

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

The 2019 Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held August 5, 6, 7 and 8. A total of 892 exhibits were shown by Clark County 4-Her's.

"I kind of like going to a four-day Achievement Days format," said Clark County 4-H advisor Kim McGraw. "Our dog show on Monday, didn't feel rushed and the week moved along quite nicely."

McGraw noted that beautiful August weather really helped bring out a nice crowd for Achievement Days. "The weather cooperated nicely. Not too hot and the wind was just a breeze for most of the week."

Monday evening started Achievement Days off with the Dog Show. This year eight 4-Her's and their dogs participated in three events, Obedience, Showmanship and Agility. Obedience had 4-Her's participating in four different levels of difficulty. Champion in the novice level went to Lane Tarbox and Belle, Champion pre-novice was Aanya Fuller and Chloe. Champion in the basic B level went to Sara Thonvold and Harleigh, while basic A champion was Shawna Thonvold and Roxie. In showmanship the junior winner was Ignatius Fuller and the champion Beginner winner was Shawna Thonvold. Four 4-Her's participated in Agility. The champion agility went to Sara Thonvold.

Tuesday static exhibits were judged. Static exhibits had 628 total exhibits entered and on display in the Home Ec Building this year for Achievement Days. There were 530 purples awarded.

Within the project areas entries varied: Food and Nutrition and Food Preservation had 42 total entries with 42 purple ribbons awarded. Container Gardens had 13 exhibits with all receiving purples. Clothing had 40 entries with 40 purples; Home Environment had 97 entries with 92 purple ribbons awarded. A total of 125 exhibits were entered in the Visual Arts division with 105 purple ribbons awarded. Six entries were made in the Crops Division with five purples and 16 horticulture exhibits with 13 purples. Thirteen entries were made in Wood Science with 11 purples. There were 163 photography entries this year and 127 purple ribbons were awarded. First Aid projects totaled 22 exhibits with 22 receiving purple ribbons. Hobbies & Collections had 27 entries with 25 purples. This year there were 64 miscellaneous projects entered. Miscellaneous project areas include: graphic design, electricity, poultry & eggs, welding, child development and educational posters and displays, wildlife and fisheries.

This year there were approximately 12 4-H Cloverbuds who brought exhibits. Cloverbud projects are not counted in the normal ribbon counts. Cloverbuds are 4-H members ages 5-7, who receive their own Cloverbud ribbon. It is estimated 75 Cloverbud exhibits could be viewed at the Cloverbud booth in the Static Exhibit building during this year's Achievement Days.

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Zoe Nichols, above, is a first year 4-H'er and last Tuesday she spent much of the afternoon washing and preening her goats. The Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held Monday - Thursday last week at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Nice, summer weather made for a very comfortable week and 4-H advisor Kim McGraw said that the weather was a reason for getting good numbers to the fairgrounds, especially nice for the chicken supper.



Kaelig Manach from Dinan, France arrived last Thursday to the home of his foreign exchange 'mom' - Kerry Kline. He was a junior at Clark High School in the year 2017 to 2018. This trip, he was accompanied by his parents, Erwen and Marie Manach and his sister, 13-year-old Soan. They plan on visiting the Black Hills, a trip Kaelig enjoyed while he visited here previously.

Hearing he was coming back - local friends also came to greet Manach. Above, left to right in the back are Erwen Manach, Soan Manach, Marie Manach and Kerry Kline. In front are Ntai Stevens, Mekel Sanchez, Kaelig Manach, Josh Weisbrod and Bradyn Rusher.

Former Foreign Exchange student from France, Kaelig Manach and family come visit Clark

Two years older and maybe even a little taller, Kaelig Manach from Dinan, France arrived in Clark last week for a visit at the home of Kerry Kline and Mekel Sanchez.

And this time, he brought his family with him, minus one brother Louenn.

Erwen, Marie and their daughter Soan who is 13-years-old, joined Kaelig in coming to South Dakota this time around. This is their first time visiting the United States.

The family is from Dinan, France, a town of about 30,000 people approximately a four hour drive from Paris in proximity. His father is a professor who teaches art at Beau

Art and his mother works as a dietitian for a local hospital. Kaelig has one more year of high school and is maybe leaning towards business in his future plans.

"It's nice to finally meet them in person," stated Kline, host parent to Kaelig who spent the 2017/2018 school year as a junior at Clark High School. "You come to feel close to the family when having their son (or daughter) in your home for that year."

"You get to know the student more when you meet their family."

Kline hopes to go to Europe herself within the next two years and pay them a visit.

Visiting France, Spain, the Netherlands and Denmark will be visiting her exchange students' homes. That list may even grow as Kline is the regional representative for the Forte International Exchange Association program.

The Manach family spent some time relaxing and meeting Kaelig's school (and basketball) buddies last Friday. Bradyn Rusher, Ntai Stevens and Joshua Weisbrod were over to visit and catch up with Manach.

The Clark-Willow Lake Booster Club three person scramble golf

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Is this the wettest summer on record?

Is this the wettest summer one can remember? In Clark, in July, officially 6.72" of rain fell. Many residents recorded amounts that exceeded that amount.

In August, to date, 4.32" of rain has fallen, making the total close to 11" for the last six weeks.

Meteorologist Aaron Dye at the National Weather Service in Aberdeen, commented, "This is the opposite of last year. We can't get it (the rain) to stop. We are in a pretty active weather pattern, overall, with the pattern west to east rather than the normal up and down this time of year," he said.

On Monday of this week, official Clark received 1.74".

"It just poured in Clark County on that day," said Dye. "Not everyone received that much rain."

More rain is in the forecast for Friday. "It seems like very three days a weather front keeps coming through," Dye said and he commented that so far we have received more moisture in August than in the last five years.

With all this rain, off a large

spring snowmelt, the ground has remained saturated much of the summer, throwing off the growing season and putting farmers way behind with the field work.

The short term forecast calls for cooler than normal temperatures, making one wonder when frost will occur this fall and what winter will have in store for our area.

"Winter's a long way off and subject to change, but right now it is setting up to be a below normal winter, snow-wise. But that could

change," said Dye.

With all this excess rain, lakes have refilled, some roads, such as the Elrod Road, are reportedly closed and sump pumps have been running non-stop.

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	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 6.....	84	64	.18
Aug. 7.....	80	56	0
Aug. 8.....	76	55	0
Aug. 9.....	77	59	.41
Aug. 10.....	75	65	.01
Aug. 11.....	73	65	.32
Aug. 12.....	79	63	1.74
2019 precipitation to date	25.77		
2018 precipitation to date	10.79		

Clark County	Bradley
Rainfall - Unofficial	3.40"
8/6 - 8/12	
* Crocker	
.60"	
* Raymond	
1.40"	
* Clark	
2.07"	
* Carpenter	
1.28"	
* Garden City	
3.60"	
* Henry	
3.11"	
* Vienna	
4.07"	
* Willow Lake	
2.35"	

Clark School getting ready to open doors a week from today

▲ 33 new Clark School students

Getting ready for the new school year was the underlying theme of the August meeting of the Clark School Board, held Monday evening at the high school library.

August is the month also when the board finalizes the respective handbooks for the new school term. The policy changes were not major in scope but rather changing of terminology and minor tweaks.

Technology coordinator Sam Williams was in attendance and he covered the basic charges for laptops/tablets. High school students will be allowed to take computers home this year and he had cost numbers

for screen replacement, lost chargers and lost computers.

Superintendent/principal Luanne Warren explained a policy change for requiring faculty to keep their lunch bill under \$50. Another change is that Veteran's Day is not a holiday but the Friday after Thanksgiving is considered a holiday.

As far as "housekeeping" high school policy changes, a tardy will be in effect after the doors have been locked. The elementary also does it this way.

Cell phone policy will no longer include expulsion, probably, ex-

plained Warren and she specified what would happen with multiple offenses.

Lockers are school property and can be checked at any time, it was noted. Parking lot policies were also discussed.

The biggest policy change will be that middle school teachers are in favor of summer school to help failing middle school students. What happens now is that if a high school freshman fails a class, it needs to be repeated. Middle school instruc-

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