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30TH ANNUAL CLARK POTATO DAYS AND CLASS B SOUTH DAKOTA JR. LEGION STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND
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This weekend will be Spudtacular!

▲ This is the 30th Clark Potato Days

Clark's 30th annual Potato Day is only three days away and organizers are putting the finishing touches to the many events of the day.

Sponsored by the Clark Chamber of Commerce, the Spudniks, as well as individual or group sponsorship, events and activities are planned for the entire family regardless of your age or interests.

The Swimming Pool Park will be the prime destination for Potato Days this year. And, as is the norm, activities will be held all over the community of Clark.

Potato Day Contests

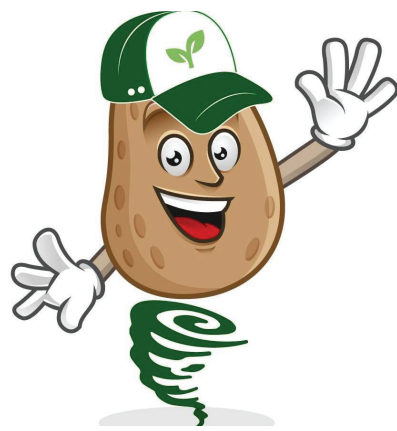
There are several fun and interesting contests for spud enthusiasts of all ages. The Little Miss and Master Tator Tot that will take place at the Swimming Pool Park.

Another event for the children is the coloring contest. Entries may be obtained at Ken's Food Fair.

At 1:30 p.m. at Heather's Bistro, there will be a mashed potato eating contest.

Bargains with A Peel

Is the slogan that covers the



many different sales downtown merchants in Clark will be offering, some out on the street and, some inside. Many stores will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and individual retailers will be holding various promotions.

Arts in the Park will show case many exhibitors, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Swimming Pool Park and going on until 4:00 p.m.

Potato Events

Friday activities kick off the weekend. The Dacotah Bank Appreciation Lunch is from 11:30-1:00

p.m. A bike parade, Trolley Follies, a Dodgeball Tournament and Golf Course DJ will all help get the weekend started.

Saturday begins with the annual pancake and sausage breakfast at the American Legion Hall starting at 7:00 a.m., then the Road Race at 8:00 a.m. There are also youth activities throughout the entire day, like the Coin Dig starting at 8:45 a.m. and the Kids Tractor Pull at 9:30 a.m. both taking place at Dacotah Bank.

Mashed Potato Wrestling is slated for 12:00 noon on Saturday, at Swimming Pool Park. Arts in the Park will also be at the Swimming Pool Park, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

New events for 2022 include: Dodgeball Tournament Friday night, Kids Foam Party at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Funny Farm Magic Show at 11:00 a.m., Bubble Extravaganza at 1:00 p.m., Fireman Water Fight at 1:00 p.m. and

Potato Days
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212 Truck and Trailer Repair is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 212 on the far west end of Clark. Employees include, left to right, Dean Wager, Shadd Wager, Jamey Gloe, owner, Ann Scheel and Tanner Johnson. As of today, Gloe owns the building and property at 212 Truck and Trailer Repair.

Jamey Gloe owns 212 Truck and Trailer Repair

212 Truck and Trailer Repair is located on the west edge of Clark and is owned by Jamey Gloe.

"We do almost anything, including DOT inspections," said Gloe. Anything refers to complete engine and transmission repair as well as brake repair and air conditioning repair.

"I don't know if you could say we specialize anywhere from general repair to heavy maintenance, but my favorites are Caterpillar in-frame overhaul," said Gloe.

Upgrades, especially with power boosts are routine job requests with clutch repairs and transmission work 'putting the meat and pota-

toes' on the table. "Six years ago I knew what I wanted to do, but didn't know how to get that done." That is where Kyle and Trudi Gaikowski come in, as Kyle purchased the former Clark Auction Sales land and buildings from Ken Bell.

"With a verbal handshake, I started this present business and location, renting this building from Kyle with the option to buy. Kyle has been a great listener and mentor," said Gloe. "He would help me through the tough spots, the ups and downs in business, and I'm at this point today because of Kyle."

Gloe said he survived COVID-19

at the shop and he is truly thankful to his current and former employees.

Today, August 3, 2022, Jamey Gloe is purchasing the 212 Truck and Trailer property and building from Kyle and Trudi Gaikowski.

Getting to this point in his career six years ago comes with many stories and memories. Gloe is a 2001 Clark High School graduate. A year later, he graduated from WyoTech, formerly Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, Wyo., becoming a certified diesel technician. At Lara-

Jamey Gloe
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Clark Area Junior Legion hosts State B Tournament this weekend

This is a busy upcoming weekend in Clark. Potato Day will be held at Swimming Pool Park as the 2022 Class B Junior American Legion Baseball State Tournament is Friday-Sunday, August 5-7 at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park.

The Clark Area Junior Legion team is coached by Chris Bokinskie, Brock Greenfield and Hudson Fuller. Team members pictured include front row, left to right: Ky Vandersnick, Gaige Tuttle, Cooper Pommer, Max Bratland, Mato Denoyer, Will Hovde, Parker Schmidt and Waylan Olson. Back row, left to right: Coach Chris Bokinskie, Tyson Huber, Jakob Steen, Bryce Klancke, Josh Kannegieter, Coach Hudson Fuller, Emmerson Larson, Jack Helkenn, Collin Gaikowski, Conner Mudgett, Masyn Knock and Coach Brock Greenfield. Not pictured are Louie Caulfield, Oliver Reitz, Dawson Lantgen and Michael Severson. The team is pictured

with their third place trophy they received after their third place victory at the Clark Tournament earlier this summer.

First round pairings appear on page eight of this Courier edition. The first game on Friday starts at 10:00 a.m., with the host team Clark Area playing at 6:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies are slated to start at 5:30 p.m. Clark Area baseball coach Chris Bokinskie is the tournament chairman.

The first-round pairings of those teams that have emerged victorious from their respective Regional Tournaments, and the schedule for games in this three day, eight-team, double elimination State Tournament can be found in the bracket on the aforementioned page eight.

All tournament games are seven innings, unless stopped by the 10-run rule.

New, more contagious COVID variant raising concerns

Stu Whitney
South Dakota News Watch

The emergence of the latest COVID-19 variant, which makes up nearly 80% of new cases nationally, is raising additional health concerns due to its ability to infect people even if they are vaccinated or have had a prior infection, and health officials are increasingly recommending precautions such as masking indoors and staying up to date on booster shots.

But those concerns are not likely to sway South Dakota government, health care and school officials to move away from an official stance of "living with the virus" rather than pursuing active interventions this fall.

The BA.5 variant, first detected in the United States at the end of April, is a subvariant of Omicron with molecular spike mutations that make it more contagious than

previous variants. This means high case counts are likely, but that might not necessarily mean a drastic spike in hospitalizations and deaths because vaccines and other forms of immunity, while not impenetrable, can still blunt the impact of infection.

"The good news is that the virus is evolving the way that we expect viruses to evolve," said Dr. Jeremy Cauwels, chief physician at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls. "They get better at spreading and they get worse at killing their host."

As of July 27, the South Dakota Department of Health reported 4,390 active cases, up from 4,176 the previous week. State data shows 56 of 66 counties as having high community spread, defined as 100 cases or greater per 100,000 or a 10% or greater PCR test positivity rate. The overall state positivity rate over the 7-day period leading

up to July 27 was 23.9%.

State Epidemiologist Josh Clayton told News Watch, in response to written questions, that the state will continue its policy of weekly rather than daily COVID data updates, a

COVID Variant
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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 26.....	72	61	0
July 27.....	81	61	0
July 28.....	77	52	0
July 29.....	74	52	0
July 30.....	87	60	0
July 31.....	86	55	0.10
August 1.....	80	58	0
2022 precipitation to date	15.86		
2021 precipitation to date	12.24		



4-H Achievement Days wrapping up today

Clark County 4-H Achievement Days began Monday, August 1, and finishes up today, Wednesday, August 3.

The beef show and round robin is happening to-

day, as well as the rabbit show. Sawyer James is shown on Tuesday morning, getting ready for the big show on Wednesday.

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