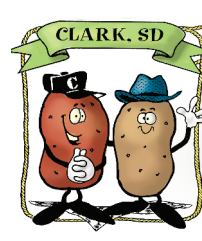


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Clark Chamber of Commerce Potato Day - Aug. 6, 2016  
Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #2

With this fine couple there is no doubt,  
They fish for walleye, never for trout.  
They talk to folks from Brandt and Great Plains.  
And it's always certain they talk more when it rains.

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## TOP of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 19 .....	85	68	0
July 20 .....	90	71	0
July 21 .....	90	72	0
July 22 .....	88	71	0
July 23 .....	88	62	.26
July 24 .....	79	60	0
July 25 .....	84	59	0
2016 precipitation to date			10.71
2015 precipitation to date			14.14

### Potato Day 2016: 'Very A-peeling'

Twenty-five years...that is how long Clark has been celebrating the potato with Potato Day (s).

Saturday, August 6 will be the 25th annual Clark Potato Day celebration.

Traditionally and in 2016, Potato Day has been a family event with activities for the entire family.

Back in 1992, Clark Chamber of Commerce members decided to have a fun summer event or town celebration to celebrate Clark's heritage as Potato Capital as well as to promote the business community, so Potato Day was started.

Many individuals have played major roles throughout the years, but Clark Chamber of Commerce co-chairmen Greg Furness and Melanie Smith, along with Potato Day co-chairmen Robin Hartley and Cassi Bloom have been the 'heavy lifters'.

What's neat about Potato Day is that it is geared for the entire family and Potato Day truly is Clark's yearly community event. In next week's *Clark County Courier* edition the Potato Day schedule will be inserted.

If one was asked about what the showcase event of the day would be, one would like to think 'Mashed Potato Wrestling', but not everyone would give that answer.

Besides wrestling, decorating the spud for the flower shop's contest has been ongoing for many years.

Coloring contests, potato recipes, breads, chip dips and as of late even lefse has been entered every year in the potato recipe contests.

The Clark Classics Car show has been a draw on main street ever since Potato Day started and often music adds to the festivities. Classic tractors have been caravanning into town for the last several years and are on display in town.

The parade starts at 5:00 p.m. and many fun, entertaining entries will driving through the streets of Clark.

These are but a few of the Potato Day staples. Mark August 6 on your calendar!

### 4-H Achievement Days are next week



The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days will be held next Wednesday and Thursday, August 3 and 4 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Clark.

Kim McGraw is the 4-H advisor and she is in charge of all 4-H activities along with the Clark County 4-H leaders. This is the 88th annual Clark County Achievement Days and McGraw and staff are busy with final plans.

A complete schedule of events is in this week's issue of the *Clark County Courier*.



## Approximately 200 Rodeo contestants compete

A Saturday morning shower 'muddied' things up a little at the Clark County Rodeo Grounds, but by mid-afternoon one could hardly notice it had rained, except for the 'stickiness'.

But all things considered, it was a great weekend for the Clark County

4-H Rodeo. Close to 200 competitors took part, gaining a chance to qualify for next month's State 4-H Rodeo event.

Emma Lutter of Zell, competes above in the senior girls breakaway roping. For more on the Clark County 4-H Rodeo results, turn to page 9.

## Pokémon Go creatures invade Clark!



Playing the latest popular game app downloaded on one's phone called Pokémon Go is Kiara Bokinskie of Clark. Accompanied by her sister Payten and grandpa Dan Duenwald, Kiara must physically walk about outdoors for the game to commence. The game personalizes one's location using GPS and makes a cartoon world of their surroundings. Kiara enjoys playing the interactive game that gets players walking versus sitting in the scavenger hunt type of game.

Pokémon Go, are you playing it? Pokémon, short for pocket monster, is a little animalian creature of which there are over 100 to catch on the new game that was just released on July 6, 2016 to US App stores.

One downloads it onto their phone. Using the phone's camera and a Global Positioning System (GPS) which uses a global system of US navigational satellites developed to provide precise positioning of a person or vehicle, the game gets one up and walking out and about outside to find their Pokémon.

Pokémon plural is also Pokémon by the way. Experiencing the world first hand, not just sitting at home on a phone or in front of a keyboard, is the unique part of this popular game which reached 22 million users as of July 11, 2016.

"It's good to get out and exercise," stated

11-year-old Kiara Bokinskie of Clark, who has experienced the game.

Kiara is the daughter of Chris and Melody Bokinskie of Clark and also stated that getting out and walking around is the good part of this game that parents seem to like.

"It's fun to try and catch them. Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it's hard," continued Bokinskie. "You get to different levels in the game. I'm at level three."

The Pokémon game is a revival in a way of the older Pokémon Nintendo games that were popular in the late 1990s. There were several versions of the game played on the stationary Nintendo play stations that had the player using the phrase "Gotta catch em all" as one tried to catch as many as they could of the quasi -

**Pokémon Go**  
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## August looks promising for rain events

As La Nina conditions are likely to affect Americans into the fall and winter, wetter conditions could come to South Dakota, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards based her comments on the latest National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center outlook for August and the season ahead, released July 21, 2016.

"The outlook shows increased probability of wetter than average climate for South Dakota," she said. "In August, a large region of the northern Great Plains is now projected to receive more rainfall than normal. Several long-term climate computer models have been consistent in forecasting these wetter conditions for the weeks and months ahead."

The outlook for potentially wetter conditions could be good news for South Dakota farmers and ranchers. "Moisture at this time of the growing season can help with grain fill in corn and reduce stress during pollination season for soybeans," Edwards said. "Although, there may be some increased concerns with late season diseases and weeds, should rainfall come to the crop growing regions."

As far as temperatures go, Edwards said the outlook is less clear.

**August rain**  
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Father Dan Smith has accepted the call to the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Clark, the St. Henry's Catholic Church in Henry and the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Florence. "I look forward to getting to know the people and culture in this area," stated the priest who worked formerly as a farmer and a banker in the Presho and Sioux Falls areas before entering the seminary. Parishes in Eden and Grenville were his locations before coming to serve in Clark, Henry and Florence.

## Father Dan Smith now serving area parishes

"To do the work of God. That's on my heart," said Father Dan Smith who started on July 6 as the priest at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Clark. He also serves the Blessed Sacrament Church in Florence and St. Henry's Catholic Church in Henry.

Father Dan, as he likes to be called, grew up near Presho in western South Dakota. His parents Lyle and Mary Smith were farmers who also raised Angus and Charolais cattle. They had four children, Margie, Dan, Melissa and Dustin.

He recalls when only eight years old, telling his mother "I think I'll be a priest someday."

"It's very gentle - the calling to be a priest," explained Father Smith. "It's like a gentle drip, a call, a fragrance - a thought."

Father Smith graduated from Lyman High School in 1988 after which he attended Southwest State in Marshall, Minn. (which is now SW Minnesota State University). He graduated with a business administration degree in 1992 after which he returned back to Presho. He bought his own farm/ranch south of Presho and worked it for six years after which he spent the next six years being a banker in

Sioux Falls.

"It would always come back - that gentle touch of my going into the priesthood," recalled Father Smith. "I prayed Lord, you weren't kidding me about this priest thing, but I won't do it alone."

He entered the Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Conn. and was ordained in 2010.

His first parish was the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton. Following Yankton was the double parish of St. John Debritto in Britton and St. Anthony of Padua in Hecla for the next three years.

Serving Sacred Heart in Eden and St. Joseph in Grenville were the two parishes he served until Bishop Paul Swain of the Sioux Falls Diocese asked him to come and serve at the three churches in Clark, Henry and Florence. His residence is at the rectory in Clark.

Father Smith's interests include prayer and travel and he stated like being a parent, one's responsibilities are always present with his position.

"Always a priest. Always suffering for the salvation of souls."

Ends Father Smith, "I'm really looking forward to getting to know the people and culture in this area."