



Clark City Council addresses concerns about the dump and snow removal

The January meeting of the Clark City Council saw discussion about the recent social media concerns about our local dump.

Recently, there was a picture uploaded to a popular social media platform showing an old couch that was disposed at the local dump site where the area and opening was dedicated to the free disposal of branches and trees from the recent snow and ice storm.

The incident resulted in the dump closing and no longer offering free disposal of branches and tree limbs to the community.

The post inspired several local commentators expressing concerns regarding our dump including its hours of operation, what is and is not allowed and the cost of dumping.

"We do not have a landfill, we have a restricted use rubble site," mentioned Clark City Mayor Keri Kline. Kline continued to explain that the yearly inspections are very strict and there are several rules that need to be adhered to in or-

der for the community to have the dump for the purposes we do.

In regards to the cost of dumping and hours of operation, Kline researched neighboring cities in South Dakota that are comparable to the size of Clark and found that the hours for the Clark City Dump are in line if not more flexible than other comparable areas.

The cost of dumping at Clark is at or slightly higher than those around us which can be explained by the dumpsters that the city Clark's rubble site must pay for and provide. Public who still have questions or concerns can reach out to Clark City Hall.

The council also heard reports from the street department about complaints they have been receiving about snow removal.

The street department moves snow using a pay-loader and semi which takes up room on our city streets during said snow removal. The street department expressed concerns about the public and practicing safe measures when passing

or traveling the streets as the snow removal process is happening.

Council members discussed

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by Friday of this week. Mailed items may not reach us in time for the next publication.

Thank you



The Clark County Courier begins the new year with a new team. Pictured from left to right is Trudi Gaiowski, proofreader, writer and office manager, Karli Paulson, owner, publisher and editor and Emily Yexley, writer and advertising manager.

School board discusses changes to current school year calendar in lieu of snow days

The Clark School District School Board met Monday night and discussed potential changes to the current school year's calendar among other agenda items. Superintendent Travis Ahrens put forth some suggestions to make up for the large amount of snow days that have been taken thus far.

One of those suggestions was to push out the last day of school to May 18. This could still be pushed out further if more snow days must be taken this winter.

Another option proposed was to add minutes to the school day. Specifics would be discussed further if this was something deemed neces-

sary at a later date in the season.

During the January school board meeting, a student restraint and seclusion policy was adopted. The policy ensures safe measures be taken in the event that restraint or seclusion is necessary and defines the necessity within the policy.

Minor changes were adopted to the staff gifts and solicitations policy, one being that any gift received valued in excess of fifty dollars should be reported to the business manager.

With the extreme cold, the board discussed potential ways to make the greenhouse economical while keeping up the temperature on the

inside once night falls. The board discussed insulation and the potential of adding a fifty gallon drum of water to increase heat efficiently.

Other agenda items and matters discussed at the January meeting were the upcoming one act play, an accident involving a deer and one of the schools passenger vans, upcoming preschool screening, the review of the state accreditation and the much anticipated arrival of new mats and gym equipment for the field house.

The February school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13.

Meet the new Courier crew

As always, a new year means a new beginning in all different facets. The Clark County Courier has been no exception to that. Former owner, editor and publisher, William Krikac officially sold the newspaper to Karli Paulson at the end of 2022.

Paulson, a 2018 Clark High School graduate, is the daughter of Doug and Kimberly Paulson of Clark. Doug was born and raised in Clark and still farms land here. Kimberly was born and raised in Watertown until the age of 12, when her and her family moved to Florence. Kimberly works as a rural route delivery person for the United States Postal Service.

After high school, Paulson attended Minnesota State University Moorhead, where she graduated in 2021 with Bachelor's Degree in Animation and minors in English Writing, Media Arts and Graphic Communication. Paulson worked at Amazing Grace Daycare in Clark prior to beginning her employment with the Courier in January 2022 as Annette Helkenn's replacement when Helkenn retired.

Paulson has three sisters, Paige Victor (Paulson), Chelsi Paulson and Jessica Jones. She has one niece, Valerie who lives with her parents in Idaho, and one nephew, Tren who lives in Watertown.

In her free time, Paulson enjoys

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
January 3.....	26	16	0
January 4.....	23	16	0.22
January 5.....	20	10	0
January 6.....	21	0	0
January 7.....	15	-2	0
January 8.....	18	-2	0
January 9.....	27	8	0
2023 precipitation to date			0.22
2022 precipitation to date			0.02



Last weekend's varsity boys basketball game against Webster Area marked Head Coach Jerome Nesheim's 500th career win. Nesheim's coaching career began in Clark (now Clark-Willow Lake) in 1996. Pictured on the left, the passion for the game was palpable as the boys team congratulated Nesheim after the win against Webster Saturday. From left to right: Assistant Coach Wyatt Forbes, student manager Seth Tarbox, Assistant Coach Mark Prouty, Mato Denoyer, Emmerson Larson, Owen Spieker, Cole Brenden, Brady Jordan, Kaplan Felberg, Coach Nesheim, Trey Huber, Mitchell Larson, Jack Helkenn, Tyson Huber, Griffin Musser, Aaron Zem-



licka, Christian Ramirez, Lincoln Reidburn, Tate McGraw and Assistant Coach Butch Brenden. Pictured above on the right is coach Nesheim with his wife Melissa Nesheim and their two children, Alex on the left and Kamryn on the right. Both Melissa and Jerome are employed in the Clark School District. Kamryn is a seventh grader at the Clark Middle School, and Alex is a fourth grader at Clark Elementary.

Photos by Heather Jordan

Head boys basketball coach Jerome Nesheim celebrates his 500th career win

Saturday's doubleheader was a milestone marker for Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones Head Boys Basketball coach Jerome Nesheim, as he successfully coached his 500th winning

game. "I have been so truly blessed with the large amount of athletes that I have had a pleasure to coach over the years," commented Nesheim.

"I have had an All-State player 24 times and countless All-Conference players, two athletes that were named South Dakota Player of the Year, and a large number of players

that have gone on and played at the college level.

"These wins don't happen without athletes and parents that buy into what we are trying to accom-

plish.

"I have had once in a lifetime players multiple times. Many coaches never get a player like I have had. I have been blessed with

kids that truly work towards being a champion. They have expecta-

Nesheim's 500th
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CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LEAVING A LEGACY

Here's a couple of projects we gave grants to in 2022!

We donated \$20,000 to the Garden City Fire Hall and \$2,500 to improvements at the softball park.

If you are a nonprofit organization in need of a grant, contact Gayle Wookey at fwoockey@jctel.com