



## Clark Rotary Baseball Tourney to be held at Dakota Style Field

Starting Thursday, July 7 and running through Saturday, July 9, is the Clark Rotary Baseball Tourney for Legion teams.

Twelve teams will be vying for the team championship. In Pool One are Milbank, Sioux Falls Chargers and LaMoore, N.D. In Pool Two are Clark/Willow Lake, LAW Rattlers and Wessington Springs. Pool Three teams are Lennox, Gregory and Lidgerwood/Hankinson, N.D. In Pool Four are Groton, Faulkton and Fergus Falls, Minn.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators include: Trey Huber, Lucas Kan-

negieter, Conner Mudgett, Mitchell Larson, Jack Helkenn, Hudson Fuller, Will Hovde, Tyson Huber, Max Bratland, Collin Gaikowski, Jakob Steen, Bryce Klancke, Jack Bratland, Josh Kannegieter, Parker Schmidt, Emmerson Larson, Zach Winter, Waylan Olson, Ky Vander-snick and Cooper Pommer. Chris Bokinskie is the coach.

Opening ceremonies will be held before the first pitch every morning of the tournament. Games start at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Eight umpires will be running the tour-

ney with six games daily, approximately every two hours.

Clark Rotary president Dala Albright said that much work, both at the field and behind the scenes has taken place to make this tournament possible. Joe Bjerke is the Clark Rotarian in charge of the tournament.

Within the last six years many, many upgrades have taken place at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park. The Clark Rotary Club,

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## Clark County 4-H will be held this summer, with some changes

For years, Clark County 4-H Achievements Days had basically the same format, schedule and dates. The Covid-19 pandemic then hit and 4-H has been trying to recover and get back to usual, or normal.

Last year, 4-H Achievement Days were pretty close to normal, but now, in 2022, Clark County Achievement Days have a few changes.

It is before Potato Days this year and that is a change. It begins on Monday and runs through Wednesday August 1-3, and that is a change.

Said Clark County 4-H advisor Kimberly McGraw, "This year we are going to do the BBQ supper the first night of Achievement Days as a kick-off to Achievement Days instead of an end to Achievement Days. The public is invited to attend all days of Achievement Days."

"This year the BBQ will be roast beef. When we had to make decisions for Achievement Days and the BBQ supper, we could not guarantee that we would be able to get the 800 half chickens," said the 4-H advisor. "With no guarantee and not knowing how the bird flu was going to affect the supply, we had to make

the decision to change the BBQ."

Having the roast beef dinner on opening night will be a change. Plans have been finalized and judges have been selected.

On Monday, August 1, the morning will consist of static judging and club booth set-up. Livestock check-in is scheduled for the afternoon with the BBQ and kick-off activities to finish up opening day.

Tuesday is loaded with the poultry, goat, sheep and swine shows.

On Wednesday, the rabbit show begins the day followed by the beef show and round robin.



## Fireworks light up the night sky

Independence Day wouldn't be the 4th of July without fireworks. Each year the City of Clark, with many anonymous donors and business donors, put on a fireworks display at dark. These last two years, the fireworks have been set off at the city dump-

grounds. Again, it was a beautiful display of pyrotechnics. Capturing fireworks is not easy. Clark County Courier employee, Karli Paulson, took this picture Monday night, from the northwest corner of the school parking lot.

## Dueling Medicaid ballot measures worry some advocates

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Some advocates for Medicaid expansion in South Dakota are concerned that two ballot measures with different language and separate backers may confuse or diffuse voters, reducing the chances of success in the November election.

The goal of each campaign is to provide health care coverage to more than 40,000 additional low-income South Dakota residents by broadening Medicaid insurance criteria as established by the Affordable Care Act, with the federal government covering 90 percent of the cost. Unlike Medicare, which provides coverage for the elderly, Medicaid focuses on low-income individuals and covers services such as hospital visits, preventative care, X-rays and fam-

ily planning.

The ACA in 2010 expanded Medicaid to include nearly all adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level, which currently translates to an annual salary of about \$18,000 for an individual (or \$36,500 for a family of four). But the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that states could reject the expansion and still get federal funding for traditional Medicaid costs, which all states currently receive.

South Dakota is one of just 12 states that hasn't expanded Medicaid, making it an outlier even among neighboring Republican-led states such as North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. But expansion proponents are optimistic after seeing voters reject Amendment C - which would have made ballot measures

involving state spending more difficult to pass - in the primary election June 7 with 67 percent of the vote.

Constitutional Amendment D, which is sponsored by South Dakotans Decide Healthcare and will appear on the November ballot, seeks to expand Medicaid by changing the state constitution, viewed traditionally as a more iron-clad method of initiating new policies. Amendment D is supported by the state's major healthcare systems and the Fairness Project, a national advocacy group that assists in ballot measure campaigns.

The second Medicaid ballot measure, Initiated Measure 28, is spearheaded by former Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland, a frequent supporter of ballot measures who successfully cam-

paigned to increase South Dakota's minimum wage in 2014. Weiland's group, Dakotans for Health, initial-

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WEATHER			
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	HI	LO	PR
June 28.....	82	60	0
June 29.....	83	60	0
June 30.....	101	60	0.02
July 1.....	83	58	0
July 2.....	83	58	0
July 3.....	82	62	0.27
July 4.....	77	65	0.60
2022 precipitation to date	12.1		
2021 precipitation to date	8.78		

## School bond passes by almost 75 percent in favor at Willow Lake

The Willow Lake School District 12-3 school bond not to exceed \$9,800,000 passed! Sixty percent of those voting needed to be in favor of the school bond in order for it to pass.

Last Tuesday, June 28, 164 votes were cast, 20 percent of the registered voters. Of these, there were 122 yes votes and 42 no votes. Seventy four percent voted in favor of the school bond.

"This support is so appreciated," said Willow Lake superintendent Chris Lee last Wednesday as he was thankful of the 74.4% of voters who supported the money portion of this project.

Lee has been meeting with architects starting the school facilities

improvements including remodeling and additions, as well as equipment."

"At this point, the funding is approved, but not the plan," he stated. "Now we have to anticipate a direction and time frame making decisions as to what will be done."

The proposed developments will be designed with board approval coming by the end of the calendar year, Lee speculated, with bids going out during next winter and ground being broken next spring or summer.

"Now, what we have been challenged with is to make the best decisions for the school district going forward," said superintendent Lee.



## Saturday, July 2 was a big day in Willow Lake

Every five years the Willow Lake All-School Reunion is held on the July 4 weekend. This was the year for the July 4 holiday reunion experience and over 300 WLHS alumni attended the banquet. Saturday was a great, busy day in Willow Lake. The Alumni Parade, in memory of Kendal Thompson, was

before the banquet followed by the Street Dance.

The July 4th Parade was Monday followed by 'picnic in the park' and fireworks.

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