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August is here and school will be starting soon.

School directories for the three area schools are included in this week's issue.



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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 29	72	51	0
July 30	76	52	0
July 31	77	57	0
Aug. 1	79	56	0
Aug. 2	79	60	0
Aug. 3	80	61	0
Aug. 4	75	59	0
2014 precipitation to date	11.14"		
2013 precipitation to date	16.26"		

Clark's blood drive is Monday, August 18

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lions and Lionesses will be Monday, August 18, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Clark from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available at the blood drive or on-line) and be in good health.

Out of every 100 people needing blood, more than 50 percent will use type O. "That's the reason we are trying to sign up more O-positive and O-negative donors for our upcoming drive," said Helkenn.

School pages are featured this week

All three area schools are running their respective school pages this week regarding the soon-to-be starting 2014-15 school year.

Luanne Warren begins as the Clark School superintendent and Steve Zirbel returns at Henry. Scott Klautdt will begin his second year as the Willow Lake superintendent.

Clark will open school doors on Monday, August 25, 2014. Henry opens on Tuesday, August 19 and Willow Lake starts on Tuesday, August 26.

A new teacher feature story of the new educators at all three schools will also be coming.

Clark Traders play Thursday at State

The Clark Traders amateur baseball team will play Northville at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, at Mitchell.

Four games are slated Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the opening round ends with two games on Sunday. The tourney runs through Sunday, August 17.

This is Sturgis Bike Rally week

It seems as if there are more motorcycles than ever on the road this year. Maybe it's because more cyclists are using U.S. Highway 212 to get to the Sturgis Bike Rally this year.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally officially began on Monday and runs until Sunday, August 10.

It's that time of year- We need rain!!

This spot on 'Top of the Week' had been reserved for the Clark County Rainfall Map. Weather meteorologists have been getting our hopes up that moisture is coming to our area, it's just not here yet. Hopefully by the time one reads this, the ground will be wet and one and all will have gotten significant moisture and there will be smiles all around.

A good shot of rain is needed by one and all in the area



Potato Day draws attention from near and far

▲ Potato wrestling, plenty of fun and laughs for all

Under a glorious blue sky, the twenty-third annual Potato Day claimed beautiful summer weather for a fun-filled day for young and old alike.

Outside media sources, including TV, radio, print and various social media networking sources have picked up on Clark Potato Day events, including the unique attraction of mashed potato wrestling.

The final Potato Day wrestling match was a tag team affair between brothers John and Harrison Wookey against Rob Fuller and Mike Cheeks. Above, Harrison Wookey attempts a flying tackle of Fuller.

A nice crowd witnessed many crowd-pleasing moments, as the kick boxing demonstration and mashed potato wrestling matches continued to entertain at Dickinson Park.

The bleachers in the background are new, courtesy of the Clark Rotary Club and the City of Clark. The stands were full, as the new bleachers contain two walk-ways, on the left and right side (behind the gal taking the picture).

In recent years, Potato Day events such as the Clark Car Club Show and the Mud Drag Races have really increased in notoriety, bringing in many folks from outside the community.

Clark County 4-H Achievement Days are today and tomorrow

August means 4-H Achievement Days and beginning today and running through tomorrow, Aug. 6 and 7 will be the main part of Clark County 4-H Achievement Days.

"Wouldn't you know it, we've scheduled Clark County 4-H Achievement Days and there is a fifty percent chance of rain for Wednesday," said Clark County 4-H program advisor Kim McGraw. "It hasn't rained in a month, but when we schedule Achievement days, it rains. But, that's alright. We really could use the rain."

McGraw is the 4-H advisor for Spink and Clark counties and she is in charge of all 4-H activities along with the Clark County 4-H leaders.

This is the 86th annual Clark County Achievement Days with McGraw and staff busy finalizing plans. Many exhibits, livestock

Achievement Days
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Volunteers help ready the Clark County Fairgrounds for 4-H Achievement Days. New this year is a back drop for photos. Helping with getting that ready to put in place are, left to right, Doug LaMont, Kyle Stern, Jacob Alexander and Rhett Florey. Russ Hurlbert was there but not pictured.

City looking at sprinkler system at the Dickinson Park ballfield

A brief look at the August agenda of the Clark City Council would let one think that it would be a fairly short meeting. That was not the case.

The public input portion of the meeting was the culprit, if one was to look at the time factor. The meeting lasted approximately two hours with the public input portion lasting over half of that time.

The most time consuming issue was the upgrade at Dickinson Park. The Clark Rotary Club and the City of Clark have been working together to provide a massive upgrade of the baseball park/field and at Monday's meeting the two groups discussed what should and could be done yet this summer/fall.

Representing the Clark Rotary Club were Tom LaBrie and Craig Spieker and they had also invited Castlewood landscaper/irrigation specialist Shane Mack to attend the meeting.

LaBrie updated the council about what has been done to this point

and what needs to be done, in his estimation.

An overused cliché is 'where the rubber meets the road', but in this case it's 'where the gravel meets the grass' and the infield area has about a foot drop off, over decades of preparation and as long as the infield is going to get a complete makeover, LaBrie and Spieker stated that now would be the time to install a sprinkler system over the entire field.

LaBrie and Spieker reviewed all the nice improvements to the ballpark to this point, including the cement work, trees, pressbox, bleachers, etc. "It's really starting to take shape," said LaBrie.

One third of the field, basically the infield, will now be torn up and it is the Rotarians' in attendance at the meeting, idea to: scrape the field and peel down to the core, reseed and re-apply the infield dust

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