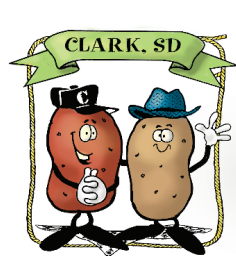


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Clark Chamber of Commerce Potato Day - Aug. 1, 2015

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #4

There once was a girl - a little Raymond Redwing,  
Who went to Texas to pursue her Art thing.  
Cutting a long story short  
And not to be a spoil sport,  
A man from Amarillo made her heart sing.  
And she chose this Texan to be her king.

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## United Methodist Youth do mission work in Florida at Camp Challenge



Mission work with the disabled at Camp Challenge 'was a very humbling experience' was the consensus of the group from Clark's United Methodist Church who returned recently from a double purpose trip to Orlando, Fla.

Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy from the UMC in Clark and Garden City, returned June 29 after spending a full week in Florida with six youth doing mission work and attending 'Youth 2015'.

Clark UMC youth who participated were Sydnie Fjelland, Patrick Adams, Harrison Wookey, Hudson Steffen, Lauren Fjelland and Nicole Luttrell.

"It was nice to be able to help others do mission work at the camp. We met the less fortunate among us and saw what they have to go through every day. It felt good to help them out," said Wookey of his experience.

Lauren Fjelland added, "Most of the time when you encounter a person with disabilities, you tend to treat them like a little kid, but that's not what they want. They just want to be treated like a normal person - we need to realize and respect that. I loved working with the campers. Helping at the camp was by far my favorite part of the trip."

The group left for Florida four days in advance of the Youth 2015 Conference/Concert so they could do mission work at the Easter Seals Camp Challenge, on 20 acres near Orlando, Fla. Mark, Lauren and Sydnie ended up at the same location. The group was divided up into

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Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy accompanied six youth from the United Methodist Church in Clark to 'Youth 2015', a nationwide conference with workshops, fellowship and Christian artists performing. They also volunteered at the Easter Seals Camp Challenge for three days before the conference.

Shown above are, left to right, Pastor Joy Tracy, Sydnie Fjelland, Patrick Adams, Harrison Wookey, Pastor Mark Tracy, Hudson Steffen, Lauren Fjelland and Nicole Luttrell.



## Over 240 Rodeo contestants compete

What a difference a day makes! On Saturday, hot muggy conditions made the weather somewhat stifling, but 1.31" of rain Saturday night muddied things up considerably. But Sunday's weather was great for a 4-H Rodeo.

All contestants at the Clark County 4-H Rodeo had similar weather conditions, as 4-Hers used this rodeo as a means to qualify for the State 4-H Rodeo

later next month.

Derek Peterson of Sisseton competes above in the senior boys saddle bronc event. Over 240 4-H Rodeo contestants from around the state and North Dakota competed both days for a spot in the State event.

For more Clark County 4-H Rodeo pictures and results, turn to page 9.

## The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days are right around the corner



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 87th annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy finalizing plans. Many exhibits, livestock shows, programs and entertainment will be featured.

The St. Michael's Altar Society will be running the lunch stand this year. The chicken barbecue, served by the 4-H Leaders will be Thursday, August 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program featuring the style show and exhibit showcase will follow the barbecue at 7:15 p.m.

The static exhibits will be judged from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tues-

Achievement Days  
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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 5 and 6 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

## Capital outlay discussed by Clark School Board

A special meeting of the Clark School Board was called Monday night, specifically for the discussion of future building, capital outlay projects and strategic planning for the future.

In fear of being frozen at a mill levy of \$1.20 (per thousand \$ of valuation), by potential implements of South Dakota legislation, the board is seriously looking at the capital outlay fund, especially the \$460,200 amount for 2015-2016.

Superintendent Luanne Warren led the discussion on the two-year, 2015-2017 strategic planning goals for the Clark School District 12-2.

The superintendent had handouts of all the South Dakota school's respective capital outlay levies, with \$3.00 being the maximum that can be levied. Many schools, especially the larger schools, are maxed out at \$3.00. Clark, at \$1.20 is way to the low end. Schools with large land area and public utility projects, are in enviable positions. Most Northeast Conference schools

are at \$2.00 or higher.

"Next summer we will be updating high school bathrooms, replacing ceiling tiles in the commons area and also replacing the high school dining tables," said Warren and the talk turned to heating and cooling for the future.

Johnson Controls handles the heating and cooling for both the el-

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| WEATHER                                    |        |    |      |
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| Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer |        |    |      |
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| July 21                                    | 79     | 52 | 0    |
| July 22                                    | 79     | 63 | 0    |
| July 23                                    | 85     | 63 | .04  |
| July 24                                    | 83     | 62 | 0    |
| July 25                                    | 84     | 62 | 1.33 |
| July 26                                    | 79     | 61 | 0    |
| July 27                                    | 85     | 65 | 1.64 |
| 2015 precipitation to date                 | 14.14" |    |      |
| 2014 precipitation to date                 | 11.39" |    |      |

## Mark and Lisa Flora are bringing their music show back to Clark

Singing together since 1989 - Mark and Lisa (Finstad) Flora, along with Matt Alexander on drums, will be bringing their Holy Rocka Rollaz band to Clark for Potato Day 2015.

"We're excited," exclaimed M. Flora. "It will be great to come back to Clark where my wife and I first met and I got to know the Dave and Carol Finstad family while I worked at the Clark County Courier."

Mark Flora was covering the South Dakota Centennial Celebration at the park when he first saw young Lisa Finstad perform. He was working then as a writer for Bert Moritz at the Courier where he worked from 1989-1992.

"I remember thinking to myself, wow, she is a really good musician. She was only 13 years old at the time. With our 11 year age difference we were just friends back then," recalled Flora. They sang together when Mark played with the Finstad family for a time with God's

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The Floras, Mark and Lisa (Finstad) are coming to Clark with their Holy Rocka Rollaz band including drummer Matt Alexander. Early American rock and roll, rockabilly with a little gospel thrown in - the band will be performing on Potato Day with their first set at 4:00 p.m.

## Looking forward to a 'Spudtacular' day on Saturday, August 1

Clark's 24th annual Potato Day is this Saturday, August 1 and organizers are putting the finishing touches to the many events of the day. "We are looking forward to another fun filled day of family entertainment," say Clark Chamber of Commerce co-chairmen Melanie Smith and Greg Furness.

Mashed Potato Wrestling, a showcase feature of Potato Day, is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. at Dickinson Park, preceded by a kick boxing demonstration at 11:00 a.m. Mud Drag Races will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

### Entertainment

It is extremely difficult and downright impossible to list all of the entertainment and activities associated with Potato Day. (Please check out the circular inserted with the Potato Day schedule of events and sponsorship.)

The entertainment headliner at

Dickinson Park this year is Jason the Juggler with three shows scheduled beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Every Potato Day several new events help make the event bigger and better. New to Potato Day 2015 are a Zoo School/Petting Zoo, Jason the Juggler, the Balloon Atic, helicopter rides, free blood pressure screenings and the Holy Rocka Rollaz band.

Trolley Follies, back again this year, kick off the celebration on Friday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Clark Golf Club. A Street Dance on Saturday puts a nice finish to a full day.

On Sunday, an Ecumenical Community worship service will be held at the Swimming Pool Park. Church starts at 10:00 a.m.

### Potato Day Contests

There are several fun and interesting contests for all spud enthusiasts of all ages. The Little Miss and

Master Tator Tot contest will take place at 10:45 a.m. on the Chamber Stage at Dickinson Park.

Whip up your favorite potato & chip dip recipe for a chance to win prizes. There are categories for chip dip, potato hotdish, potato salad, potato to dessert and potato breads, including leaf. Entries must be fully prepared and presented with a written recipe. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. at the Heather's Bistro. Entry forms may be obtained there as well.

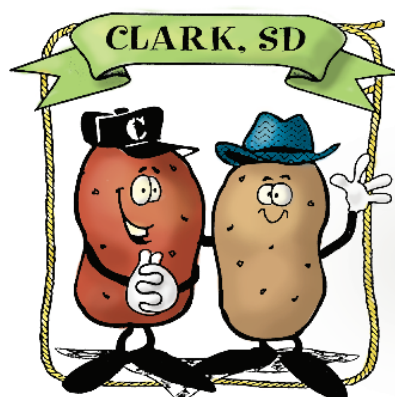
The Potato Decorating Contest has been a very popular event at Potato Day. Talented individuals

in youth 12 and under and adult categories can win prizes for their efforts. A people's choice award is given and anyone may cast their vote for their favorite entry at the

Clark Flower and Gift Shop on Saturday. Entries must be submitted at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday for your chance to win.

The medallion search will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with the first clue being available at Heather's Bistro.

At 1:00 p.m. on the Chamber Stage, there will be a mashed potato eating contest followed by a potato peeling contest. There are three age groups for these contests.



a.m. in Dickinson Park and going on until 4:00 p.m.

### Potato Events

There are events for everyone at Clark's 24th annual Potato Day. The day starts at 7:30 a.m. with a pancake and sausage breakfast available at the Fire Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration for the mile walk, 5K walk or run, 10K run or bike race begins at 7:30 a.m. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. at Gas Plus.

Once again, the potatoes will be flying when the mashed potato wrestling starts at 11:15 a.m. at Dickinson Park.

Mud Drag Racing which will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds.

For the kids, at 9:00 a.m. the Ping Pong Ball Toss will have kids chasing the ping pong balls being

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