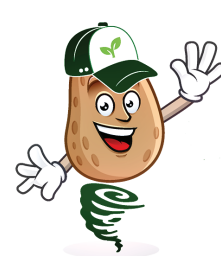


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Potato Days in Clark
and **State Class B VFW 16U**
Baseball Tournament
August 6, 7 & 8



Wednesday, August 4, 2021

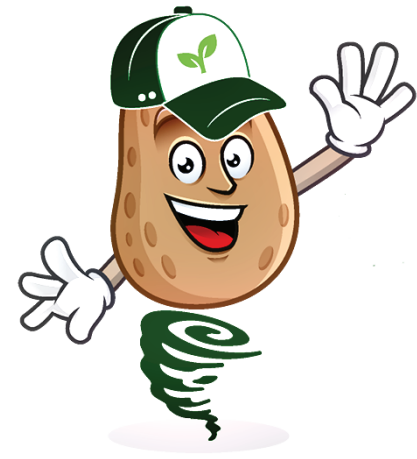
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Twenty-ninth annual Potato Day is Saturday



For the 29th year organizers are finalizing plans for Potato Days in Clark. Many of the events will be held on Saturday, August 7, but there will also be things to do

and see on Friday and on Sunday. Please hang on to the Potato Day schedule circular inserted in this week's edition. It should feel like summer this Saturday, with high temperatures projected to be in the 90's.

Friday activities will include a community appreciation lunch at the American Legion Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Trolley Follies at 6:00 p.m. and Dynamic DJ beginning at 9:00 p.m., both at the golf club.

Early-rising exercise enthusiasts can begin Saturday with the FUN RACE, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Athletes can walk, run or bike through the course.

A perennial favorite event, Mashed Potato Wrestling, will take

place on Saturday at 12 noon at Swimming Pool Park. Because of the 16U State baseball tournament at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park, the main Potato Day location will be Swimming Pool Park.

From 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. there is free swimming at the Clark Swimming Pool. Other events to keep the tots occupied include a coin dig beginning at 8:45 a.m. and kids' tractor pull beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Dacotah Bank parking lot and Balloon Attic from 10:00 to 3:00. Little Miss and Master Tater Tot will be selected in Swimming Pool Park at 11:45 a.m.

Entertainment

Numerous performers are scheduled to keep event-goers entertained on Saturday and during the

weekend. Holy Rocka Rollaz is on the Clark County Courthouse lawn beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sheltered Reality is at 10:00 a.m. at Swimming Pool Park. South Dakota Fiddlers are in the park at 1:00 p.m. The Clark Fire Department will be sponsoring a street dance featuring music by Urbandale Lane starting at 9:00 between the Lookout Bar and Grill and Sportsman's Bar.

The annual Potato Day parade will start at 5:00 p.m.

Potato Day Contests

Celebrants of a more competitive nature will find many opportunities to try their skill against other contestants. Competitions include a French fry eating contest at Heather's Bistro at 1:30 p.m. and the car show in front of the courthouse

beginning at noon. There will be chances to race turtles and compete in bean-bag tournaments and a Tough Farmer Competition. At 1:00 p.m. free bingo will be available at the Clark American Legion Hall. An antique tractor pull is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

And more...

Spectators will be able to browse Arts in the Park and to shop for bargains at the sidewalk sales downtown.

There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Clark American Legion Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The community is invited to an outdoor church service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the swimming pool

State Class B VFW
16U Baseball
Tournament
August 6, 7 and 8
at
Dakota Style Field
in
Dickinson Park

park—bring lawn chairs.
Come early and stay late for Potato Day 2021!

Chickens are on the menu at City Hall

Clark resident Adam Imberi is bringing the 'urban chicken' issue to the city of Clark. At the August meeting of the Clark City Council, Imberi and several interested patrons were on hand 'to talk chickens' within the city limits of Clark.

Imberi, who lives on US Highway 212 on the west side of Clark has 10 chickens in his yard.

"I understand the laws," he told the council and he wanted to know what he could do so that he can have chickens.

There is an ordinance on the city books which denies chickens in Clark and this issue was decided upon in 2014 by the council at that time to not allow 'urban chickens'.

Imberi would like to see that ordinance reviewed.

Mayor Kerry Kline stated that zoning laws would need to be changed in order to make that happen.

City attorney Chad Fjelland told those in attendance that in order to change the ordinance it would require a three-month process.

First the zoning laws would need to be changed to allow chickens, Fjelland said. And then the regulation of chickens would be addressed. The number, hens only, no free range chickens, etc.

Imberi, with chickens already in his yard, wondered where he stood, regarding his current chicken status.

Clark police chief Jeremy Wellnitz will be the one who will directly have this issue thrust upon him. Wellnitz talked about the permitting process and about "whether or not Adam can be allowed to have chickens".

With a code enforcement officer, as Mayor Kline stated, "This will definitely have to be looked into."

What needs to be figured out are the rules, with the next step being the three-month ordinance process, if the council wants to pursue 'urban chickens'. That decision was not made at Monday's meeting.

Truck Ordinance

The city council also passed Ordinance #567, an ordinance deal-

ing with truck routes in the city of Clark. The purpose of this ordinance is to assist in the control of traffic and prevent damage to the streets, establishing designated truck routes.

The following streets and highways within the City of Clark are designated as truck routes: US Highway 212, Smith Street, North Cloud Street, South Cloud Street to its intersection with Clausen Ave-

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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
July 27.....	89	67	.07
July 28.....	91	71	0
July 29.....	101	65	0
July 30.....	78	61	.24
July 31.....	71	59	.21
Aug. 1.....	82	58	0
Aug. 2.....	78	58	0
2021 precipitation to date	12.24		
2020 precipitation to date	13.00		



Leading off the various 4-H shows at Clark County Achievement Days 2021 is the 4-H Dog Show. After 15 minutes of stiff competition, judge Christy

Zoss of Forestburg looks at her notes allowing the contestants a chance to "take a breather".

4-H Achievement Days are going strong

This is Clark County 4-H Achievement Days week. Starting on Monday and going through tomorrow (Thursday), the Clark County Fairgrounds is the place to be.

Today and tomorrow will be the livestock shows.

Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5 will be the livestock shows. At 8:00 a.m. the swine show starts with the beef show set to be-

gin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. The chicken barbecue will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the evening program will finish out the day's events.

This is the 92nd annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy at the fairgrounds. Many exhibits, livestock shows, programs and entertainment will be featured.

The 4-H member families will be running the lunch stand this year. The popular chicken barbecue served by the 4-H Leaders will be held on Wednesday evening, August 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program featuring the style show and graduating member recognition will follow the barbecue at ap-

Achievement Days (continued on page 3)



Emergency Medical Technician Pam Grensberg is shown getting out of the Clark County Ambulance during her last 24-hour shift, Thursday. Grensberg completed her 34 1/2-year EMT career Friday morning at 5:00 a.m.

Pam Grensberg served Clark County as an EMT for almost thirty-five years

Emergency Medical Technicians provide out of hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies. Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. Emergency Medical Technicians are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system. From the: National EMS Scope of Practice Model Pam Grensberg is going to be

missed! For the last 34 1/2 years, 24 at Willow Lake and going on 10 at Clark, Grensberg has been a certified Emergency Medical Technician with the Clark County Ambulance service.

"I will miss this," said Grensberg with emotion in her eyes, something not seen all these years while doing her job. "I've met a lot of people. I've seen all parts of the county."

A family tradition

The medical field has become a career tradition in Grensberg's family.

Her father LeRoy Hovde, was a First Responder at Willow Lake. This topic gave Grensberg the opportunity to differentiate between a First Responder and an EMT. They are not the same. First Responders have 80 hours of training compared to 220 for EMT's. First Responders have completed the first level of EMT training and this designation is different

than certification as an EMT-Basic. (EMT-Basic and EMT-Advanced are two important ambulance categorizations talked about later in the story.)

Pam's husband Troy also drives the ambulance, when needed. Four daughters have followed mom into the medical profession. Nicky works in administration of new students at Lake Area Technical College; Bobbi Jo is a Registered Nurse at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown. Haley is a Nurse Practitioner in a cardiology clinic and Mindy is a Registered Nurse in a cardiac catheterization lab. All four daughters are in Watertown. The eleventh grandchild is due next month.

Why would anyone want to do a job that is as physically and mentally de-

Grensberg
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