



Above are Clark Dacotah Bank employees, various Clark Chamber of Commerce members as well as other representatives from Dacotah Bank. They are pictured in front of the newly remodeled Dacotah Bank building in Clark during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 25. President and Chief Revenue Officer Daryl Ebach of Aberdeen cut

the ribbon, standing alongside Market President Brandon Herr who is holding the First Dollar Profit given by the Clark Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Carolynn Olson

## Dacotah Bank in Clark celebrates remodeling with ribbon cutting

By Carolynn Olson

Dacotah Bank in Clark held their Grand Opening on Tuesday, June 25 to celebrate the completion of the building remodeling. The event was open to the public from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting was held at 5:00 p.m.

The Dacotah Bank building in Clark underwent a complete remodel of the facility. In November 2022, the 18-month remodel began with Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls completing the work. The structural design was completed

by HTG Architects out of Hopkins, Minnesota.

The overall project was completed in four phases, beginning with the insurance department. The next two phases completed were the main lobby and office areas. The final phase was to renovate the basement.

"On average, each phase took just over four months to complete," stated Market President Brandon Herr. The largest change to the bank was the 1,200 square foot addition, which includes a new

community room as well as two additional offices that face Commercial Street.

During the construction phase, employees had to move to different areas of the bank. At one time, the teller line was shrunk down into one of the old loan offices.

"With many construction projects, there can be issues, for example, no air conditioning or heat, each happening during the months that we are used to having these amenities," Herr explained.

"The thing I am most proud of is

our staff who endured these last 18 months while we renovated," stated Herr. "There were many times, with the loud noises and dust, tensions could rise, but everyone put their best foot forward and provided exceptional customer service."

Dacotah Bank is looking forward to customers taking advantage of the reinvestment back into the community and continuing to serve their customers in a new facility.



This year's Children of the Corn are Abram (7), Vada (5), Hugh (2) and Ford (11 months) Schmidt, pictured above amongst the cornstalks in their family's southern Clark County field. The Schmidt siblings are the children of Garret and Brooklyn Schmidt of Willow Lake. Grandparents are Bob and Melanie Schmidt of Willow Lake and Bob and Lori Bjerke of Clark.

Photo courtesy of Schmidt family

## Corn is knee high by Fourth of July in Willow Lake area

By Carolynn Olson

As of June 1, 2024, South Dakota's corn stocks totaled 301 million bushels, which was 28 percent higher than 2023. Of that total, 225 million bushels were stored on farms, which was a 50 percent increase from the previous year.

As of June 17, 2024, the USDA reported that 100 percent of South Dakota's corn had been planted, and 90 percent had emerged. Additionally, 78 percent of the corn was in good to excellent condition. However, some corn planted in early May had been sitting in moisture and was starting to look yellow.

South Dakota producers planted 6.10 million acres of corn for all purposes, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down three percent from last year. Of the total acres, 96 percent were planted with biotech-

nology varieties, up two percentage points from 2023. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 5.44 million acres, down three percent from a year ago.

"The excess rain in June and cool

**Children of the Corn**  
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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 25.....	91	66	0.01
June 26.....	86	62	0
June 27.....	75	59	0
June 28.....	69	59	2.16
June 29.....	77	55	0
June 30.....	68	51	0
July 1.....	73	57	0
2024 precipitation to date	14.49"		
2023 precipitation to date	7.75"		



Clark Ace Hardware was ready to celebrate Ace Hardware's 100th anniversary on Saturday, June 29 with their block party event. A free meal was served to the public as well. Pictured above, from left to right is the Clark Ace Hardware team: Dean Hilmoie, Chad Thom-

as, Joan Berg, Mary McGillvray, DeAnne Paradis, Lily Ingraham, Sharon Morehouse and Shannon Garduno. Photo by Carolynn Olson

## Ace Hardware celebrated 100th anniversary last week in Clark

By Carolynn Olson

Ace Hardware celebrated their 100th Anniversary last week, June 24 - 29 in Clark. Numerous deals and activities were available throughout the week.

Cayden Binger had a smoothie stand set up offering iced lattes, fruit smoothies and ices on Monday.

Tuesday Alec Porter the Ace Hardware Milwaukee Representative had a booth set up for Milwaukee Booking Days.

The Clark FFA chapter had popcorn, hot dogs and beverages ready to sell as a fundraiser in front of Clark

Ace Hardware on Wednesday. DeWalt and Craftsman representatives visited the storefront as well. They were available for booking days.

Dawsyn Hilmoie, daughter of Dean and Rhonda Hilmoie, was selling lemonade and cookies on Thursday.

On Friday, the Clark Area Legion and Jr. Legion baseball teams served pancakes and sausage on a Blackstone grill. Tater's Trolley was also there serving beverages.

Saturday capped off the week-long celebration. Free hamburger or pork butt meals were served to

the public. The Clark Ace Hardware team prepared their on Treager and Big Green Egg grills to show off the products. Numerous children's activities were also available, including a bouncy house, gel blaster shootouts, coloring the sidewalk, and free snow cones for all.

Door prizes were given out on Saturday during the event as well. The winners were Jim Guest, Tom Wookey, Fred Rosenau, Merlyn Ritter, Jason Rahm and Mike Graving. Six children's door prizes were also awarded.

"It was super! I'm very happy with the turnout, I think every-

one enjoyed the great food, and the kids especially enjoyed the bouncy house," said Ace Store Manager Dean Hilmoie. "It brought in a lot of people during the week; it was a total success overall." Ace store owners Alfredo and Shannon Moorhouse and store manager Dean Hilmoie would like to give a special thanks to Cayden Binger, Clark FFA, the American Legion Baseball Team and Tators Trolley for their time and help last week. And, also thank you to Dawsyn Hilmoie who, despite the rain, had her lemonade stand set up and raised \$142.00.

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