



Class of 2037 starts Kindergarten

Classes in the Clark School District began Wednesday, August 21 for the 2024-2025 school year. Kindergarten student Brinkley Stern is pictured above with her teacher, Stephanie Hagstrom. Aleigha Hallberg is the other kindergarten teacher at Clark Elementary School. Brinkley is the daughter of Kyle and Denae Stern of Garden City.

Photo by Trudi Gaikowski

Raymond Redwing Days was held Saturday, August 24. The weather was plenty warm and humid, but the community event was still well attended.

Top left: Noah DesLauriers is pictured with his dad Adam at the Ripley Acres Petting Zoo. Top right: Ava Meier and Walker and Easton Ries are pictured during the barnyard competition chasing down a sheep.

Bottom left: Ted Obermeier won the Best in Class trophy with his 1949 Farmall Model M Diesel tractor. There were four tractors in the category. Tim Mehlberg won the Work Horse Award trophy with his 1456 International tractor. There were seven tractors in the Work Horse category. Bottom right: Clark High School junior Leah Nelson colors Chet Hansen in blue while he participates in the Color Run.

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Redwing Days was colorfully successful in Raymond Saturday

By Catie Noethlich

The first annual Raymond Redwing Days was held on Saturday, August 24. Events started bright and early at 7:30 a.m. with the registration for the Redwing 5k Color Run/Walk. The night ended with the Lizzy Hofer band providing entertainment from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Vendors started setting up Saturday morning, and 58 5K participants began warming up. The Clark junior class was stationed along the run route, throwing colors and cheering on participants. A steady stream of cars continued into Raymond for the rest of the day even as the day got hotter and more humid. Asking around, you could hear many people saying, "Thank goodness for the breeze," which is a departure from the usual phrase in South Dakota.

The town welcomed extended family of residents, past residents and first-time visitors throughout the day. The BRO motorcycle club, bringing over 100 motorcycles on their poker run for Cat Sorlien, also stopped by for the Fireman's delicious lunch. The community was bustling with activities, from kids enjoying the petting zoo and park treasure trove dig to adults checking out the tractor show and shopping at the vendor fair. The Raymond Fire Department worked tirelessly to keep food and drinks

flowing all day. The barnyard competitions provided plenty of entertainment in addition to the bean bag tournament and bingo in the afternoon. Kids of all ages signed up to chase progressively bigger and wilder lambs with clothes pins on them for prizes and bragging rights. Then, the adults, in teams of two, got to enter the arena to catch and keep a pig.

The Baker Post 209 Jeep led the parade, pulling its Legion members along with a crowd of kids on bicycles down the main road through town. Both sides of the street were lined with people, and Terry Schlage pointed to the group and surmised, "This is why we are here."

Raymond Redwing Days 2025 is scheduled for July 11 and 12, 2025.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
August 20	83	62	0
August 21	65	59	0.53
August 22	75	63	0.02
August 23	81	65	0
August 24	82	66	0
August 25	85	71	0
August 26	91	71	0.11
2024 precipitation to date	18.41"		
2023 precipitation to date	13.59"		



Fun times had at Vienna Elevator Days over the weekend

The first annual Vienna Elevator Days was held over the weekend August 23-25 with an estimated 500-600 people in attendance. The majority of the events took place on Saturday, August 24. On Friday, the events including wine tasting and karaoke. The busy schedule for Saturday began with a triathlon consisting of three legs: biking 3.5 miles, canoeing 1.5 miles across Three-Buck Slough and running 1.5 miles back to Vienna. Ten two-person teams participated. Cutler Michalski performed live music to close out the day. On Sunday, Bethlehem Lutheran Church hosted a service in the park, after which there was a picnic meal.

Top left: A spike ball tournament was held at Vienna's Elevator Days celebration. First place was claimed by (left to right) Cooper Pommer and Josh Kannegieter, with second prize going to Colin Beveridge and Maddie Brenden.

Top right: An outhouse race was held at the Vienna centennial in 1985, and the Elevator Days committee brought this favorite event back with a couple of twists. Seven outhouses were constructed for from these teams: The Elevator Bar, Lamb Sales, Mudsmith Gauge Wheels, the Roe family, the Englert family and the Larson family. Four-person teams were required with three pushing the outhouse and one riding inside. Teams raced down Main Street and back, stopping at the mid-way mark to exit the outhouse and wrap the rider with two rolls of toilet paper. Teams were judged on speed, outhouse design and enthusiasm.

The Elevator Bar outhouse with team members Cole Brenden, Lucas Kannegieter and Josh Kannegieter wrapping teammate Claire Vandersnick with toilet paper is pictured. The winning outhouse belonged to the team with the most "seniority" -- Basil Englert, his brothers Jay and David and friend DuWayne Hansen.

Bottom left: Quinn Larson winds up for a throw in the kids' straw bale toss. Fifty youngsters participated in the Kids Tough Farmer contest, taking part in three events: tire flip, straw bale toss and bucket carry. Quinn is the daughter of Brad and Julie Larson of Vienna.

Bottom right: Triathlon winners and participants were all smiles after the race. Back row (left to right): Cadence, Greg, Jase and Tracy Bochek, Damian Severson, Cooper Pommer and Alex Hohertz. Front row (left to right): Emma Bochek, Neil Leiseth, Miranda Niemann, Chance Niemann and Landon Leiseth. Not pictured: Matt Vandersnick, Dawson Roberts and Preston Roberts. Husband-wife duo of Miranda and Chance Niemann came in second place, with father-son team of Neil Leiseth and Landon Leiseth taking the top honors. The Leiseth team won two kayaks as champions, but they generously donated them back to be auctioned off for the benefit of Levi Atkins, Willow Lake High School student, who is fighting leukemia.

Photos by Kristin Vandersnick