

Henning advises crime victims in county

▲ Marsy's Law brings about victim/witness coordinator



Clark County's victim/witness coordinator - a position started since Marsy's Law came into effect and funded in part by the SD Alcohol tax that is routed to the state's law enforcement and states attorneys - is Alaina Henning. She is shown above at left with the United States Attorney Randy Seiler. He presented her with her certificate after she completed her continuing education credits in social work and counseling at the South Dakota Victim Assistance Academy in Pierre last June.

Clark County is one of 11 counties served by Alaina Henning - a victim/witness coordinator who works along with states attorneys in helping the victims of crime.

Since Marsy's Law came into effect in January of last year, the position of a victim witness coordinator is now shared by the counties of Clark, Spink, Kingsbury, Faulk, Hand, Hyde, Miner, Potter, Brule,

Sanborn and Sully.

She works as a states attorney's assistant with her upline boss being Kimberly Zachrisson - a deputy states attorney out of Huron who specializes in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

"In a way I have 13 bosses," stated Henning who works with the 11 states attorneys in the counties she covers and including Zachrisson and Mike Moore of Beadle County. Marty Jackley is the state's attorney general.

A victim/witness coordinator is someone who works one-on-one with the victim of a criminal case.

After getting the police report, Henning will meet with the victim and get a feel for what they want to do moving forward. She then follows through passing the information on to the states attorney.

"I help the victim through the process," continued Henning. "I inform them of their rights, help fill out restitution and protection order forms and explain the process so they understand their options. I find out what they want to see happen with the case and also make sure they are in a safe place if that is needed.

"We're here to protect people and we take that seriously. Sometimes we have to protect people from themselves. We can't help if they won't help themselves.

"We try to prevent situations be-

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Lily Wildcats are honored

The Lily Wildcats were honored at halftime of the Clark-Willow Lake versus Milbank girls basketball game Friday, at the Clark High School gym.

Former Lily Wildcats from left to right include: Greg Lynch, Larry Lynch, Carol Flattum, Doug Lynch, Mary (Lynch) Sheehan, Dick Hilmoe and

Monica (Lynch) Forest.

This Friday, January 19, at the Cyclones versus Webster Area boys basketball game, it is Clark Comet Night. On February 10, during the Flandreau doubleheader at Willow Lake, it will be Willow Lake Pirate Night.

IntelliFarms to open on Highway 212, in Clark

IntelliFarms is coming to Clark. This new business will be located on US Highway 212, in the former city hall and Chad Fjelland law office.

The company's headquarters and manufacturing facility are in Archie, Mo. The Clark office will be one of three IntelliFarms Northern Division Inc. distributorships. Britton and Harvey, N.D. are also IntelliFarms locations.

President and CEO Todd Sears and his team will host an educational workshop followed by an open house as part of a grand opening celebration in Clark on February 22.

"We're eager to keep growing, but our focus is on growing to serve our customers. Our priorities are bringing value and profit to the independent farmer through

effective products and education and a local presence increases our ability to meet those goals," said Sears. "Clark is in the heart of a highly productive and highly valu-

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 9	39	24	0
Jan. 10	39	1	tr
Jan. 11	3	-11	0
Jan. 12	2	-12	0
Jan. 13	10	-14	0
Jan. 14	20	-9	tr
Jan. 15	-6	-14	0
2018 precipitation to date			0.00
2017 precipitation to date			0.17

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 10, 2018.

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 26 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018.

Position openings include:

Clark: Three positions will become vacant in Clark. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward I - a three-year term held by Brian Cook, in Ward II - a three-year term held by Louann Streff and in Ward III,

a three-year term held by Andrew Zemlicka. Jackie Luttrell is the 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 David Fuller. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School. Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

Raymond: One three-year term currently held by incumbent Scott Drexler will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

Bradley: Two positions will become vacant in Bradley. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are, one three-year term presently held by Rebecca Caulfield and one three-

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Year-end totals reflect decline in the accident rate for Clark County

In recent years there has been an average of 100 vehicle accidents per year in Clark County. In 2017, 100 vehicle accidents were investigated by the Clark County Sheriff Department. Of those, 77 involved a vehicle/animal collision, 16 were single-vehicle and in only seven of the accidents were two vehicles involved. These statistics do not include accidents investigated by the Highway Patrol, who are called in to investigate accidents with serious injuries or fatalities.

Accidents by month in 2017

January	3	July	4
February	8	August	4
March	3	September	7
April	8	October	12
May	7	November	27
June	7	December	10

The Sheriff's Office also served 206 sets of civil papers and investigated 36 criminal complaints.

Three-hundred and seventy two prisoner days in Codington County were reported as well as 30 trips to the Detention Center. The Sheriff Department traveled a total of 64,045 miles in 2017. The 24/7 program collected \$2,000 in fees.

Clark Police Department

The Clark Police Department answered 604 calls for service, a decrease from 744 in 2016. They investigated 27 accidents and issued 74 citations. In 2016, 86 citations were issued. Warnings for 2017 were 86 compared to 99 in 2016.

Three hundred and thirty five cases were investigated with 48 cases referred to the States Attorney.

In 2017 the police department handled 39 animal complaints, assisted with 34 ambulance calls, made 160 traffic stops and 39 citizen assists.

SDSU Family of the Year

Paulson family of Garden City to be honored February 10

By SDSU news staff

Choosing a college has never been a hard decision for the Paulson family of Garden City, so it isn't a surprise that they will be honored as SDSU Family of the Year by the SDSU Alumni Association in cooperation with Staters for State, the student alumni organization.

The family will be recognized at halftime of the Feb. 10 women's basketball game against Oral Roberts as well as at a luncheon before the game.

Since James Paulson, the oldest son of Leonard and Grace Paulson, enrolled at SDSU in 1968, 19 family members have followed representing two generations and all six of the Paulson children's families. The third generation is approaching college age and will surely include more Jackrabbits.

"That's where my family goes to school," said Angel Paulson, one of James' three children who all graduated from SDSU, borrowing the line from the movie "The Blind Side."

Tried, but couldn't resist SDSU

"I actually am an oddity in my family. I transferred to SDSU in my first year. SDSU was the over-

whelming choice of my (Clark High School) classmates and my sister Amy and cousin Todd (Keyes) were already attending there. I thought I wanted to go to a school where I could be anonymous. I lasted one semester somewhere else," said Paulson, who received her degree in journalism in 1998.

At SDSU, you could hardly go anywhere that you didn't see someone you knew. It felt like home and I liked that a lot more than I thought I would," Paulson said.

Two years not enough

Her brother, Mathew, the youngest of James Paulson's three children, never doubted where he would go, but didn't expect to stay long. "I was not big on college when I graduated high school but it was a prerequisite to coming back to the farm," he said.

So Mathew got his two-year, general ag degree in 2000 and went back to the corn-and-soybean farm 10 miles northwest of Clark. But that summer, guided by an influential family member, he decided to gain a four-year degree in general ag and never regretted it. "It's hard to believe how many doors it opened up. I talk to numerous people in this

industry that I met at college. It's a big part of my life today," Mathew Paulson said.

Paulson parade

Many of the Paulsons earned ag degrees, but the list of majors also includes construction management, journalism, nursing and political science to name a few. However, it was the Family and Consumer Science majors that brought the family a little fame.

In spring 2011, sisters Brooke (Paulson) Leibel and Hope Paulson graduated with cousin Briana Paulson. Their degrees were in interior design, early childhood education and apparel merchandising, respectively.

Since they were all in the same college, they were seated together at graduation and crossed the stage together. The oddity merited an article in the Brookings Register.

A place to call home

The Paulson family tradition of attending SDSU prompted Leonard and Grace's youngest son Bruce to purchase a house in Brookings for his Jackrabbit children. Bruce Paulson bought the home in February 2012 when his oldest daughter Andrea Paulson was a student at



The Paulson family, originally of Garden City, is shown in this December, 2015 photo. The Paulsons will be honored as SDSU Family of the Year at the

February 10 women's basketball game. Matriarch Grace Paulson is front row, center.

high school.

Hobo Day engagement

Two of Leonard and Grace Paulson's children—David and Lori—met their spouses at college. Lori (Paulson) Koenecke met her

future husband Brett when they

were both freshman in Young Hall.

On Hobo Day 1989, they returned to Young Hall where he popped the

Paulson family

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