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More wind coming today with areas of blowing snow once again.



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TOP of the Week

Nesheim begins his 16th year at the helm

Sixteen years ago this week Jerome Nesheim has been at the helm of the Clark (-Willow Lake) boys basketball program.

Many coaches have come and gone in both the Northeast and Lake Central Conferences in which the Cyclones play and Nesheim has seniority in both conferences.

Nesheim's record is 253-99. The Cyclones have been LCC members the last nine years and have won eight championships. Clark-Willow Lake has won five NEC titles the last eight years and has made seven state tournament appearances this century.

Dakotafire Cafes to spur community talk

Dakotafire is the magazine and story supplier of the James River basin affiliated with several weekly papers, including the Clark County Courier.

Editor Heidi Marttila-Losure tells us that she is starting something new. "After each issue of Dakotafire, we will have a gathering in a community in the region to talk about some of the ideas presented in the magazine, stated Marttila-Losure. "We'll call these events Dakotafire Cafes, and since it's a "cafe", coffee and refreshments will be provided. After these events, we'll put together videos of the speakers and a story about the discussion at the event. The comments will also inform our reporting for future issues. We hope you like this idea for increasing engagement and discussion in the community. Feedback is welcome!"

Look for this to hit Clark in the future as five Dakotafire magazines are planned for 2014.

Load limits to go into effect

Load limits for trucks on Clark County roads shall be seven ton per axle for a 75-day period beginning on or after March 1, 2014.

Speed limits are also in effect. All asphalt roads are posted at seven ton per axle and 45 mph for trucks. The posted speed limit for trucks is 45 mph year round on all asphalt roads. Gravel roads will be posted as needed. Paved county roads in Clark County are 45 mph from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014.

CNS to cover the state legislature

Readers of the Clark County Courier will get specialized coverage of the 2014 South Dakota Legislature through the Community News Service with Elizabeth 'Sam' Grosz as the reporter for four of the weeks the legislature is in session.

CNS is a reporting network of weekly newspapers throughout the state. The service is offered through the South Dakota Newspaper Association in Brookings.

The Clark County Courier is pleased to be able to offer this special coverage of activities in Pierre during the 2014 legislative session.

Nelson to attend medical convention

Jocee Nelson, a freshman at Clark High School has been selected to attend a national medical convention in Washington, D.C. in February. Nelson was nominated by her teacher and is the only student from the area selected to attend.

There will be national medical leaders from around the world and leaders from major medical schools attending the convention.

Nelson is the daughter of Colin and Jill Gaddis of Clark.



C.H.S. One Act play being presented today in Pierre

The Clark One-Act play cast is at T. F. Riggs High School in Pierre today, January 22, competing at the Region VII one-act play contest. The six person cast is performing a humorous play titled "The Day Grandma Got Mad and Squashed the Tomatoes".

The story is: "Every Sunday, four sisters (Cecilia Streff, Jill Warkenthien, Joslyn Hurlbert and Ally Monson) spend the afternoon with their grandmother (Jen Hurlbert). She's always a little cranky, but on this afternoon, she's in a particularly rotten mood. Unfortunately, one of the girls (Ally Monson) has picked this day to bring over her new boyfriend

(Matt Loomis). She tries to protect him from a barrage of farcical threats, but the moment he mentions a certain brand-name marinara sauce in front of Grandma, it's everyone for themselves."

Set crew members include Morgan Nelson - sound; Jasmine Foster - lights; Audrey Hanson and John Zachary - props.

Cast members from left to right are, Ally Monson, Matt Loomis, Joslyn Hurlbert, Jen Hurlbert, Cecilia Streff and Jill Warkenthien. The cast will host a matinee performance for the public on Friday, January 24 at 2:45 p.m. in the Clark High gym. All are welcome to attend.

Clark County Farm and Home Show postponed to Sunday

▲ "Turnout was still excellent"



2014 Clark County Farm and Home Show winners from left to right are Nicolette Schmidt, youth clothing, youth homecraft and youth photography; Paula Carlson, adult needlecraft and Vickie Dreher, adult homecraft and adult photography.

It takes more than a nasty winter blizzard to stop the 2014 Clark County Farm and Home Show. Originally scheduled for Saturday, January 18, the inclement weather caused the Farm and Home Show to move to Sunday, Jan. 19 and "Actually, I was pleased with the turnout," stated Clark County 4-H program advisor Kim McGraw.

Starting at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, the event ran on schedule and the Clark Field House was the place to be on Sunday.

"Every year it seems as if there is a different challenge. Last year the electricity went out and this year slippery roads with no visibility caused us to postpone for a day," McGraw said.

Many vendors filled the Clark High School Field House Sunday, with many commenting on the excellence of the programs and the quality of the booths.

Winners in the adult home economics divisions were Sandy Ortberg, food; Vickie Dreher, homecraft; Paula Carlson, needlecraft and Vickie Dreher, photography.

Winners in the youth home economics division were Nicolette Schmidt, clothing; Nicolette Schmidt, homecraft; Michaela Flora, needlecraft and Nicolette Schmidt, photography.

Adult Food

Purple: Paula Carlson, Raymond - 2; Sandy Ortberg, Clark - 4; Kathy McHenry, Clark - 3; JoAnn Fletcher, Garden City - 3.

Blue: JoAnn Fletcher, Garden City; Sandy

Farm Show

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Clark Med Van program helps make this community a better place to live

The Clark Medical Van program is going on its 14th year in the city of Clark transporting local residents to medical appointments only.

"This is strictly for medical purposes and is basically used for the elderly and handicapped," states Rae Jean Flora, deputy city finance officer, who also is the city dispatcher for the med van.

"If we can work in your appointment, we will do it," continues Flora. "We have three vehicles and four drivers who all work part-time. Dialysis trips are taken Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which is harder to work around, leaving at 4:45 a.m. and going on until noon or later, but we work around that and often so do our clients. We cannot commit to anything on a regular basis, so we schedule one trip at a time. One can call the city office, 532-5665 or 532-3512 to schedule an appointment. All of the scheduling is done through the city office.

"We only have one driver on duty each day unless one of the drivers is going to Sioux Falls. We make one trip in the morning and one trip in the afternoon and we limit the amount of trips to Sioux Falls each month. We appreciate appointments made as much in advance as possible.

"Trips within Clark are free to the clinic

Clark Med Van

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Pam Ambrose, a Clark Med Van driver, finishes up getting Dolores Lindgren's wheelchair secured as she prepares to make a trip in Clark's med van. One of three vehicles in the med van fleet, the 2007 Chevy Uplander is handicapped accessible and is used on most trips to medical appointments for Clark County residents. The Clark Med Van program started in 2000 for the elderly and handicapped residents' transportation to medical appointments.

Mayfield Truss continues to expand



Mayfield Truss LLC has grown considerably since its beginning in 2003 and recently added more production area last summer.

General manager Kent Namken is standing near their new 'Wood Runner' lumber retrieval system. It

is the second one in the nation of its kind and is on the job feeding lumber into the ALS saw at the plant which makes high quality roof and floor trusses. The plant now employs 56 people with additional student help in the summer.

The Mayfield Truss LLC company has doubled their manpower over the last couple of years.

"Our growth has been steady," says general manager Kent Namken who has been with the truss company since its start in 2003.

Owned by Mayfield Hutterite Colony, on S. D. Highway 25, 17 miles southeast of Clark, the business was started as they saw a need to get the lead time or wait time down on acquiring trusses needed for building projects. The venture originally was to complement the wall panels made by Mayfield Manufacturing.

Mayfield Manufacturing has been fabricating wall panels at the colony since 1999. About a dozen workers continue to work at Mayfield Manufacturing.

Currently 56 are on the payroll at Mayfield Truss LLC, not including the three colony members who also work at the plant.

Forty seven are working in production and nine work in the office. "We have four design engineers who can give their certified engineer

stamp in any of the 48 states," stated Namken.

Production workers are there from Monday through Thursday 7:00 to 5:30 and they have five workers who work a night shift from 5:30-3:30 or until the morning shift starts again if they stay for overtime. The office staff works Monday through Friday.

The company services 118 lumberyards in South Dakota and por-

Mayfield Truss

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 14	21	-5	0
Jan. 15	35	-5	0
Jan. 16	28	-4	0
Jan. 17	32	-4	.08
Jan. 18	30	14	0
Jan. 19	39	22	0
Jan. 20	28	-16	0
2014 precipitation to date			.08"
2013 precipitation to date			.08"