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This is the common scene this summer at Dry Lake #1. Many pickups line the roadway by Dry Lake #1, located near the Hillcrest Hutterite Colony. Fishing has been active to this point in Clark County this spring

Fishing has been good in Clark County in 2013

As July turns to August and the Dog Days of summer are upon us, fishing pressure usually comes to a stand still. Such could very well be the case in 2013, but to this point fishing has been as good as it ever has been in Clark County.

That's quite a statement, but because of all the newly created water the past two decades, Clark County has become almost a fishing haven, with many out of state license plates seen, especially from Minnesota and Iowa.

Dry Lake #1 and Dry Lake #2 have both been very popular fishing holes earlier this summer and as big as these bodies of water are, maybe look for a new name in the future as both bodies of water are anything but dry.

Other popular fishing spots in Clark County include: Swan Lake, Round Lake, Bailey's Lake, Antelope Lake, Reid Lake, Casey's Slough and Pepper Slough, Mankey's Slough and Carson's Slough and Indian Springs. (There are

and summer, according to Clark County GF&P conservation officer Kyle Lenzner, but July and August are typically slower fishing months.

definitely other ponds, sloughs and bodies of water where people are catching fish, but this is a good Clark County body of water listing).

Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner has been in Clark a little over a year and said he's getting to know everybody and he added that he really likes the area.

Lenzner commented that this is a slow time to fish, as fishing pressure really trails off July into August and then picks back up in Sep-

tember.

"Fishing is big," the conservation officer continued, and he reported that in April of 2012, Casey's Slough had been stocked with 320,000 walleye fry and at that same time, 1,300,000 fry had been stocked in Dry Lake #1, 600,000 in Reid Lake and 50,000 in Round Lake.

"We rotate the stocking of lakes with walleye with fry of finger-

Fishing
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Looking forward to a 'Spudtacular' day on Saturday, August 3

Clark's 22nd annual Potato Day is this Saturday, August 3 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," says Clark Chamber of Commerce co-chairman Melanie Smith. Please check out the circular inserted with the Potato Day schedule of events and sponsorship.

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
This year's Potato Day entertainment will be at two sites. Randy Kantack - Magic with a Message will be performing on the Chamber Stage at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

The Dacotah Ramblers band will be at the Clark American Legion Hall at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Trolley-Follies Adult Games are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. with participants scheduled to meet between The Lookout and Sportsman's.

To begin the weekend festivities, Friday night at 7:00 p.m., the Rhubarb Jam Band will perform at the Clark Golf Club.

Bargains with A Peel
Many different downtown merchants in Clark will be offering special sales, some out on the street and some inside. Stores will be open at 9:00 a.m. and individual retailers will be holding various promotions.

Arts in the Park will showcase many exhibitors, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Dickinson Park and going on until 4:00 p.m.

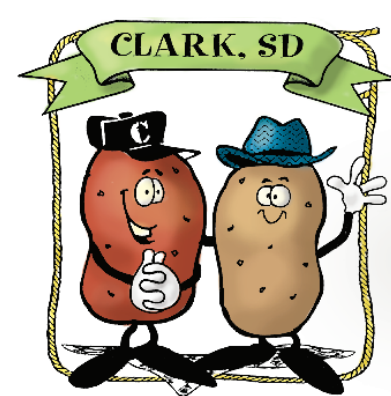
Potato Day Contests
There are several fun and interesting contests for all spud enthusiasts of all ages. The Little Miss and Master Tator Tot contest will take place at 10:45 a.m. on the Chamber Stage at Dickinson Park.

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 dessert and potato breads, including lefse. 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 12:30 p.m. on the Chamber Stage, there will be a mashed potato eating contest and sculpting contest followed by a potato peeling contest. There are three age groups for these contests. Group one is ages 4-8, group two, ages 9-13 and the final age group is 14-18. There will be prizes awarded in all three



age groups.

Another popular event is the Flower and Garden Show held at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop. Prizes will be given in each of the following categories: annual flowers, bulb/tuber flowers, perennial flowers, vegetables, and best flower arrangement with a potato day theme. All entries must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 4. Entry forms may be obtained at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop.

Potato Events
There are events for everyone at Clark's 22nd 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, starting at 8:30 a.m., is the Bank of the West Coin Dig which will be held at the Fire Hall. At 10:00 a.m. the Ping Pong Ball Toss will have kids chasing the ping pong balls being thrown from the top of Dacotah Bank.

The kids tractor pedal pull will be at 1:00 in the afternoon at Dickinson Park. From 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. there will be free inflatables in Dickinson Park for the children to enjoy.

Returning for the second year, and beginning at 10:00 a.m. will be a JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), 'Race for a Cure' Children's Carnival at Dickinson Park.

Cars and Tractors
For the car enthusiasts, the cars will start rolling in before noon to be shined up for the car show in front of the Court House. The show starts at 12:00 noon with the trophies to be awarded at 4:00 p.m.

The tractor parade starts in Watertown in the morning and is scheduled to arrive in Clark at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Tractor Show trophies will be awarded at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Ongoing Events
In addition to all the before mentioned events taking place, other events one can participate in are ongoing throughout the day Saturday. These include a Coloring Contest for the youth at Ken's Food Fair, Guess the Potato Weight contest at Ken's and demonstrations on flower care and flower arranging at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop.

Potato Day Parade
This year's Potato Day Parade
Potato Day
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Senior Features of 2013

Shirley Larson was the family cook before she was a teenager



Shirley (Paulson) Larson of Clark has been a hard worker for most all of her life. At the age of 10 she lost her mother and at age 11 was the oldest daughter at home who did all of the cooking for the family. She later married and had six children in a farm home with no running water south of Clark. She had kids in school for 36 years straight, and still enjoys going to volleyball, basketball and baseball games now keeping up with her grandchildren.

Her son Roger graduated at the same time her youngest Nancy started school so all in all, it was 36 years that Shirley had her six children in school. "For 43 years I've been going to games at the high school. Now I follow my grandchildren's games when I can," says Shirley Larson. "My family really means a lot to me." She has 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Shirley Elaine Paulson was born on May 10, 1925 to Charles and Alice (Fischer) Paulson. She spent the first two years of her life on a farm west and north of Garden City. There were nine children in her family. The oldest to youngest were Jeanette, Charles or 'Buzz', Everett, Shirley, Lorraine, Omar or 'Corky', Richard, Darrel and Alice Dee. 'Buzz' got his name as Jeanette would say when she was young, 'This is my buzzer' (her brother) and Corky got his nickname from the funnies in the newspaper from his dad said Shirley.

Grandparents
Shirley recalls her grandmother Marie, as she was the only one she'd ever met. "She had a one room house on our farm where she would stay in the summers. She always had lemon drops on her table, she would have one every day. She was a good cook and a good piano player - she played by ear and would make up her own songs," stated Shirley. She lived to be 96 years old. Shirley's grandparents Marie (Neilson) and Peter Paulson came from Denmark and Otto and Anna (Taucher) Fischer came from Germany.

In 1927, Shirley's family moved to the farm that Marie and her husband

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Over 240 4-H Rodeo contestants compete

It was a great weekend weather-wise for outdoor activities, maybe a little on the cool side in the mornings, and the 2013 Clark County 4-H Rodeo was the place to be on Saturday and Sunday at the Clark County Fairgrounds. "The weather was sensational for the rodeo," stated Clark County 4-H Horseman's Club member Kim McGraw.

Ideal conditions made for competitive scoring as 4-Hers used this rodeo as a means to qualify for the State 4-H Rodeo later next month. An unidentified rider competes above in the senior calf roping event. Over 240 4-H Rodeo contestants competed both days for a spot in the State event.

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

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| July 23 | 70 | 55 | 0 |
| July 24 | 76 | 57 | tr |
| July 25 | 75 | 51 | 0 |
| July 26 | 65 | 50 | 0 |
| July 27 | 65 | 48 | 0 |
| July 28 | 68 | 45 | 0 |
| July 29 | 65 | 55 | .25 |
| 2013 precipitation to date | 15.83" | | |
| 2012 precipitation to date | 12.35" | | |

Clark Chamber of Commerce

Potato Day - Aug. 3, 2013

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #4

This couple enjoys camping, bonfires, grilling and smores. And they are at that age where they have grandchildren they adore. Send answers to: Cassi Bloom, 604 S. Smith St., Clark, SD 57225.