

## Area schools begin opening next week

Can it already be back to school time? Goodbye summer! Henry School opens next Tuesday, August 15, Clark School opens next Wednesday, August 16 and Willow Lake School opens the Tuesday after Labor Day, September. Sport practices have already begun at the three respective schools.

Area school volleyball games start on Tuesday, August 22, and football games start on Friday, August 18.

### Clark

Classes resume on Wednesday, August 16 with superintendent Travis Ahrens and middle school/high school principal Jennifer Hegelund. Jon Redmond is the elementary principal.

### Willow Lake

Willow Lake will start the 2023-24 school year after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 5. The admin-

istration includes Chris Lee as superintendent and Claire Mohr as new the principal.

### Henry

Classes will begin Tuesday, August 15. Todd Obele is the Henry School superintendent. Landon Hammer is the new principal.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 1	87	62	0
Aug. 2	87	67	0
Aug. 3	90	67	0
Aug. 4	91	67	0.01
Aug. 5	89	67	0
Aug. 6	74	63	1.00
Aug. 7	71	60	0.07
2023 precipitation to date	13.04"		
2022 precipitation to date	15.84"		

## Clark Traders shock Alexandria Angels in opening round win

Heather Jordan

The Clark Traders upset perennial favorite Alexandria, 3-1, in monumental fashion to open round one of the Class B state amateur baseball tournament at Cadwell Park last Friday, August 4.

The Angels, who tout five state championship titles dating back to 2013, were once again aiming for the Class B crown and were projected to battle Canova in round two. Plans changed in favor of the Traders as Clark became bracket busters eliminating the Angels.

Pitcher Wes Jones threw a complete nine-inning game and held Alexandria to just three hits to set the tone for the Traders. Jones committed only one error and allowed the Angels one run to earn the win. Rhett Florey proved to be the

offensive spark that the Traders needed blasting a two-run homer over the left field fence to energize Clark. The Traders added one more run to close the inning with a 3-0 lead.

Tyson Gau plated Alexandria's only run in the fifth inning, but the Angels could not climb ahead stranding runners on base for most of the contest.

Bryce DesLauriers added one hit and one RBI for the Traders followed by David Novak and Jeffery Paulson with one hit apiece, and Brent Griffith with two hits and one run.

The Traders took on Canova at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8 in the second round. More information on that available in next week's edition of the *Clark County Courier*.



## Clark County 4-H Achievement Days is over for another year

The 2023 Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held July 31 through August 2. More information and results from Achievement Days are in late pages of this edition.

Above, Livestock Judging Contest Winners, from left to right are Lexi Schmidt – second place junior; Macy Ingraham – first place junior; Tye McGraw (seated) – first place senior; James Poppen – second place senior; Millie Knock – first place beginner; and Bayler Hurlbut – second place beginner.



## Rain or shine Clark Potato Days is a blast for all ages

It's been awhile since it rained so heavily during Clark Potato Days. But that didn't stop the community from coming out to enjoy the festivities.

The fun started on Friday, August 4 with Dacotah Bank's community appreciation lunch and lasted until Sunday, August 6 with the Clark County Classics Car Show. 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.

Unfortunately with the rainy weather, there were also a few events that had to be canceled or postponed until a later date, including most of the later afternoon events like the plane/ping pong ball toss, inflatables, sidewalk chalk contest, bean bag tournament, mashed potato launch, mashed potato eating contest, the tractor parade, Potato Day Parade and the street dance. Although, the float for Hooker's Bait & Tackle did make a solo appearance to brighten spirits after the Potato Day Parade was canceled.

Top, brothers and wrestling coaches Greg and Jimmy Marx throw down to closeout the mashed potato wrestling.

Callie Orris, above left, does her best to pedal forward during the kids tractor pull. Dawsyn Hilmoie, above right, runs through the foam.

More photos from Clark Potato Days 2023 can be viewed on later pages of this edition.

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