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## January Clark School Board meeting handles routine business

Routine business was the order of the day at the January meeting of the Clark School Board. As the school term has passed the mid point, many issues are important and pertinent to the running of a school, but no agenda items stood out as ultra critical.

The meeting began with eighth grade students Katlyn Maynard and Tavie Guzman explaining the classes' SLO project, the Student Academic Locker Display. Middle School science teacher John Brown is the advisor for this project. The two students explained to the board the rationale behind the project as well as the design, research and cost of the new lockers, located in the east hallway at the south end of the school. (See photo elsewhere in this edition.)

On the agenda was Dan Duenwald of Duenwald Transportation, talking about the busing contract he has with the school. Specifically in question was the utilities associated with the school's building. Duenwald had agreed to pay all the utilities of both buildings, the one which the school owns and also this new building. They both come to approximately \$800 a month, he noted. "I didn't realize it was going to cost me as much as it does," Duenwald told the board.

Duenwald built a new building

next to the school's bus garage last year and since November, the former bus garage houses only three buses.

Duenwald was visiting with the school board about two issues, related to heating the (older) building, but two situations he wanted to solve this year.

There is a permanent lift in the old building, a standard lift and Duenwald would like to surplus, or rather sell that lift, so a hydraulic lift can be purchased, for more mobility. Another dilemma is that the drain lines could freeze, with the heat turned down. "I'm worried about water freezing in the drain pit and busting something," he said.

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WEATHER				
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Jan. 6	2	-15	0	
Jan. 7	10	-17	0	
Jan. 8	16	-4	0	
Jan. 9	3	-8	0	
Jan. 10	13	3	0	
Jan. 11	13	-7	0	
Jan. 12	0	-14	0	
2015 precipitation to date	.12			
2014 precipitation to date	tr			

## Seventy nine accidents reported in Clark County during 2014

The total number of accidents reported to the Clark County Sheriff's Department in 2014 was well below the yearly average of 100. In 2013, 94 accidents were investigated by the sheriff's department. These totals do not include accidents investigated by the South Dakota Highway Patrol which would be a fatality or serious injury.

Once again, the majority of the accidents were caused by animals with 60 of the total 79 being car/animal related.

### Accidents for 2014

Jan. - 2	July - 10
Feb. - 4	Aug. - 7
March - 4	Sept. - 5
April - 5	Oct. - 11
May - 4	Nov. - 9
June - 11	Dec. - 7

### Clark Police Department

Yearly statistics were also reported by Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz

of the Clark Police Department with 760 calls for service, 22 accidents and 13,200 miles traveled. Last year's totals as reported by the police department were 437 calls for service, 25 accidents and 8,961 miles traveled.

The police department investigated 57 misdemeanors to include assaults, DUI, drugs and other miscellaneous. Nine felony cases were reported to include possession of controlled substance (meth and pills), grand thefts, burglaries and rapes. Of the felony cases, one case was attempted murder, one aggravated assault and three rapes were investigated.

In 2014 the Clark Police Department reported writing 118 citations and 133 warnings. In 2013, the department reported serving two search warrants, writing 57 citations and 43 warnings.

## 2015 Clark County Farm and Home Show is this Saturday in Willow Lake

Final preparations are underway for this year's annual Clark County Farm and Home Show to be held on Saturday, January 17 at the Willow Lake Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Clark County Crop Improvement Association, Clark County Homemakers Club and the Willow Lake Lions. There will be commercial exhibits, crop and home exhibits, demonstrators and various programs geared toward people of all ages.

Make sure you put it on your calendar for Saturday, January 17 as it continues to be a one-day affair this year.

### Vacancies listed on local boards

Several notice of vacancies for positions on local governing boards will appear this week and next week in the *Clark County Courier*. In addition to area town board seats, registered resident voters may file petitions for the Henry School Board. The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Petitions for any of these boards may be obtained from the town finance officer or in the case of the Henry School, from the business manager at the school office.

Petitions may be circulated beginning Friday, January 30 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015.

Position openings include:

**Clark:** Three municipal positions are open in 2015. Council seats, all for three year terms are open in Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

In Ward I, Belinda Hanson is the incumbent, in Ward II, Louann Streff is the incumbent and in Ward III Anthony Woodland is the incumbent, all are for three-year terms. Jackie Luttrell is the City of Clark finance officer.

**Henry School:** Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. Two three-year terms are open with the incumbents being Neil Jensen and Dave Fuller. One two year term is also open on the school board. Gail Thompson is the business manager

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The show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Willow Lake Auditorium.

The lunch stand will be run by the Willow Lake Lions Club. There is no admission charge to the Farm and Home Show and pre-registration for exhibits is not necessary.

Entries can be made in several classes including foods, canned foods, homecrafts, needlecrafts, clothing, photography and crops. Only Clark County residents will be allowed to enter home economics exhibits. All crops entered must have been grown in Clark County in 2014.

Youth exhibits are open to school-aged children from kindergarten through 12th grade and exhibitors need not be in 4-H to enter. Youngsters are also reminded of the Farm Safety Poster contest being held for children aged kindergarten on up to fourth grade in the Clark and Willow Lake Schools.

Home economic and crop exhibits to be judged may be dropped off January 14 to 16 at the Clark County Extension Office during regular office hours. Entries will be accepted at the Farm and Home Show until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Rules, classes and lot numbers can

be picked up at the Extension Office.

### Saturday Activities

At 1:00 p.m. Security State Insurance Agency manager Joe Reints will visit about the 2014 Farm Bill, telling the impact on crop insurance. Reints will discuss what changes have come about with the new legislation and how these changes will impact the respective farming operation.

At 2:00 p.m. there will be a question and answer workshop, orches-

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## Clark skating rink is open for the season

The Clark skating rink, located just one block south of the former Playhouse Restaurant is a popular place to go for the youth who enjoy ice skating during the cold winter months.

It seems when one is younger, the cold isn't that big of a deal to keep one from going outside. They just add more layers of clothing.

On Monday, these three hardy souls were at the local skating rink, getting some exercise on a very cold winter day. From left to right, sophomore Cole Prescott, eight year old Zach Ambrose and senior John Zachary enjoy some time at the rink under sun-

ny skies and in single digit temperatures.

The recently opened ice skating rink is in great condition and is open from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Fridays when there is no school (every other Friday), the rink and warming house are open from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, the warming house and rink are open from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. If the red flag is up, that means the rink is closed. Pam Ambrose is the skating rink attendant.

Skates of all sizes are available at no charge for use at the skating rink.



New construction in Clark County is very visible, especially in the ag sector. Eight new homes and nine home additions were added in the county in 2014.

At left is the new home of Garret and Alexandra Meier and at right is the new home of Jordan and Aleigha



Hallberg. In the middle is the Clark Wind Farm substation located north of Clark. Power from the wind turbines interconnects with the NorthWestern Energy line. The Clark Wind Farm will light over 5,000 homes. The power goes west from Clark.



## Clark Wind Farm highlights 2014 construction in Clark County

New construction in Clark County with the addition of the large 11 turbine Oak Tree Energy - Clark Wind Farm (which has a price tag of approximately \$35 million) brings the total in Clark County to \$41,472,900.

Besides the large wind farm project, other large projects in the county included a \$300,000 wood liquid fertilizer plant built by Wheat Growers in Carpenter and the \$400,000 transportation headquarters built by Dan Duenwald on the north end of Clark.

In the city of Clark, \$826,400 was spent in construction and without the wind farm total, \$5,646,500 was spent in construction outside of the city limits.

In 2013, \$6,644,889 was the estimation for Clark County construction numbers, with \$4.3 million in grain bins in the county figured in the total.

New construction was \$5.2 million in 2012 county-wide and in 2011 construction totals came to \$3.7 million. The year 2010 showed \$4.7 million looking back in comparison.

One may note, these numbers are approximations actually being on the low side showing building estimation in construction. Amounts stated are those stated by the property owner and building permits, not the assessed value of the finished projects.

Grain bins this year in 2014 to-

taled \$834,000 in the county. Shops and offices/storage buildings totaled \$392,000 in the county and new sheds, barns and pole buildings totaled \$896,500. In this last total is a \$187,000 hangar built by Doug Hansen.

In the city of Clark, one house permit was taken out by Rob McGraw. Out of town, new home permits were taken out by Doug Seefeldt, Ty Fuller, Craig Spieker, Jacob Arthur, Mike and Linda Helkenn, Steve and Shannon Wendling, Cory Bratland, Kaley and Heidi Madsen, Jordan Hallberg, Russ Foster, Chris Sass, one home at Collins Colony and two homes to be built at the Mayfield Colony. Mobile homes were added by Silver Lake Colony, David Sever-

son and Wade and Newt Schaack.

Adding garages to homes and additions such as decks and sunrooms brings the total to \$3,624,000 in the outlying areas for homes and home additions.

In the city of Clark, the total for homes and home additions was \$252,500.

Garages and storage sheds to the tune of \$160,500 were built in Clark and \$13,400 was spent on fences and one dog kennel in the city.

New home additions permits for decks, garages and home additions in the county were taken out by Gayle Wookey, Mike McGillivray, Mike Helkenn, Steve Huber, Matt Vandersnick, Elaine Lehna, Dakota Style, Carrie Reis and Laird Lar-

son.

Taking out permits for shops/office and storage in the county were Jeff Clyde, Kim Madsen, Marty Beving, Richard Mills and Terry Wicks with a total of \$392,000.

Adding sheds, pole buildings and barns and one hoop building for a total amount of \$896,500 in the county were: Russ Hurlbert, Marshall Edleman, Bill Reppe, Sheldon Homola, Donna Reidburn, Alfred Fryslie, Francis Hass, Bobby and Melanie Schmidt, Jon Vos, Rod and Mary Hurlbut, Tim Rasmussen, Brent Symens, Steve Mehlberg, Rod Hurlbut, Norman Vig, Rick Sundvold, Charles Boyski, Greg Kerkvliet, Blair Arne, Ken Tarbox, Pat Steen, Jim Arthur, Brett

Schmidt, Jeff Grann, Doug Hansen and Jerod Matthews.

Twenty-two grain bins were built with permits taken out for a total of \$834,000 in the county. Adding grain bins were the Hillcrest Colony, Gary Kolden, Doug Hansen, John Thoreson, John and Joe Arthur, Jim Arthur, Warkenthien Farms (Dwight), Kirk Severson, Randy Helkenn, Chris Lynch, Brad Terhark, Elwood Peterson, Brent Anderson, Bobby and Melanie Schmidt, Ferg Nelson, Terry Wicks and Andy Wookey.