



Jay Foster is shown getting his calf ready for the Clark County 4-H Beef Show, held last Thursday afternoon at the Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds. Foster received two purples in the beef show, making him eligible for the upcoming South Dakota State Fair, in

three weeks. As has been tradition of late, it rained during the Achievement Days, but even though it was a little soggy, one and all again turned out for the 4-H Chicken Barbecue supper.

## Achievement Days are all about excellence

The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held August 5 and 6. A total of 750 exhibits were entered by Clark County 4-H'ers. There were 562 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, even though it ended very wet," said Clark County 4-H program advisor Kim McGraw. Clark received over an inch of rain Thursday afternoon, but the chicken barbecue went on as planned, but under a roof.

It was a little stressful, I'll have to admit," said McGraw of the organizing and preparing for the evening meal. "The 4-H leaders did a great job and we live in a great community. The ground was a little soggy. Everyone showed up and it turned out to be a great evening." There were 48 beef exhibits this year, with 43 purple ribbons being awarded. Overall Champion Breeding Heifer went to Jake Edleman with his Maine Anjou, Reserve Breeding Heifer went to Spencer Hovde with his Maintainer. Champion Market Steer went to Ericka Dale with her Maine Anjou and Reserve went to Cutler Michalski with his Simmental. Overall Champion Market Beef went to Ericka Dale with Reserve going to Cutler Michalski. There was one dairy exhibit, receiving a purple ribbon. Overall Champion Dairy Heifer went to Ignatius Fuller.

There were 24 goats exhibited this year, with 19 purple ribbons awarded. Overall Breeding Meat Goat was won by Tate McGraw with

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WEATHER				
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Aug. 4.....	76	55	0	
Aug. 5.....	77	58	0	
Aug. 6.....	77	61	1.01	
Aug. 7.....	80	58	0	
Aug. 8.....	80	67	0	
Aug. 9.....	79	60	.34	
Aug. 10.....	76	59	0	
2015 precipitation to date	15.49"			
2014 precipitation to date	11.39"			

## Capital outlay, bleachers and lights lead discussion at school board meeting

The Clark School Board called a special session in July to issue bid letting for bleachers and lights at the sports complex located west of the high school and to discuss raising the capital outlay levy, in fear of being frozen by potential implementations of South Dakota legislation. These matters, along with visiting with a Johnson Control representative, discussing the service contract with Johnson Control, took top billing at the August Clark

School Board meeting, held Monday night at the high school library. Superintendent Luanne Warren was absent from the meeting, due to family matters. In fear of being frozen at a mill levy of \$1.20 (per thousand \$ of valuation), the board deliberated at length as to what amount the capital outlay levy should be for the 2015-16 school year. The budget will be formally approved next month.

Even though Warren wasn't in attendance, high school principal Jerry Hartley noted, from her board letter to the members, that \$1.40 was her recommendation. Warren has also made it quite clear that the track project is now off the table, and no further capital outlay dollars will be earmarked for that project. When board president Robert Steffen asked the question: "So everyone in favor of raising the capital outlay levy?", the consensus was a unanimous 'yes'.

The board, as a group, felt that in case the state would cap capital outlay, that it would be in the best interest to raise this capital outlay amount. "We can always lower it next year if it is not capped," was also the board's plan. A \$1.40 capital outlay levy was approved for 2015-2016. This 20¢ raise will generate over \$100,000 in capital outlay for the school.

The school board then opened sealed bids for bleachers and lights for the track complex. Both the respective bleachers and lights bids were rejected due to a lack of motion by the board. The reason the board rejected the bids is because they want to re-bid this process, re-writing the specifications, to be more detailed. Also, because superintendent Warren was not in attendance and it is not a matter that had to be decided at the

August meeting, the board wanted to judge apples to apples and felt the bids needed to be more specific. The meeting began with Brent Rice, the Johnson Control service representative in attendance to answer any and all questions concerning the maintenance/service agreement between his company and the school. Rice talked numbers and different coverages, as there are 24

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## Alexander helps 'plant seeds of growth' in El Salvador



Laura Alexander of Clark, recently returned from a mission trip with the Ambassadors in Mission group to El Salvador. Twenty one students worked with the Kings Castle ministry there, reaching the youth in promoting Christianity. Shown above, Alexander (on the far right), joins her group in surrounding a group of kids and praying for them on the street in San Salvador. They reached 5,000 children with their programs.

"It felt like I was supposed to go," confided Laura Alexander of Clark who recently returned from El Salvador on a mission trip with the King's Castle Ministry. Alexander is currently attending South Dakota State University where she is double majoring in Ag Communications and Human Development and Family Studies and just finished her sophomore year. The Clark graduate is the daughter of Dean and Mari Jo Alexander. She also attends Grace Point Wesleyan Church in Brookings where she got to know Josh Jasper, who is also in marching band with her. Jasper is currently interning with the ministry Kings Castle, after going on mission trips several times. "Hearing about his experiences and being told that it was such a great opportunity - three friends of mine from school and I signed up to go." Her trip was part of the S.D. Ambassadors in Mission or A.I.M.

group which is sanctioned through the Assembly of God churches. The Kings Castle Ministry in El Salvador, which Alexander was a part of, is very welcomed in that area she explained. "There are a lot of gangs in El Salvador, hundreds of them," stated Alexander. "They will try to recruit new members beginning at eight or nine years old. Once you are in a gang there, you can never get out. It's immediate death if you do. "If a child says I'm a Christian, they will not be recruited we were told. So that age group - the six to 10 year olds were the ones we ministered to the most. After I returned home after the trip, my friend who is still interning in El Salvador messaged me that there is a country-wide curfew now put out by the gangs. If one is not in the house by 9:00 p.m., they are a moving target." Alexander and her group left on

July 14 from Sioux Falls where they had spent a day previously doing team building exercises with their group of 21 students. From there they went to the city of San Salvador and spent two nights with the student staff of the Kings Castle Ministry. They met their nationalists or translators and had six of them with them at all times. "We learned what to do and what not to do, - like hand gestures for instance. Some are gang signs which could make us a rival gang target, so we had to be careful," continued Alexander. "It was a culture shock, being in an unfamiliar country and no longer a part of the majority population. We could no longer drink water from the faucet and no toilet paper was to be flushed as they had weak sewer systems." The group slept on the floor of the Assembly of God church in El Salvador in sleeping bags and went by bus every day traveling from school

to school doing programs. They did 18 programs over six days, mainly Alexander (continued on page 3)

Clark County Rainfall	
8/4 - 8/10	*Bradley .45"
*Crocker .43"	*Garden City 1.00"
*Raymond 1.17"	*Henry 2.62"
*Clark 1.45"	*Vienna .95"
*Carpenter 2.13"	*Willow Lake 2.00"

## Willow Lake Lions to celebrate 50th anniversary on August 20

It can be said the Willow Lake Lions have and always will be ready, eager and willing to aid in every worthwhile activity both in the community and away'. This was a quote from the club's history book 10 years ago when the Willow Lake Lions Club celebrated their 40th anniversary.

On August 20, the Willow Lake Lions will be celebrating 50 years with a Golden Jubilee social/banquet to be held at the WLHS gymnasium.

On August 31, 1965, twenty-three men of the community from all walks of life were installed as charter members of the Willow Lake Lions club.

"We'd love to see family members of the original charter members come to the celebration," invited Melanie Schmidt whose father Roger Haug was an active member and a guiding Lion. Melanie and her husband Bob have been members for many years.

The original charter members were: Norris Bratland, James Brekke, Harold Bruley, Larry Donovan, Louie Ford, Edward "Pat" Green, Orville M. Hill, Robert Hofer, Charles Houghton, Percy Houghton, Verdon Lamb, Jess Lamp, Herman Meester, Jack Meester, Joe Meester, James Mitchell, Kenneth Nelson, Lyle Nelson, Charles Norby, Clifford Peterson, Kenneth Pommer, Jean Saboe and Roger Wiltz.

The first officers were: President James Brekke, 1st Vice President Ken Pommer, 2nd Vice President Joe Meester, Secretary-Treasurer Charles Norby, Lion Tamer Orville Hill and Tail Twister Larry Donovan.

"The Huron club sponsored us," recalls Verdon Lamb who spent 40 years with the club. "Huron Lions members came to every meeting of ours for about a year to help us get started and keep us going. Members of the Redfield Lions and Wattertown's uptown club also visited to support us."

"Then in 1977, we sponsored the Clark Lions Club and helped them get going. Kenny Pommer and Jim Brekke were charter members of the Clark club and the Willow Lake



Seated on the Lions bench at the Willow Lake Lions Memorial Park on Garfield Street in Willow Lake are charter members of the Willow Lake Lions and Lioness Clubs Verdon and Marlene Lamb.

The clubs are now joined together and are planning a 50 year celebration on August 20, 2015 in Willow Lake.

Past Lion's Club presidents standing behind the Lambs are, left to right, Melanie Schmidt and Don Pommer.

club. We helped sponsor Hamlin and De Smet Lions clubs, too, which stayed active for many years." "Two clubs in a county is rare," added Schmidt. "We help each other out and have fun back and forth. We still do the stealing and passing on of gifts."

"It creates visitation," explained Lamb. "If something was swiped, a guy would have to go to their

meeting to get it back. That's what our 'Lion Tamer's' job is - to watch and take care of our emblems, wall hangings and flags. It's kinda fun and keeps us going." "The Tail Twister collects fines for the meetings," said past president and long-time member Don

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