

Champions and winners cap a successful Clark County 4-H Achievement Days

▲ State Fair is next



Display exhibit judging started Clark County 4-H Achievement Days. At left, Ansley Knock listens to what the static exhibit judge has to say with Isabella Minnick looking on. At right, clothing judge

Diane Rider inspects the article. 4-H Achievement Days wrapped up last Wednesday. Ongoing livestock pictures will continue in the Clark County Courier.

ment, Sewing Machine Table; Collin Fuller, Visual Arts, Machined Dice and Cup; Lane Tarbox, Visual Arts, Diamond Art; Sabrina Fuller, Photography, Cat; Kasey Michalski, Foods and Nutrition, Homemade Buns; Annie Rider, Clothing, Constructed Dress; Collin Fuller, Welding, Welding Project for Nationals; Ada Rider, Horticulture, Cabbage; Samantha Fuller, Hobbies and Collections, Collection of tins.

Monday evening was a beautiful evening for the BBQ. This year Shredded Beef was on the menu. The evening started before the BBQ with a tailgating event, where the public was invited to partake in the fun. Following the meal, Kasey and Cutler Michalski opened with the singing of the National Anthem.

The parade of clubs followed, recognizing every 4-H member in each of the clubs in Clark county. The 4-H Graduating Seniors were announced including Ericka Dale, Kasey Michalski, TJ Meyer, Cole Brenden, Jerime Fuller and Jack Bratland.

The Style Show was held and the 4-H Royalty was crowned with Queen: Ella Sass; King: Jerime Fuller; Princess: Karsyn Tarbox;

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
August 2	83	58	0
August 3	97	67	0.06
August 4	79	59	0
August 5	86	60	0
August 6	96	60	0.18
August 7	77	58	0
August 8	73	53	0.76
2022 precipitation to date	16.84		
2021 precipitation to date	13.51		

The 2022 Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held August 1, 2, and 3. A total of 588 exhibits were shown by Clark County 4-Her's.

Monday morning started off with display exhibit judging. There were 413 total exhibits entered and on display at the Home Ec building this year. Purple ribbons this year numbered 310. Entries within the various project areas varied: Foods and Food Preservation had 48 exhibits; Clothing had 27 exhibits; Home Environment had 21 entries.

A total of 98 exhibits were entered for Visual Arts. Horticulture exhibits totaled eight exhibits. There were 54 photography entries.

This year we had many clover buds also bring exhibits. Clover bud projects are not counted in our ribbon counts, instead the clover bud receives a clover bud ribbon for each of their projects after visiting with the judge. Clover buds are 4-H members ages 5-7.

Best in Show selected by display exhibit judges this year went to: Samantha Brenden, Home Environ-



What a great Potato day!

Last weekend, 30 years of Potato Day fun was celebrated!

A great turnout with great weather had one and all feeling good about Potato Days 2022.

Swimming Pool Park was a beehive of activity throughout Saturday, and all events, contests and activities were well attended, as the city was buzzing from early morning to late night.

A showcase event for Potato Days, the Mashed Potato Wrestling, had full bleachers in attendance and many crowd pleasing moments.

In recent years, Potato Day events such as the Clark Car Show, the Antique Tractor Parade and An-

tique Tractor Pull and Strong Man competition have really increased in notoriety, bringing in many folks from outside the community. Nice comments were heard about the activities and the crowd.

The Junior Legion Class B baseball tournament was going on at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park.

Above, Jason McHenry and son Logan, along with Meghan Marx and daughter Gracy left and Myra Lewis, right, get ready for the early morning road race and walk.

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Pictured at Dacotah Bank Field, left to right, are Clark Foundation president Gayle Wookey and Clark Foundation board member Nicole Nelson, Terry and Deb Schlagel and grandson Brody Kottke, Clark Lions representative Brad Lamb, Dacotah Bank - Clark market president

Brandon Herr, Clark Community Oil general manager Troy Grensberg, Westside Implement owner Kyle Gaikowski and Erin Heiman of Westside Implement.

Dacotah Bank Field is a youth diamond of community pride

As the summer recreation youth baseball/softball seasons have come to an end, the facility has received many upgrades, including naming rights.

Located just south of the high/middle school, Dacotah Bank Field is a baseball/softball diamond, with concession stand that really shines with community pride.

Westside Implement owner Kyle Gaikowski has been the leading force behind this field and concession stand improvements.

"Community support has been huge for the success of this park project. We have a field that all of us and our kids can be proud of," said Gaikowski.

He went to two city and two school board meetings with an idea of a few things that needed improvements on at the youth field. The baseball/softball association had \$12,500 at that time.

"When the meeting minutes came out in the paper, local sponsors came to me with donations,

adding \$62,500 to the fund. The project went from a patch job to get us by, to a full facelift to revitalize the ballpark that had not seen much attention since it was built in the 80's."

"Next projects with future monies include painting the inside of the bathrooms and concessions area, Epoxy the concrete floors, redo plumbing and fixtures and sinks, aluminum bleachers, trees for shade and aesthetics, walk door repair, trim trees and level the

rough outfield," said the Westside owner. The field is used for baseball ages five to 12 and softball youth through high school ages. Approximately 180 kids utilized the field for practices and games this summer.

The outfield back fence and infield grading was done in partnership between Geronimo Energy and Wanzek Construction in 2019. In 2020, Westside Implement moved

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Area schools begin opening next week

Can it already be back to school time? Henry opens next Tuesday, August 16, Clark opens next Wednesday, August 17 and Willow Lake opens the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6. Sport practices have begun at the three respective schools.

Volleyball games will start in two weeks and high school football games start on Friday, August 19, with three games slated before Labor Day. Clark-Willow Lake will play 11-man the next two years and Florence-Henry will remain in 9-man classification.

Clark

Classes resume on Wednesday, August 18 with superintendent Travis Ahrens and middle school/

high school principal Jennifer Heggelund. Jon Redmond is the new elementary principal.

Willow Lake

Willow Lake, as has been the case in recent years, will start the 2022-23 school year after Labor Day. Look in this week's Clark County Courier for their School Directory page. The administration remains the same with Chris Lee as superintendent and Linda Merkw as principal.

Henry

Classes will begin Tuesday, August 16. Teacher Inservice and Open House continues today, Aug. 10, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Todd Obele is the Henry School superintendent.

Clark school board readies for 2022-2023 start

The August meeting of the Clark School Board reflected that school hadn't been in session the last three months, but is a week away from starting anew.

Routine business included tweaking existing policies and updating elementary, middle school and high school handbooks.

Two new policy drafts were discussed and will be voted on at the September meeting.

The first handbook policy change item dealt with meal charge policy. It is required by the federal government.

In a nutshell, this policy states: To help establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the district. Unpaid charges place a financial strain on the food service department. The goals of this standard of practice are:

- To treat all students with dignity in the serving line regarding meal accounts.
- To support positive situations with district staff, district business policies, student and parent/guard-

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