



'Dude. Be Nice' campaign begun by C.H.S. National Honor Society

Recognizing the positive in people - that is what the 'Dude. Be Nice' campaign is all about.

The Clark High School National Honor Society (NHS) initiated this new program as their unique, special project. Spiraling down from the national level, "the Clark School NHS wanted to create enthusiasm for scholarship and stimulate a desire to render service and to promote leadership," said advisor Tammie Paulson.

CHS National Honor Society members selected school secretary Renae Mudgett as the first 'Dude. Be Nice' award recipient with a big school assembly, Friday morning. The band played, balloons were released and students cheered as Renae walked into the auditorium.

"Rather than an anti-bullying focus, a NHS student from a western state thought we should recognize the positive in people for a campaign promotion," stated Joslyn Hurlbert NHS member.

Members of the NHS went to various businesses in the communi-

ty on Thursday to promote their 'Dude. Be Nice.' campaign and to let people know any member of the community - a teacher, business owner, staff, church member, student, whomever they choose can be nominated for the recognition award, through the school website or through a NHS member.

"Renae, you rock!" stated NHS advisor Tammie Paulson when speaking of Renae Mudgett. "You left a thumbprint on the hearts of all of us," Paulson stated resulting in a thumbprint picture with many involved as part of the award to Mudgett.

"Accentuating the positives in a person who in turn makes you want to be a better person too, is something that should be strived for."

As the saying goes, it's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

The NHS will be awarding a 'Dude. Be Nice.' award monthly to a community member or student, deserving of the award.

Governor Dugaard offers sales tax increase to boost teacher pay

By Dana Hess
Community News Service

Declaring that "this is the year to get out of last place," Gov. Dennis Dugaard said he would seek a one-half-cent increase in the state sales tax to raise teacher pay in South Dakota.

Citing the work of the Blue Ribbon Task-Force on Teachers and Students, Dugaard said that low teacher pay in South Dakota was causing school districts to come up short when they tried to recruit

teachers. During his State of the State speech on Tuesday, Dugaard said that rural school districts in South Dakota have "trouble getting any applicants at all."

Dugaard said South Dakota's average annual teacher pay is \$8,000 behind North Dakota. With South Dakota teacher pay lagging behind all of its neighbors, young teachers are choosing to begin their careers elsewhere, he said

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Lowell Pederson



Lillian Woodfork



Mona Schlagel



Joy Wookey

January is a good time to reflect of winters past

This winter has had a little bit of everything. Below zero temperatures earlier this week with a January thaw planned for this weekend is pretty much a microcosm of the winter thus far.

On Thursday last week, the older generation at Wookey Assisted Living Center were inside playing pinocle. "It's nice and warm in here today," chided Sharon Brannan of the winter season.

Lowell Pederson, also at the table

answered the question - "Ever get stuck in a snowstorm?" with "Just ask my relatives. I could always usually just walk home anyways. Those were the good ole days."

He recalled one time getting stuck and having to walk with his father and his brother Wayne. "We came upon some skunks on the way and Wayne decided to pick one up."

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Vacancies listed on local governing 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 12, 2016.

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 29 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. at Henry School) on Friday, February 26, 2016.

There are no vacancies scheduled for the city of Clark in 2016.

Position openings include:

Henry School: Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. One three-year term is open with the incumbent being Nicole Watson. 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 Gale Filipek will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

Garden City: Two council positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms. One three-year term currently held by David Waples and one two-year

term currently held by Erica Benson are open. Jeanette Warken-thien is the finance officer for Garden City.

Bradley: One three-year term position presently held by Chad Altfillisch and a one-year term presently held by Eric Caulfield will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warken-thien.

Willow Lake: Four positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward II - a one-year term held by Luke Zelinski, in Ward I - a two-year term held by Lane Wirtjes and in Ward II, a two-year term held by Duane Seefeldt. The two-year term

of mayor currently held by Delwin Bratland will also become vacant. Heidi Madsen is the finance officer for Willow Lake.

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	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 12	21	-14	0
Jan. 13	28	5	0
Jan. 14	29	0	tr
Jan. 15	7	0	tr
Jan. 16	0	-19	0
Jan. 17	0	-19	0
Jan. 18	5	-1	0
2016 precipitation to date			tr
2015 precipitation to date			.24



The 212 Overnight Motel is open and construction is nearing completion at their location on West U. S. Highway 212 in Clark. Formerly the Hiway Motel, the business was purchased by Wade Johnson and Michael Waliezer, both of Bryant.

Traci Turnquist, also of Bryant, shown above in the reception area is the daytime manager of the business.

212 Overnight Motel is open

"We've just started with the ice fishermen in the last two weeks," stated Traci Turnquist of her clientele who frequent the 212 Overnight Motel along west U. S. Highway 212 in Clark.

Formerly the Hiway Motel for many years, the business was purchased last fall by Michael Waliezer and Wade Johnson, brothers-in-law who live in Bryant.

Johnson is formerly of Lake Norden and Waliezer is originally from Moorcroft, Wyo.

Turnquist, also of Bryant, is originally from Ashland, Wis. "People are nice around here," notes Turn-

quist. "It's fun talking to people from other places. We have a lot of customers from the Minneapolis and Minnesota area, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Iowa. When construction started and we opened in October, we were very busy with pheasant and deer hunters."

The owners have reconstructed the former living area in the hotel to more lobby space behind the front counter. Future plans are to have bait, ice fishing supplies and hunting and sporting goods, along with their current offerings of

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Sixty yards of concrete, six truck loads worth, showed up at the Willow Lake School construction site on Thursday of last week. Wayne Tellinghuisen and his crew worked fast as each load was brought in via two Power Buggy cement carts loaded up from the truck at the back of

Concrete was poured for the Willow Lake gym floor

Willow Lake School construction is moving along right on schedule according to superintendent Scott Klautd.

"We're two thirds done with the exterior and 39 percent complete of the whole project," stated Klautd. "Right now construction crews are

working on the entrance between the two gyms and today (last Thursday) concrete is being poured for the base of the gymnasium.

"The nice weather has been great for the Tellinghuisen construction crew to keep them on schedule."

Plans are for the gymnasium to

be usable for classrooms by next fall.

Sixty yards of concrete with trucks carrying 10 yards at a time, poured half of the gym floor base last Thursday. Two trucks from GCC concrete out of Huron went back and forth all day and plans

were to finish the other half of the gym this week.

The whole project is projected to be done including all classrooms and the new library in the spring of 2017.