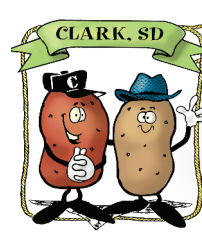


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Twenty-fifth annual Potato Day is Saturday



Phil Baker

The Clark Chamber of Commerce has been busy preparing and planning for the 25th annual Clark Potato Day this Saturday, August 6. "We're looking forward to another fun filled day of family entertain-

ment," say Greg Furness, Clark Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman, of Potato Day 2016.

New this year

Phil Baker is back. A premier South Dakota kid's entertainer, Baker will have two shows at Dickinson Park, one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m.

There also will be two sessions of "Amy Canvas Painting", one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 3:00 p.m. This will be held in the basement of the Dacotah Bank.

Minnow Races will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Dickinson Park.

Sheltered Reality will be on the Chamber stage at Dickinson Park, at 2:30 p.m.

Potato Day Contests

There are several interesting and fun contests for spud enthusiasts of all ages to participate in. The Little Miss and Master Tator Tot and Potato Sack contest will take place

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Wastewater retention pond construction to begin this fall

Formal action was taken by the Clark City Council going forward with the wastewater retention pond facility.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell has been getting this \$7.1 million project finalized over the last couple of years and during the August monthly meeting held on Monday evening three major motions moved this project forward.

Luttrell began the action discussion by explaining to the council that state and federal approvals had been received, along with all paperwork in place and the loan to be closed in the very near future.

The city council then authorized advertisement bids, passed a surcharge resolution and adopted a relocation, displacement and acquisition plan. (All three of these public notices are contained within this edition of the Clark County Courier.)

The bid process will begin immediately to build this retention pond

southeast of Clark. Sewer fees will increase by \$17.85, starting with a \$10.00 increase in September, 2016 and an additional \$7.85 in August, 2017.

New house tax assessments

The first half hour of the council meeting dealt with Jason and Ky-

Retention pond
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WEATHER				
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
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July 26	81	64	.15	
July 27	77	62	0	
July 28	75	58	0	
July 29	76	57	0	
July 30	78	58	0	
July 31	83	64	0	
Aug. 1	83	66	0	
2016 precipitation to date	10.71			
2015 precipitation to date	14.14			

Clark County 4-H Achievement Days are today and tomorrow



August means 4-H Achievement Days and beginning today, August 3 and running through tomorrow, August 4, will be the main part of Clark County 4-H Achievement days.

Something new this year at the Clark County 4-H Achievement Days will be the crowning of a King and Queen.

When asked about the new 4-H Royalty this year, Clark County 4-H advisor Kim McGraw replied, "Back in the 1950s there was a crowning of the Clark County 4-H King and Queen. Why it went away...I do not know. The 4-H Junior Leaders thought it would be good to bring it back."

All 4-H members ages 8, 9 and 10

will be eligible to be crowned Prince and Princess. Those 4-H members ages 11-18 are eligible to be crowned King and Queen.

Those interested in being selected needed to submit an essay, no longer than 300 words, with the theme "What 4-H means to me". These essays will be judged by a panel of community members and 4-H alumni.

"We did it this way so we wouldn't leave anyone out," said McGraw, and she added, "We wanted something to involve 4-H member with those interested in a leadership role." The crowning of the 4-H Royalty will take place Thursday evening, following the chicken barbecue, during the exhibit showcase.

This is the 88th annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy finalizing plans. Many exhibits, livestock shows, programs and entertainment will be featured.

The C.H.S. Junior Class will be running the lunch stand this year. The chicken barbecue, served by the 4-H Leaders will be Thursday, August 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program featuring the style show and exhibit showcase will follow the barbecue at 7:15 p.m.

Gigglebox and Cookie Crumbs are "handmade treasures"

Making unique one of a kind outfits for her grandchildren is the latest project of Janet Hallberg, of Clark.

She upcycles shirts, pants, dresses and skirts into very creative and very comfortable clothing for her four grandchildren; two girls and two boys.

Upcycling outfits from used clothing, the clothing is already somewhat 'broke in' and very comfortable for the youngsters. "I wash and dry the materials on hot, so I know they are going to stay what size they are. Sometimes store-bought clothes shrink and material has become so expensive, this is a good alternative and it's fun to find things to mix and match," continued Hallberg.

"It helps to have a love of sewing, just don't get frustrated if something doesn't go right. Just try again," she opined. "The more you try, the more creative you get and if you mess up, you're not out that much with the old recycled material. Just experiment and let the creative juices flow."

Hallberg seems to have the most fun with her granddaughters' outfits. Her latest were little leggings made out of the silkier knits with little skirts, tops and sometimes jackets in the same color scheme. Dresses made from ladies skirts are embellished with bows, trims of many kinds and ruffles were also part of the ensemble.

"You can never have too many ruffles for little girls clothes," says Hallberg.

"When working with today's stretchy knits, it's important to have stretch needles to sew with, otherwise it skips stitches," she noted. "The medium ball point of a stretch needle prevents skipped stitches in material that stretches. I like working with knits. Any material that is a loop is a knit. Woven fabric is where the fibers criss cross."

Hallberg's expertise is somewhat generational as her mother Carolyn Harding was always sewing for her family and Carolyn's mother Kath-



Janet Hallberg - alias 'Nama' of Bennett, Lyddia, Pierce and Blakely are shown together on the rock fence (also built by Nama) on her farm south of Clark. All of her grandchildren's outfits were upcycled from

erine Campbell did a lot of sewing and handwork as well.

"I'd watch her and admire everything she did at the sewing machine," said Janet of her mother. "At five years old I started making doll clothes out of material scraps and when in the first grade I received a little Singer sewing machine that did a chain stitch using the top thread only that was easy to take out if you had to re-do it."

When a freshman she graduated to her own New Home sewing machine, in her words, "a good old die hard that you can always count on with its vintage metal workings that never have a computer glitch."

A Serger machine that finishes the edges makes for quicker work on her seam ends that in years passed would have to be zig-zagged or cut with a pinking shears. Then

there would still be strings.

Everything goes through the Serger to finish she says which does the cutting and overcasting all in one.

Hallberg admits she has a weakness for the children's department in stores, looking for new ideas and the changing styles. "If I find a good buy on sale, I'll get the biggest size so I have more material to work with."

She'll make a pair of girls leggings out of shirt sleeves for instance and lace is also a favorite to work with adding to the bottom of jackets and tops or for embellishing and overlaying over other materials. "I get so many ideas in my head and it's fun to find fabrics that will go together," said the former Home Ec teacher.

Hallberg's granddaughters

Lyddia Jensen and Blakely Hallberg who are four and one, respectively, sometimes will even have matching outfits. Young Pierce Jensen at 22 months is the recipient of homemade one piece rompers and seven-year-old Bennett enjoys new shirts and pants.

"They'll look for the tags that my daughter Mackenzie had made for me that I use so they know which clothes I made for them, I'm told," says Hallberg with a smile. "They want to wear 'Nama's' clothes I made for them."

Mackenzie's cousin Shannon Hattervig drew two cartoon characters that she used to make personalized labels for her mother, Janet. Gigglebox and Cookie Crumbs, up-

Gigglebox
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Dickinson Park



Horace Bennett Swimming Pool and Park



Flat Iron Park



Softball Field Park

Community pride in parks integral part of Potato Day

The potato was conspicuous in Clark County when Potato Days started 25 years ago, with many local growers, two processing plants and seed potato sales. In the days since, the production of potatoes has diminished, but not the community pride that is on exhibit during the annual event.

The outdoor locations and sunny summer weather are an integral part of the celebration. The city of Clark boasts four parks that offer shade, camping, recreational activities and picnic and play areas for visitors as well as residents.

Dickinson Park will be the site of many Potato Day activities, including Arts in the Park and musical entertainment. It offers camping and an updated play area with easy access to the downtown area.

Across the highway, Flat Iron Park, also known as Memorial Park, is a lovely place to sit in the shade, enjoy a picnic and get a view of activities downtown and at Dickinson Park.

The Horace Bennett swimming pool will undoubtedly be a popular place over the warm weekend. It offers picnic and playground facilities, a garden area and lots of room to run, in addition to a pool with a water-slide and diving boards and a wading pool. A community church service will be held in the park on Sunday morning. The photo above, taken from Utah Street, offers a view of the park that is not often seen in photos.

Handy to food and lodging, the softball field is home to many games and tournaments. There is also a tennis court and playground equipment.



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