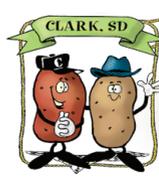


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Clark Chamber of Commerce Potato Day - August 2, 2014

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #4

Our couple hails from the land of wolves and dragons

Together they've raised their children,
three daughters and one son.

He, an UpperClassMan, And she, from the Class of '81.

Send answers to: Cassi Bloom, 604 S. Smith St., Clark, SD 57225

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

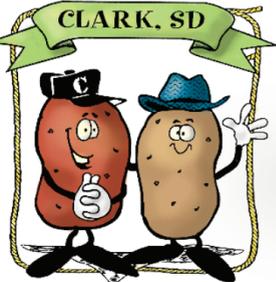
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Looking forward to a 'Taterific' day on Saturday, August 2



Clark's 23rd annual Potato Day is this Saturday, August 2 and organizers are putting the finishing touches to the many events of the day. "We are looking forward to another fun filled day of family entertainment," says Clark Chamber of Commerce co-chairmen Melanie Smith and Greg Furness.

Mashed Potato Wrestling, a showcase feature of Potato Day, is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. at Dickinson Park, preceded by a kick boxing demonstration at 11:00 a.m. Mud Drag Races will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Entertainment

It is extremely difficult and downright impossible to list all of the entertainment and activities associated with Potato Day. (Please check out the circular inserted with the Potato Day schedule of events and sponsorship.)

The entertainment headliner at Dickinson Park this year is Phil Baker.

For 25 years, Phil Baker has used music to educate, entertain and enrich lives of young people. He has played guitar, sung, directed and produced shows and keynoted events throughout the United States and places as far away as Australia and Costa Rica.

Born in Framingham, Mass., he currently resides with his family in Sioux Falls. Early in his career, Phil found himself writing songs about the joys in life and the innocence of childhood, songs that cap-

tured the hearts and imaginations of children. It was his desire to make children smile that led him back to the idea that music can reach and challenge children.

Every Potato Day several new events help make the event bigger and better. A Strong Farmer Competition, Potato Car Races and Turtle Races have been added this year.

A Golf Scramble on Friday night kicks, or rather 'tees' off the weekend and a Street Dance on Saturday puts a nice finish to a full day.

On Sunday, the Assembly of God Church service is in Swimming Pool Park, followed by a community pot luck.



Phil Baker

Potato Day Contests

There are several fun and interesting contests for all spud enthusiasts of all ages. The Little Miss and Master Tator Tot contest will take place at 10:45 a.m. on the Chamber Stage at Dickinson Park.

Whip up your favorite potato & chip dip recipe for a chance to win prizes. There are categories for chip

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Over 240 4-H Rodeo contestants compete

It was a great weekend weather-wise for outdoor activities, maybe a little on the cool side in the mornings, the rain Saturday morning settled the dust and the 2014 Clark County 4-H Rodeo was the place to be on Saturday and Sunday at the Clark County Fairgrounds. "The weather was nice for the rodeo," stated Clark County 4-H Horseman's Club member Kim McGraw.

Ideal, but windy, conditions made for competitive scoring as 4-Hers

used this rodeo as a means to qualify for the State 4-H Rodeo later next month. An unidentified rider competes above in the senior bull riding event. Over 240 4-H Rodeo contestants competed both days for a spot in the State event.

For more Clark County 4-H Rodeo pictures and results, turn to page 2.



From left to right, volunteer projectionists, Jessica Moeller, Shannon Jacobson and Jen Carstensen, all of Bryant, are shown in the new projection booth on the second floor of the Bryant Cinema. Jacobson demonstrates the hard drive being put into the large

server with the new projector on the top. The theatre went digital in April of 2013. Carstensen holds an old reel used with the old projector behind her, which is now a thing of the past.

Bryant Cinema has successfully gone digital

Forced to go digital versus the former reel to reel system used for many years in area theaters, the Bryant Cinema board kicked up a campaign in October of 2012 to be able to keep their unique small town theatre going. They called it their Go Digital or Go Dark campaign.

To the tune of \$54,000, Bryant Cinema has been showing movies digitally since April of last year.

"What we really need now are volunteers," said cinema board secretary Jen Carstensen. "We're losing some of our dedicated older volunteers and we need to recruit some fresh new faces to the cine-

ma. Even three hours every couple months or less would help. It really is fun.

"Being a projectionist is easier than ever now with the digital system."

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Geocaching is a modern day treasure hunt

If one likes going on a treasure hunt then they should check out what geocaching is all about.

Bev Splinter who owns the Clark Community Pharmacy with her husband Steve, has been finding caches since 2008. A cache (pronounced cash), is what one finds (the 'treasure') with their GPS in a game online on their computer and anyone can play.

"It gets you places you wouldn't normally go to," said Splinter. "My mom is my partner in crime and so is my daughter Amy who is 11, so we have three generations who enjoy finding caches."

Splinter's mother Annette Gugel of Watertown added that she enjoys going out with Amy and finding caches on Fridays when she doesn't have school. "It's a fun thing for us to do together," said Gugel. "It's the thrill of the hunt. Amy's really good at this. She's the finder of the crew. Seven out of 10 times, Amy will be the one who finds it. When my husband Donald was still with us (he died in 2010), he liked going for drives and finding caches. It gave us something fun to do together."



The three generations of Bev Splinter, her daughter Amy Splinter and Annette Gugel, Bev's mother, have enjoyed geocaching since 2008. Using a GPS and coordinates from the geocaching web site, players try to find items hidden in containers such as the ones the Splinters are holding. They are hidden within 20 feet of the designated site. "It's the thrill of the hunt and a lot of fun," say the trio.

er. He had Alzheimers towards the end, but would often say - 'let's go out and find a cache today'. Then I would log onto the site, find a geocache in the area, get my GPS and we would go hunting."

Geocaches can be found all over the world. Geocaching is a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

Containers can be large or very small and all must have a log in

them for you to sign. One signs the logbook and then returns it to its original location. Some have 'swag' in them. 'Swag' is stuff that you may take if you'd like, but you must leave something of equal or greater value in its place. Usually it's some small trinket. "We usually have a bag of items with us so if we want to keep the swag, we'll have some choices to exchange. When we've hidden items, we'll camouflage our containers in camo duct tape."

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 22	80	59	0
July 23	70	58	0
July 24	72	60	.27
July 25	75	61	0
July 26	81	55	.05
July 27	64	54	0
July 28	69	50	0
2014 precipitation to date	11.14"		
2013 precipitation to date	15.83"		