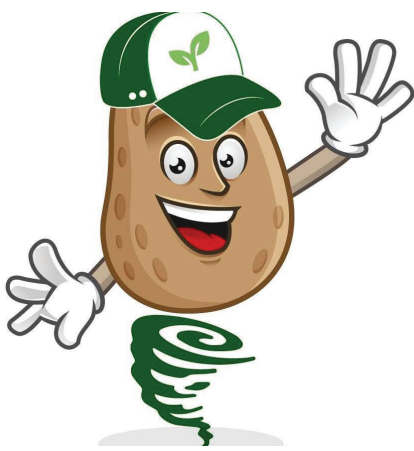
On Wednesday, August 2, the beef show begins the day at 9:00 a.m. followed by the round robin contest at 2:30 p.m.

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| Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer | | | |
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| July 18..... | 72 | 54 | 0 |
| July 19..... | 79 | 62 | 0 |
| July 20..... | 85 | 56 | 0 |
| July 21..... | 77 | 61 | 0 |
| July 22..... | 82 | 63 | 0 |
| July 23..... | 85 | 60 | 0 |
| July 24..... | 87 | 63 | 0 |
| 2023 precipitation to date | 11.96" | | |
| 2022 precipitation to date | 14.76" | | |

Potato Days start August 4

Potato Days 2023 is a little over a week away! Make sure you put down August 4, 5 and 6 on your calendar.

Sponsored by the Clark Chamber of Commerce, as well as individual or group sponsorship, events and activities are planned for the entire family regardless of your age or interests.



Clark Chamber of Commerce members Cassi Kottke and Robin Hartley are in charge of Potato Days. Kottke, Hartley and the Potato Days committee have been working hard to make this weekend special for one and all.

So many activities are planned for Saturday, as well as some on Friday and community church on Sunday, it is impossible to list them all in story form. A schedule will be inserted into the *Clark County Courier* the week of the event.

This is the 31st Potato Days. The event started as a Clark High School Homecoming event, with the game on Saturday afternoon, starting in 1992.

Swimming Pool Park will be the prime destination for Potato Days this year. And, as is the norm, activities will be held all over the community of Clark.

Mashed Potato Wrestling is

slated for 12:00 noon on Saturday, at Swimming Pool Park. Arts in the Park will also be at Swimming Pool Park, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. New events for 2023 include: Wine on Nine Friday at 5:00 p.m. at the Clark Golf Club, Mini Golf Saturday at Swimming Pool Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the Downtown Potato Day Passport shopping event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday as well.

Kottke and Hartley remind all about the other great activities including: the kids bike parade, the tough farmer competition, kids magic show, coin dig, road race, mashed potato wrestling, the car show, the plate/ping pong ball toss, inflatables, the bean bag tourney, live music in the afternoon, the parade and the street dance.

The Potato Day Parade is a big way to put an exclamation point on Saturday's activities. The parade begins at 5:00 p.m. with line-up starting at 4:30 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church.

A Street Dance, with Eclipse, caps off the day.

The day begins with a Road Race, and there are youth activities throughout the entire day.

Friday activities kick off the weekend. The Dacotah Bank Appreciation Lunch is from 11:00-1:00 p.m. A bike parade, Wine on Nine, dodgeball tournament and Golf Course DJ will all help get the weekend started.

On Sunday is community church at 10:00 a.m. A change for this year is the Clark Car Club car show that will be on Sunday on Commercial Street at 12:00 p.m. with awards given out at 4:00 p.m.



Clark County 4-H Rodeo held last weekend at fairgrounds

The 22nd annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo was last weekend at the Clark County Fairgrounds. The hot temperatures both days made typical summertime rodeo weather. Clark County 4-H along with the Clark County Horsemen's Club hosted the two-day event. Over 265 contestants competed with over 1,500 run throughs taking place. Both of the days were considered two separate rodeos, so contestants had two chances on qualifying for the state finals that will be held later this summer.

In the photos to the left and above, two cowboys were photographed in action during their saddle bronc and cattle riding events during the Saturday portion of competition.

Photos by Karli Paulson



Clark-Willow Lake Cagley-Smith Post #60, the S.D. American Legion 6B runner-up baseball team that will advance to the S.D. State B Legion Baseball Tournament, is pictured above. Team members in the back row, left to right are Coach Chris Bokinskie, Jack Bratland, Mitchell Larson, Jack Heikenn, Lucas Kannegieter, Josh Kannegieter, Dawson Lantgen, Emmer-

son Larson and Coach Hudson Fuller. Front row, left to right: Jakob Steen, Conner Mudgett, Cooper Pommer, Collin Gaikowski, Owen Spieker, Trey Huber and Waylan Olson.

Photo by Christina Kannegieter

After 36 year drought, CWL legion team advances to state tournament

Trudi Gaikowski

After 36 years without a state tournament appearance, the Clark-Willow Lake Cagley-Smith Post #60 Legion Baseball team punched their ticket to the South Dakota State B Legion baseball tournament after qualifying Thursday, July 20 in the South Dakota American Legion Region 6B tournament in Northville.

The Senators defeated the Faulkton-Highmore Hitmen in the opening round of play Tuesday, July 18 and continued their winning streak with a victory over Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern later that evening. Wednesday, Clark-Willow Lake was defeated by Redfield Post #92 before beating Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern (W-I-N) once again on Thursday to advance to the championship

game versus Redfield for the second time in the tournament that evening. Redfield was victorious, with Clark-Willow Lake bringing home second place honors in the tournament.

It has been since 36 years since the legion baseball team from the Clark community has made an appearance at a state tournament. In 1987, the Clark Legion team that was coached by Jim Bjerke played their way through the loser's bracket to capture the South Dakota state B title over Sissteton. The class B tournament was held in Wagner, S.D. in 1987.

In that era, there was a State A and State B tournament, crowning champions from each class. Those teams then clashed for a "big game" state championship. Clark lost to Rapid City and Brookings,

running out of magic to bring home the big prize, but they finished the season with a State B Legion title. Team members of the Cagley-Smith Legion Post #60 American Legion team in 1987 were Jay Baldwin, Joel Brekke, Tom Grode, Don Sharp, Ken Harding, Brian Seefeldt, Chad Espeland, Troy Anderson, Todd Anderson, Jay Tschetter, Paul Florey, Jeff Bjerke, Mark Lane and Jake Obermeier.

This year's team has a bit of a fairytale story going into the state tournament, as they had a losing record going into region play.

Brock Greenfield, who has helped coach this Legion team over the past several years, commented, "Our Legion team is very young, but they add to a solid nucleus of veteran leadership. Only four of our regular starters are

actual Legion-aged, those being Lucas Kannegieter, Trey Huber, Jack Bratland and Mitchell Larson. The team is rounded up with solid members of our 16U and 14U teams."

Greenfield added, "Our younger kids have really elevated their game as the year has gone on. On the first day of the regional tourney, we had three 16U pitchers turn in stellar performances for us. Dawson Lantgen and Cooper Pommer threw six-and-two-thirds innings in the first game, with Huber recording the final out to hammer down the save against Faulkton-Highmore. In game two, Josh Kannegieter threw three innings, only surrendering one earned run before giving way to Lucas (Kannegieter), then Jack

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Contact one of the members if you need any information on how to apply for a grant.

Members: Gayle Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Chad Fjelland, Susan Fjelland, Diane Varilek, Greg Furness, David Warkentien, Nicole Nelson and student members Conner Mudgett, Nevaeh Rusher, Raigan Flatten and Lauren Luvaas.