

Clark Rotary Baseball Tourney to be held at Dakota Style Field

Starting Thursday, July 8 and running through Saturday, July 10, is the Clark Rotary Baseball Tourney for Legion teams.

Twelve teams will be vying for the team championship. In Pool One are, Milbank, Beresford and Westington Springs. In Pool Two, Salem, Wahpeton, N.D. and Mobridge. Pool Three teams are Clark-Willow Lake, Aberdeen and Hankinson/Lidgerwood, N.D. In Pool Four are Colton, Faulkton and LaMoure, N.D.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators include: Trey Huber, Lucas Kannegieter, Conner Mudgett, Mitchell Larson, Tyson Huber, Jack Helkenn, Hudson Fuller, Gunnar Kvistad, Mason McElhone, Ethan McElhone, Jack Bratland, Sam Hovde,

Josh Kannegieter, Shane Wicks, Bruce Steffen, Logan Lutz and Zach Winter.

Opening ceremonies will be held before the first pitch every morning of the tournament. Games start at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Eight umpires will be running the tourney with six games daily, approximately every two hours.

Clark Rotary president Dala Albright said that a lot of 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. Notice the crowds behind the grandstand. It is twice the size as it was previously.

Within the last five years many,

many upgrades have taken place at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park. The Clark Rotary Club, the City of Clark, the Clark Lions Club, the Minnesota Twins Foundation and several anonymous donors deserve kudos for making this baseball field one to be proud of, in many ways.

The baseball diamond itself was redone, an irrigation system was installed, a batter's eye of trees is now in centerfield, a new scoreboard, new cement, new grandstand, the Jim Fielder third base porch, new crows nest, new dugouts and new fencing are all upgrades. Come out and enjoy free baseball this weekend.



117 East 1st Avenue in Clark is getting a makeover, inside and out

Susan Yexley Jennen of Boos Jennen Law and her husband Alan have purchased the building between her office and the Clark County Courier. She purchased the building from Kyle Gaikowski who bought it from Moritz Publishing - Dave and Marlys Moritz. Downtown Design was the last business located here. Yexley Jennen plans on renovating the building and hopefully a story will be coming in the near future.

As one drives by, the exterior color has changed to off-white and the new brightness is very noticeable. The next step will be to add some accent color to the exterior and a new commercial door. Springer Construction, Roger and Dale Springer, are doing the work.

Clark County 4-H is back to normal this summer

After basically a summer off because of the pandemic, 4-H in Clark County is up and running, pretty close to usual.

"I'd say that's pretty close," said SDSU Extension 4-H Advisor Kim McGraw.

"We've learned a couple of things to correct from COVID-19," she continued. "4-H members are picking and choosing what they want to be in this summer. The attitude is 'you don't have to do everything, do what you want.'"

At first McGraw thought that if everybody isn't in everything, that would hurt the participation numbers. "That isn't the case. It won't hurt the program as some have said."

An example the 4-H advisor used was special foods. There were eight contestants in special foods this year, up from the three to five average in recent years.

"Not doing everything might ac-

tually help us - not hurt us," she opined.

During the pandemic, judging school took place on the computer, rather than trying to come to the Clark County Courthouse.

"We've used different sites," said McGraw, "as Thursday, July 15, the fashion review will be held at the courthouse."

Achievement Days are set for August 2-5, 2021. Often times Achievement Days follow Potato Days, but this year, with Potato Days on Saturday, August 7, 4-H Achievement Days are first.

There will be a Chicken Barbecue Dinner this year, at the Clark County Fairgrounds. It will be on Wednesday, August 4. Following the Chicken Barbecue, the show following will feature nine graduating 4-H'ers.

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WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
June 29.....	80	58	0
June 30.....	82	59	0
July 1.....	88	62	0
July 2.....	89	62	0
July 3.....	90	67	0
July 4.....	91	71	0
July 5.....	96	68	0
2021 precipitation to date	8.78		
2020 precipitation to date	9.24		

July 1 was the date for new laws

July 1, is the start of the new fiscal year in South Dakota and many new laws went into effect on Thursday.

It is impossible to list all 200 bills that became law and now are in effect, but some of the new statutes definitely stand out.

Medical Marijuana

Medical marijuana went into law on July 2, 2021, but the State of South Dakota is slow-playing regulations and policies, backing it up to

October 29, 2021.

Home Schooling

A home school legislation reform will now allow home schooled students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. Plus standardized tests will not be mandated for home school students.

Teen Driver Permits

Starting July 1 in South Dakota, young drivers must drive on the New laws
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The entire state of South Dakota is in some type of drought

▲ We need rain

As this weather story is being written, it is supposed to rain and boy could we use a nice rain. Not knowing the future, this story will deal with the heat and drought. A good soaking rain would make everyone smile.

Almost all of eastern South Dakota is in a severe or extreme drought, according to the USDA's Drought Monitor map. The exception is a triangle from roughly Sisseton to Clark to Brookings that includes Watertown. Our area is considered moderate drought. Even with a moderate drought, damage to crops and pastures can be expected and there is a high fire risk, said a spokesman of the Aberdeen National Weather Service office.

In Clark, it hit 100° on June 6. That same day it was 104° in Aberdeen and 101° in Sioux Falls.

"This is very unusual (this early in the summer)," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist.

In the past six weeks, with the heat and limited precipitation, it has made drought conditions increasingly worse, she said.

If rain, in a substantial amount comes this week, that could turn things around. Edwards said farmers badly need rain in the next couple of weeks.

"I'm hearing more and more from farmers. As you look at the next couple of weeks after the Fourth, that is getting to be a critical stage for corn," she said. "To get those tassels up and get them to the pollination stage. That is a very critical

time. We need moisture and some cooler temperatures.

Residents in Clark are under water restrictions.

As of yet there is not a burn ban in the county but that could be subject to change.

Hot June

According to the National Weather Service, Aberdeen:

Most locations recorded their hottest June in over 30 years (1988). With average temperatures anywhere from four to seven degrees above normal, June 2021 will go down as the seventh warmest on record at Wheaton, sixth warmest at Mobridge, the fifth warmest at Aberdeen and Ken-

nebec, fourth at Watertown, Pierre and Timber Lake, and the third at Sisseton.

Many locations recorded 10 to 20 days with highs at or above 90 degrees, and up to five days at or above 100 (at least one 100 degree June day occurs on average every two and a half years in Pierre, five years in Aberdeen and Mobridge, 12.5 years in Sisseton and 20 years in Watertown). Numerous record daily warm low and high temperatures were set as well, particularly from the 3-10th, including highs during five out of six days in Mobridge from the 3rd through the 8th.

The heat was in part a testament to just how dry it's been, both leading up to and also throughout the month. During times of drought, air holds less moisture, and is thus able to heat up faster and to a greater extent. The large-scale weather pattern involved a jet stream that

Raining as we go to press

Since midnight the city of Clark has received .89" of rain. "We needed it! Nice rain!" can be heard up and down the street. Hope it keeps raining.

The rains are again spotty, so not everyone will receive the same amount. It looks as if there is more to the south.

Hope this will prime the pump!



July 4th was a typical 2021 summer day - hot!

As the summer of 2021 continues to sizzle, Independence Day was not an exception.

With the temperature close to 100°, the Willow Lake July 4th celebration including the parade, was a warm one.

Those who usually bask in the sun while watching the parade were

seeking shade, or air conditioning.

None the less, a very nice parade helped celebrate the 4th. This Vern and Vera Herker family float was one of the showcase floats of the parade.



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