



A nice crowd at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park, under gorgeous weather conditions, witnessed some entertaining Potato Day wrestling matches.

This match saw 1986 Clark High School graduate Rob Fuller against Maria Ryan, left and Chasity Terrill, with Greg Marx, not pictured, as the referee.

Many Potato Day events drew a nice number of people to Clark on Saturday. Many nice comments were heard about the Potato Day activities.

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Clark's Potato Day brings family, fun and winners galore

Great weather added to a very successful 25th annual Clark Potato Day.

Great family entertainment from early morning through evening hours had Potato Day spectators having a good time, with many activities and events.

This year's event seemed very well attended, with positive comments heard about everything from

the parade to the car show to the mashed potato wrestling.

Contest Results

Potato Decorating Contest sponsored by Clark Flower & Gift Shop

Decorated potato contest: Eduardo Reyes, 1st.

Potato Recipe Contest - Heather's Bistro

Salad: Patricia McHenry, potato

salad

Main dish: Patricia McHenry

Bread: Maggie Kats

Dip: Mary Railey

Dessert: Mary Railey, 1st; Joyce Helkenn, 2nd

Flower & Garden Show sponsored by Clark Flower & Gift Shop

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Johnson Controls will be the heating and cooling provider at Clark Schools

▲ At least through the 2016-17 school year

Johnson Controls contract, as the Clark School heating and air conditioning provider, was approved for the 2016-2017 school year. This is the final year of a multi-year contract with the school and at the August Clark School Board meeting, Monday, Clark superintendent Luanne Warren and the board talked of various heating and cooling options, going forward.

"A \$12,000 annual service agreement that we currently have with Johnson Controls seems awfully high," said board chairman Robert Steffen.

Warren stated that she will be 'shopping around' regarding heating and cooling providers and then she reported on the air conditioning

work that is being done at the high school. The air conditioning system at the high school broke down earlier this summer and on Tuesday of this week a crane was at the school to help with this repair process. "Don't worry, it wasn't a wrecking ball...and it was not roof work," Warren joked. On a more serious note she commented, "We are still on track to have the air conditioning working when school starts." The superintendent said that she will be monitoring the heat levels at the elementary school. "It seems very warm down there," said Warren.

In other business:

▲ No executive session was necessary.

▲ Student and staff handbooks were reviewed with no formal action taken at this time.

▲ The last topic superintendent Warren talked about, under reports, was of a three-hour meeting held between Clark and Willow Lake Cyclone co-op board members. She noted that at the Sept. meeting of the Clark School Board, that a four-year contract agreement will be on the agenda.

▲ Principal and athletic director Jerry Hartley shared with the board of getting the sports complex ready for the first home football game. Getting the crow's nest finished is the biggest item to be done and when the scoreboard is moved in, he said one would know that the

Kim Nelson is the new Ken's Food Fair manager

Kim Nelson is the new manager at Ken's Food Fair, in Clark. Nelson took over this week for Randy Stevens, who retired after 44 years in the grocery business, all at Clark.

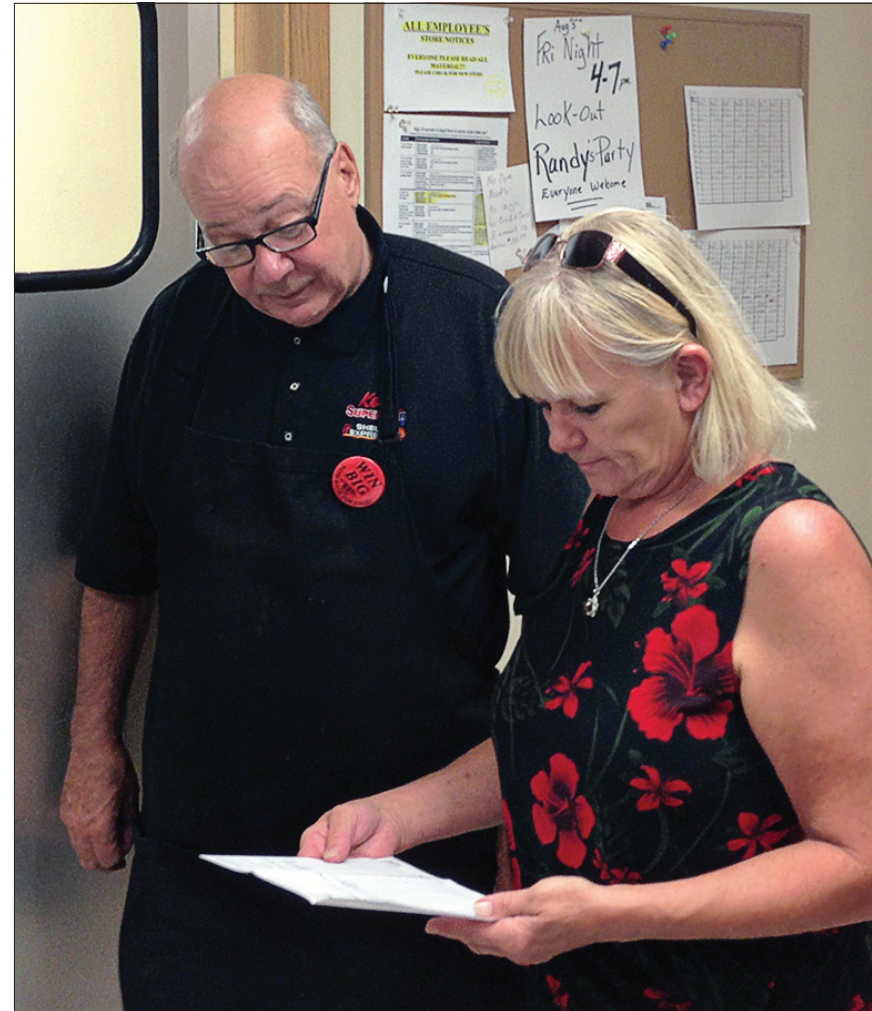
"Even though I have worked here on and off since 1973, this is a new venture for me and I'm excited to be the manager and at the same time I'm very appreciative of our fine staff here at Ken's," said Nelson.

Ken's Food Fair, Clark, employs 10 full-time employees and six part-time employees. Owned by the Fiedler family, Ken's SuperFair Foods and Shell Express, of Aberdeen, along with stores in Britton, Groton, Clark, Ipswich and Eureka. Ken is the founder, president and CEO of Ken's and son Kevin is the general manager. Ken's bought the Clark store in 1992.

"When I think of Ken's ownership, I think of the great community support they bring to the Clark community. Whether it be our sales receipts for the school or athletic event support, Ken's really supports the Clark community and all our events."

Nelson is married to Dan and they have two sons, Corey and his son Mason of Watertown and John, and his children Ayden and Jaelynn, of Tea.

Nelson, who was the assistant manager for many years, knows the importance that a grocery store brings to the community. "We want to continue to provide great customer service to all of the many loyal customers. Their loyalty is so very important to us, as we continue to provide new ideas and concepts to grocery purchases."



There is a 'changing of the guard' at Ken's Food Fair in Clark, as long-time manager Randy Stevens, left, has retired. Saturday was Stevens' last day and long-time assistant manager Kim Nelson, right, took over managerial duties on Monday of this week.

Randy Stevens

Randy Stevens is a life-long businessman of Clark. He retired on August 6, 2016, after 44 years in the grocery career, all in Clark.

When Stevens was hired in early 1973 the Bockoven Store, owned

by Bob Schlueter and Noel Fischer was the grocery store in Clark, as well as a multi-merchandise outlet.

When asked about what changes he has seen in the grocery business,

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 2.....	84	65	0
Aug. 3.....	85	66	0
Aug. 4.....	76	57	.10
Aug. 5.....	77	53	0
Aug. 6.....	78	56	0
Aug. 7.....	77	57	0
Aug. 8.....	78	57	0
2016 precipitation to date			10.96
2015 precipitation to date			15.49

Once again success reigns at Clark County 4-H Achievement Days

The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held August 3 and 4. A total of 888 exhibits were entered by Clark County 4-H'ers. There were many purple ribbons awarded, which are eligible to be entered in the 4-H division of the South Dakota State Fair.

"4-H Achievement Days went very well this year," said Clark County 4-H program advisor Kim McGraw. "This is my eighteenth year and each year, after it is over, I feel really good about how things have gone."

McGraw laughed after she thought about the 18 years that she's been at the helm of the Clark County 4-H program. "I can honestly say I'm starting my second generation of 4-H'ers."

McGraw felt that the weather, especially on Thursday, added to the high quality of this local county event.

"Plus, we had great public interaction. The Wednesday night dog show, which was new this year, brought out more people," she stated.

New this year was the crowning of 4-H Royalty. Spencer Hovde was crowned as King and Paige Mehlberg was Queen. The Prince was

Connor Mudgett and the Princess was Neveah Rusher.

There were 45 beef exhibits this year, with 36 purple ribbons being awarded. Overall Champion Breeding Heifer went to Mitchell Schmidt with his Foundation Simmental, Reserve Breeding Heifer went to Spencer Hovde with his Foundation Simmental. Champion Market Heifer went to Sam Hovde and Reserve to Mitchell Schmidt. Champion Market Steer went to Nicolette Schmidt and Reserve went to Connor Mudgett. Overall Champion Market Beef went to Nicolette Schmidt with Reserve going to Sam Hovde.

There was one dairy exhibit, receiving a purple ribbon. Overall Champion Dairy Heifer went to Ignatius Fuller.

There were 37 goats exhibited this year, with 27 purple ribbons awarded. Overall Breeding Meat Goat was won by Wyatt James with Reserve going to Wyatt James. Champion Market Doe went to Wyatt James with Reserve going to Spencer Hovde. Champion Market Wether went to Tavie Guzman with Reserve going to Tavie Guzman. Overall Champion Market Goat went to Wyatt James with Reserve

going to Spencer Hovde.

There were 55 sheep exhibits this year, with 40 receiving purple ribbons. Breeding Sheep winners included: Champion Breeding Ram going to Caleb Bratland and Reserve Ram going to Reed Tonak, Champion Breeding Ewe going to Caleb Bratland and Reserve Ewe going to Hudson Fuller. Market Lamb awards went to Jack Bratland with Champion Market Ewe and Erica Dale with Reserve Market Ewe. Champion Market Wether went to Jack Bratland with Reserve Market Wether going to Abbie Bratland. Overall Champion Market Lamb went to Jack Bratland with Reserve going to Jack Bratland.

There were 18 swine exhibits with 18 receiving purple ribbons. Champion Purebred Barrow was won by Jay Foster with Reserve Purebred Barrow going to Jordan Hamann. Champion Purebred Gilt was awarded to Aaron Hamann and Reserve Gilt to Tucker Hamann. Champion Crossbred Gilt was awarded to Parker Schmidt, Reserve went to Jay Foster. Champion Crossbred Barrow was award-

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The Clark County 4-H Junior Leaders brought back the crowning of 4-H Royalty this year, after an absence of over 50 years.

2016 Clark County Royalty include: left to right, Prince Connor Mudgett; Princess Neveah Rusher; Queen Paige Mehlberg and King Spencer Hovde.

"4-H Royalty will be seen at county events and 4-H events. The Clark County 4-H Junior Leaders plan on making this an annual tradition, recognizing young people in our community," said Clark County 4-H program advisor Kim McGraw