

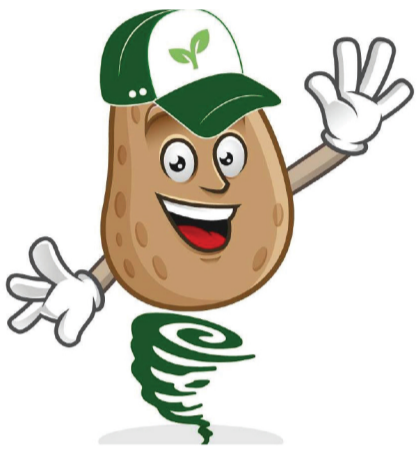
This weekend will be Spudtacular!

▲ This is the 32nd Clark Potato Days

Clark's 32nd annual Potato Day is two days away, and organizers are putting the finishing touches to the many events coming up.

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.

The 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.

Contests

There are several fun and interesting contests for spud enthusiasts of all ages. The Best Decorated Potato contest will be hosted at the Corner Diner, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The Tough Farmer Competition will start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Swimming Pool Park. The Little Miss and Master Tator Tot will be announced at the at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday at the Swimming Pool Park, just before the Mashed Potato Wrestling.

Little Spuds

There will be tons of fun for the kids this weekend, starting off with the Kiddie Parade. Kids are invited to meet at the Clark United Methodist Church to decorate their bikes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2. The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. Then, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., kids can enjoy the inflatables set up at the Swimming Pool Park.

The Ping Pong Ball Toss starts at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 3 at Dacotah Bank in Clark. The Kids Tractor Pull will begin at 9:30 a.m., also at Dacotah Bank. Registration for the tractor pull will start at 9:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., the Kids Foam Party will start at the Swimming Pool Park. There will be a magic show to follow at 11:00 a.m. The Bubble Extravaganza will start at 1:00 p.m. followed by a reprisal of the Kids Foam Party at 2:00 p.m. From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Ripley's Petting Zoo will be available at the Swimming Pool Park as well.

Bargains with A Peel

"Bargains with A Peel" is the slogan that covers the many different sales downtown merchants in Clark will be offering, some out on the street and some inside. Many stores will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and individual retailers will be holding various promotions.

Clark Flower & Gift Shop will have a Potato Days sale starting today, July 31, that goes through Saturday, August 3. Customers can save 20 percent off any one item, save 10 percent on ladies clothing and save 30 percent on purses during the sale period.

Arts in the Park will showcase many vendors starting at 9:00 a.m. at Swimming Pool Park, going on until 4:00 p.m.

Sporty Spuds

Are you ready to sweat? Wine on Nine will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2 at the Clark Golf Club. Then, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Dodgeball Tournament at Clark High School. Divisions

will include second to sixth grade students, seventh to 12th grade students and adults.

The Road Race will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3 at Gas Plus. Registration for the race will start at 7:30 a.m. Mini Golf will be available to play from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Swimming Pool Park. Everybody's favorite, Mashed Potato Wrestling starts at noon! At 2:00 p.m., there will be a Bean Bag Tournament between The Lookout Bar & Grill and Sportsman's Bar.

New to the schedule this year is the Pickleball Doubles Tournament which will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 4 at the new pickleball courts near Clark High School.

Car Show

The Potato Days Car Show will be hosted by the Clark Chamber of Commerce. The show will start at noon on Saturday and go until 3:00 p.m. when the awards will be given out. Dynamic DJ will also be there to play some tunes. Registration for the show starts at 10:00 a.m.

Entertainment

DJ Dorene Foster will be at the Clark Golf Club playing music from 9:00 p.m. to midnight on Friday, August 2.

There will be live music between The Lookout Bar & Grill and Sportsman's Bar on Saturday, August 3. JAIK Band will be performing between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Darren Beyer will be perform from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Daddy Powers Band will end the night, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Potato Day Parade

This year's Potato Day Parade begins at 5:00 p.m. with the line up beginning at 4:30 p.m. in front of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Other Events

On Friday, Dacotah Bank is hosting a Community Appreciation Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Saturday will begin with the annual pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by the Clark High School junior class. Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Hall from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. Sportsman's Bar will have a Bloody Mary Bar at 10:00 a.m. For lunch, the CWL Wrestling Boosters will be hosting a burger/hot dog feed from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Swimming Pool Park.

Balloon Attic will be at the Swimming Pool Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Mashed Potato Launch will also be taking place during those times at Dacotah Bank. Free Bingo will be hosted at the American Legion Hall starting at 1:00 p.m.

To wrap up the weekend, there will be a Community Church service on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Swimming Pool Park.

Don't be a hesi-tater, come to Clark this weekend! There's something for everyone from tiny tots to adults. Be sure to check the schedule (insert) so you don't miss out on anything!

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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July 23.....	83	63	0
July 24.....	85	64	0
July 25.....	79	65	0
July 26.....	84	65	0
July 27.....	92	73	0
July 28.....	89	73	0
July 29.....	83	67	0
2024 precipitation to date	15.98"		
2023 precipitation to date	11.1"		



Clark County 4-H Rodeo held last weekend at fairgrounds

The 23rd annual Clark County 4-H Rodeo was held at the Clark County Fairgrounds over the weekend. The hot temperatures both days made for typical summertime rodeo weather. Clark County 4-H along with the Clark County Horsemen's Club hosted the two-day event. Over 260 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 right and above, two cowgirls were photographed in action during their cattle roping and barrel racing events.

Photos byCarolynn Olson



Clark County 4-H Achievement Days begin August 5

Summer is flying by, and the end of summer signals full swing of 4-H activities. Clark County 4-H Achievement Days begin Monday, August 5 and run through Wednesday, August 7.

On Monday, August 5, the evening starts with Achievement Days kickoff activities from 5:00-6:00 p.m., including the 4-H Amazing Race, followed by the swine show at

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6 is loaded with animal shows and other 4-H activities. At 8:30 a.m., the display exhibit building opens. The rabbit show is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., poultry show at 10:00 a.m., dairy and meat goat show at 1:00 p.m. and sheep show rounding out the show day at 3:00 p.m. The BBQ supper is set for 6:30 p.m. followed by the annual fashion



revue style show, recognition of senior members and a parade of exhibits.

On Wednesday, August 7, the display exhibit building opens at 8:30 a.m. The dairy, beef builder and beef show begins the day at 9:00 a.m. followed by the county livestock judging contest at 12:00 p.m. The Senior showmanship round robin contest will begin at 2:30 p.m.



The National Barrel Horse Association SD 04 district competition was last Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Riders and their horses from the counties of Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink showed up to prove their worth.

National Barrel Horse Association district race held last week

By Carolynn Olson

A National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) SD 04 district show was held at the Clark County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 23. The district includes the counties of Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink.

The event kicked off with exhibitions from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. First Run started at 6:30 p.m. followed by Pee Wee and ending with Second Run.

"I think it went well over all," said NBHA District SD 04 Director Moriah Williams. "We had a decent turn out, and everyone was patient with me while I learned the ropes after taking over as district director."

Placings were as follows:

1D Placings First Open Run

First place - Brylee Redlin, winning \$198.80; Second place - Haydyn Wiesner, winning \$149.10; Third place - Bryn Sippel, winning \$99.40; Fourth place Candice Aamot, winning \$49.70; Fifth place - Shannon York; Sixth place - Joni Hoffman; Seventh place - Sage Sippel; Eighth place - Callie Aamon.

2D Placings First Open Run

First place - Sheila Voelsh, winning \$170.40; Second place - Brooklyn Beringer, winning \$127.80; Third place - Allison Moore, winning \$85.20; Fourth place - Shawn LaMont, winning \$42.60.

3D Placing First Open Run

First place - Kailee Berger, winning \$113.60; Second place - Shiann Hall, winning \$85.20;

Third place - Skyler Lutter, winning \$56.80; Fourth place - Emma Salonen, winning \$28.40.

4D Placing First Open Run

First place - Ashley Masat, winning \$85.20; Second place - Joni Hoffman, winning \$63.90; Third place - Aleah Bebo, winning \$42.60; Fourth place - Hailey Pauli, winning \$21.30.

1D Placing Second Open Run

First place - Brylee Redlin, winning \$131.60; Second place - Haydyn Wiesner, winning \$98.70; Third place - Shannon York, winning \$65.80; Fourth place - Joni Hoffman, winning \$31.90.

2D Placing Second Open Run

First place - Rylen Frericks, winning \$112.80; Second place - Brooklyn Beringer, winning \$84.60; Third place - Allison

Moore, winning \$56.40; Fourth place - Delayne Jones, winning \$28.20.

3D Placing Second Open Run

First place - Aleah Bebo, winning \$75.20; Second place - Kailee Berger, winning \$56.40; Third place - Joni Hoffman, winning \$28.20; Fourth place - Shiann Hall, winning \$28.20.

4D Placing Second Open Run

First place - Jessica Spurr, winning \$56.40; Second place - Sara Menzia, winning \$42.30; Third place - Reagan Sperry, winning \$28.20; Fourth place - Shawn LaMont, winning \$14.10.

There will be another NBHA S.D. 04 district event coming up on Sunday, August 25 at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

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