



The small town of Carpenter, SD is planning a big celebration for their 125th anniversary of the town's beginnings. With a date planned for Saturday - August 17, 2019 - many activities are planned. Members of the planning committee were finalizing the details at their July meeting.

Seated are, left to right clockwise, Marlene Townsend, Sharon Wicks, Fawn Lamb and Kris Kretzschmar. Standing are left to right, Roy Townsend, Crystal Grann, Kim Nelson, Pam Hofer, Charlotte Opsahl and Pat Steen.

## The Carpenter 125th Anniversary is planned for Saturday, August 17

At one time, Carpenter, S.D. had a population of 125 residents. Now in 2019, that is the same number of years the town has been in existence - 125 years.

And for that reason, a local committee is working on planning a 125th anniversary celebration for the town of Carpenter. "Bring a lawn chair and spend the day with us," invites the Carpenter community club members who have been organizing since the end of March.

Saturday, August 17, 2019 is the day of the celebration starting at 9:00 a.m. with rolls and coffee. A group of 10 or so Carpenter community members gathered two weeks

ago to solidify plans for the upcoming town celebration.

T-shirts and logos were decided upon and the little details were discussed as the members moved forward with plans.

Good old fashioned fun with snow cones and cotton candy will be offered, yard games outdoors, a pie and ice cream social, inflatables and a petting zoo are on the agenda.

A farmers market all day and the car show from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. will interest many and live entertainment from musicians - Scott and Kerry Wicks, the Darin and Jessica Michalski family members and Mike Waldner and sons are on the list for one's listening pleasure

from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

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#### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 30 .....	72	55	0
July 31 .....	76	55	0
Aug. 1 .....	79	64	0
Aug. 2 .....	80	65	0
Aug. 3 .....	76	64	1.67
Aug. 4 .....	81	64	0
Aug. 5 .....	82	66	0
2019 precipitation to date	23.11		
2018 precipitation to date	10.79		

## Noteworthy, newsworthy Clark City August meeting

The August meeting of the Clark City Council lasted two hours and twenty minutes, due in part because it took a while to get through the 2020 preliminary budget planning.

City finance officer Jackie Luttrell led the discussion of the approximate \$2,000,000 proposed budget, that will receive the first reading in September and will be decided upon in ordinance form, in October.

Luttrell talked line item specifics as she went through both the revenue and expenditure sides, detailing any and all changes from the 2019 budget, noting the many variables that go into a city budget.

The budget discussion began with Luttrell explaining the parameters of the budget, cost of price increases (2.4%) and growth and then opined that the eight percent increase in sales tax was phenomenal over a year ago.

"Trying to ask for less money," stated Luttrell and as she stated that she wants to lower the city tax levy. That led to some discussion regarding the current county valuation process and how to keep taxes in line and still fund the various programs and costs in running a city the size of Clark.

The budget ordinance, after city passage, is always published in the *Clark County Courier*. As Luttrell

noted that she tried to decrease the tax levy request, in the neighborhood of \$25,000, board president Dennis Larson voiced that it is important not to go backwards. Newly appointed councilman Terry Schlage asked many questions as the council went through the budget so 'he could be brought up to speed' on all the various line items.

Chamber president Nichole DesLauriers and Chamber board member Jason McHenry were in attendance for the public input portion of the city meeting. The duo shared what activities the Cham-

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## Pilots for Christ commissioning service held Saturday at Clark Airport

The South Dakota Chapter of Pilots for Christ (PFC) was commissioned, with a service, Saturday, at the Clark County Airport.

Tim Layne, center, president of PFC International led the commissioning service. Pictured with Layne are the South Dakota PFC Board of Directors, from left, Pastor Mark Tracy, Pastor Mark Cronauer, SD

PFC President Harvey Spieker, Layne, Steve Hennings, Blair Arne, Vice President Doug Hansen and Dean Kirkeby.

Pilots for Christ International is a non-denominational ministry of pilots and aviation enthusiasts, dedicated to the promotion of the Gospel through aviation.



Every Potato Day at 12:00 noon hundreds gather at Dakota Style Field home plate area in Dickinson Park to watch Mashed Potato Wrestling.

This year even ESPN sent a photographer.

At left, the final match of the day showcased Cyclone coaches against graduated seniors. 2019 C.H.S. grads



Landon Werdel and Caleb Orris went head-to-head with Jimmy Marx and Ryan Larsen. It wasn't a 'winner take all' match, but rather 'who can take down the other'.

At right, Annabell Ryan has the upper hand over her opponent, who looks like she only has a head and legs. Over 20 individuals participated in the Mashed Potato Wrestling.

# A Spudtacular time was had by one and all

Particularly nice summer weather added to a very successful 28th annual Clark Potato Days.

Great family entertainment from early morning through evening hours had Potato Day spectators having a good time, with many activities and events.

This year's event was very well attended, with many positive comments heard about everything from the parade to the car show to the mashed potato wrestling to all of the entertainment and kid activities.

#### Contest Results

**Strongest Farmer Winners**  
Male - Joe Kirkeby, Female - Shannon Huber.

**Turtle Races**  
Logan Ford with his turtle Flash.

**Downtown Poker Run winner**  
Hunter Lee

**Horseshoe Tournament**  
1st place - Chris Kruthoff; 2nd place - Randy Peterson; 3rd place - Donnelly Ebsen; 4th place - Marilyn Muehleisen; 5th place - Trevor Hagen; 6th place - David Hagen.

**Best Decorated Potato Contest**  
13 & older: 1st place - Camer-

on, Kera & Katie, grandchildren of Barb Erickson; 2nd place - Myra Lewis.

12 & under: 1st place - Addisyn Brosz; 2nd place - Marley Wray.

**Flower & Garden Show**  
Best Flower Arrangement: 1st place - Carol Hurlbert; 2nd place - Joan H., Kooper W., Kaden W. & Blake.

Best Annual Flower - Dianne Rider.

Best Perennial Shrub Flower - Carol Hurlbert.

Best Biennial Flower - Barb Erickson.

Best Perennial Flower - Carol Hurlbert.

Best Bulb/Tuber Flower - Carol Hurlbert.

Best of Variety (Coneflower) - Dianne Rider.

Best Beans - Michelle Wray.

Best Pepper - Michelle Wray.

Best Raspberries - Marley Wray.

Best Cucumbers - Barb Erickson.

Best Parsley - Barb Erickson.

#### Potato Day Road Race Winners

5K - Overall male: Brady Jordan. <19: 1st Brady Jordan (21:08), 2nd Randy Torres (28:46). 20-29: 1st Tanner Paulson (28:46). 30-39: 1st

Mike Ambrose (22:28), 2nd Lucas Peters (24:44). 50+: Mark McHenry.

10K - Overall male: Ray Olson. 40-49: 1st Ray Olson (38:39). 50+: 1st Kevin Neal (42:36), 2nd Kevin Kastenschmidt (52:18).

Bike 10K - Overall male: Burton Raymer. <19: 1st Gage Parker (38:17), 2nd Logan Parker (41:24). 40-49: 1st Brian Thonvold (25:45). 50+: 1st Burton Raymer (25:43).

5K - Overall female: Kandace Kolden. <19: 1st Kayla Jordan (24:45), 2nd Jada Burke (25:05). 20-29: 1st Kandace Kolden (24:06), 2nd Ashley Vogt (26:04). 30-39: 1st

Lisa Werdel (26:01), 2nd Andrea Begeman (29:36). 40-49: 1st Wendy Peters (28:23), 2nd Heather Jordan (28:45). 50+: Sandra McHenry.

10K - Overall female: Kirstin Olson. 20-29: 1st Megan Pommer (53:01). 30-39: 1st Kirstin Olson (41:03), 2nd Shannon Huber (44:31). 40-49: 1st Melissa Wiseman (64:29), 2nd Bobby Schmit (68:57).

Bike 10K - Overall female: Eloise Olson. <19: 1st Eloise Olson (26:08), 2nd Sara Thonvold (26:09). 30-39: 1st Annie Stapleton (42:52).

Mile Walk - Overall winner: Mary McGillivray.