



The Bargain Resale Store opened its doors Friday, August 2, 2024. Lorena Dejesus, pictured above, is the owner. The new business is located at 1121 First Avenue West on U.S. Highway 212 in Clark, the previous location of Cross Country Veterinarians.

Photo by Carolyn Olson

## The Bargain Resale Store opened in Clark on Friday

By Carolyn Olson

There's a new store in Clark. Many people have been anxiously awaiting for an opening date, and it's now here. The Bargain Resale Store opened its doors for business Friday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Owners Lorena Dejesus and daughter Carolina Zamora came up with the idea of opening a resale store last fall. "Living in a small town comes with some challenges, especially in the winter time," Dejesus said. "I was actually in need of a new door lock, and the only store in Clark that sells that kind of thing is Ace Hardware. But, when I went there to get the lock I needed, they didn't have it. So, I had to make the drive to Watertown," she explained. "It was then that I started think-

ing of having a store in Clark that had almost everything a person would need right here in town and wouldn't have to make the drive to a bigger town."

Lorena suggested the idea to her daughter Carolina and the duo started getting things in order to make this store a possibility.

The store will offer both used and new inventory. Their shipments come from Home Depot and Amazon. You can expect to find just about everything you need, including home appliances, light fixtures, patio furniture, tools, toys, bathroom vanities and medicine cabinets, door locks and more.

The Bargain Resale Store will be open Wednesday through Saturday weekly from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



## Clark Potato Days 2024 was hot, hot, HOT!

Boy was it hot out on Saturday! A little heat couldn't stop Clark Potato Days 2024 from happening. The community came out to enjoy the festivities anyway!

The fun started on Friday, August 2 with Dacotah Bank's community appreciation lunch and lasted until Sunday, August 4 with the Pickleball Doubles Tournament. The majority of activities were planned for Saturday, including world famous mashed potato wrestling, tractor pull, foam party and bubble extravaganza, just to name a few.

Top left, the Kiddie Parade started off strong, leaving from the Clark United Methodist Church and heading toward Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center. The bikers also visited Avantara and Roetell Se-



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nior Housing during the parade. Top right, the Garcia twins, Ernesto and Diego make the audience nervous when they create a huge splash of mashed potatoes.

Bottom left, Hannah Heiman, 2024 South Dakota Girls State Governor and State FCCLA President, rode through the Clark Potato Days Parade on Saturday. Bottom right, Nevaeh Rusher, 2024 Clark Area Senior Snow Queen, center, and 2024 Little Miss Olivia Reyes, left, and 2024 Little Master Owen Hardy, right also ride through the parade.

More photos from Clark Potato Days 2024 can be viewed on later pages of this edition.

Photos by Karli Paulson



## Clark County 4-H Achievement Days come to an end today

Clark County 4-H Achievement Days started on Monday, August 5 with the \$-H Amazing Race at 5:00 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds. The three-day event ends today, Wednesday, August 7 with round robin at 2:30 p.m. The beef show was at 9:00 a.m. this morning.

Tuesday was by far the busiest day for all of the 4-H members, which included the poultry show, goat show, rabbit show, sheep show, fashion revue and the famous annual BBQ supper.

The pictures above were snapped on Monday afternoon, while the 4-H'ers were preparing their animals for showing. At top, Brianna Dale feeding her buff orpington chicken show chickens. This is Brianna's last year to compete in Clark County 4-H Achievement Days. She's been active for 12 years. On the bottom, 10 year old Ashlynn Peterson standing with her show rabbit Coconut. Ashlynn has been in 4-H for three years but this is her first year of showing.

Photos by Carolyn Olson

## Live-streaming future meetings was suggested at the August meeting of the Clark City Council

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The August meeting of the Clark City Council was held on Monday, August 5. Mayor Kerri Kline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. starting with the Board of Adjustment. Joe Herr asked for a variance for 304 S. Commercial Street in Clark. The Board of Adjustment approved his request.

Clark High School senior Hannah Heiman was asked by Mayor Kline to come and share how she became Girls State Governor of South Dakota. "After I knew I was going to run for Governor, I had my heart set on it," said Heiman. There were around 350 girls that competed at state. After Hannah had given her final speech, she found out that she had been elected State Governor. "It means a lot to be here in front of all you guys, thank you!" The last Girls State Governor elected from Clark was Ally Monson in 2015.

Next on the agenda, Tony Royer from Butler Machinery in Aberdeen was present to talk about options for pricing and payloaders that the city is in need of. He provided the council with a handout with different quotes.

Cassi Kottke was present for public input. She thanked the city for all their help and support with Potato Days. Council member Shane Hagstrom brought up the annual fireman family fun day. A date will soon be set.

An engineer from Halme Con-

struction was present to give updates on the ongoing water project in the city. "There's eleven blocks left, and we might be done as early as mid September," he stated. "The weather has dried up a little bit so that has helped." One of the major complaints that has been brought to his attention was the workers littering. He will try and get the issue taken care of.

Another department update came from Darin Altfillisch. He wanted to remind everyone that road chip sealing will begin on the north side of Clark on Thursday or Friday this week.

Mayor Kline thanked and complimented Rae Jean Flora, the new City of Clark Finance Officer, for her great work thus far. Flora was previously the Deputy Finance Officer. Kline also took the time to introduce the new Deputy Finance Officer April Fitzgerald.

Kevin Zobel attended the city council meeting on behalf of the citizens of Clark. He wanted to present the idea of live-streaming all future council meetings. He believes it would be beneficial to the community for many reasons, one of which is community involvement. Some of the options Zobel mentioned were Skype, YouTube Live or Zoom.

"Although live-streaming isn't required by law, it would certainly speak volumes to embracing the spirit of South Dakota law that openness and transparency should be the norm," he added.

There was a lot of discussion on the topic. A decision wasn't made, but the council plans to look at costs and options and revisit the matter at the next meeting.

Catie Noethlich of Choose Clark County was present at Monday's meeting for a funding request. She sent in a letter for funding for 2025 to the City of Clark. The request was for \$30,000. With the funding they hope to help residents improve their businesses and homes, also help to revitalize communities. Raymond is one of those communities. "There's a lot of young people there and that's where I live so its kind of exciting to see some new things happening there," she said. Right now they are working on a community bathroom and a future softball field. No decision was made on the matter.

Noethlich also mentioned that South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is leading a research project on decommissioning wind towers. She would like to see Clark County on their list.

Choose Clark County is also looking into developing their lot on the south side of town. There are interested parties for a starter home, a triplex, fourplex or possibly something larger. "We're trying to find a way to use that sooner rather than later for a housing project, and what could fit there," Noethlich stated. Right now, Choose Clark County has \$80,000 in loans and Catie is looking to

add another \$28,000 to that revolving fund that they will maintain themselves with some help from Beadle & Spink Enterprise Community, Inc. (BASEC).

Community week was also brought to Noethlich's attention by the Clark Rotary Club and Clark Lions Club. It was created by the Clark Rotary Club and Clark Lions Club and is celebrated September 8-14. "I think it would be wonderful for us to create excitement and community pride by connecting a lot of groups that are in the community," Noethlich stated.

Troy Grensberg of Clark Community Oil requested a payment from the City of Clark in the total of \$420.00 to reimburse him for watering down Smith Street. The payment would cover the water use and the use of his own equip-

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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 30.....	88	67	0
July 31.....	87	69	0
August 1.....	82	63	0.03
August 2.....	88	65	0
August 3.....	96	68	0
August 4.....	95	64	0
August 5.....	74	64	0.54
2024 precipitation to date	16.55"		
2023 precipitation to date	11.1"		

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