



The Clark Comets came out in full force to be honored

Last Friday night was Clark Comet Night at the Clark versus Webster Area boys basketball game. The Courier camera couldn't get back far enough to make sure everyone could get in the picture.

A week ago Thursday the Lily Wildcats were honored and on Saturday, February 10, the Willow Lake Pirates will be honored at the Flandreau doubleheader in Willow Lake.

Municipal filings can begin Friday

▲ Also for the Henry School Board

The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

2018 Municipal and Henry School Board openings include: Clark, Raymond, Garden City, Bradley, Willow Lake, Vienna, Naples and Henry School.

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

Clark: Three council positions will become vacant in Clark due to the expiration of the present terms of office. In Ward I, there is one three-year term open, currently held by Brian Cook. Ward II council with incumbent being Louann Streff has a three-year term available and Ward III with Andrew Zemlicka being the incumbent, also has a three-year term. The finance officer in Clark is Jackie Luttrell.

Willow Lake: Three positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward I - a two-year term held by Matt Kadinger and in Ward II - a two-year term currently held by Duane Seefeldt. The two-year term of mayor currently held by Delwin Bratland will also become vacant. Heidi Madsen is the Willow Lake city 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.

Garden City: One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. One three-year term currently held by Joyce Hansen is open. Jeanette Warkenthien is the finance officer for Garden City.

Bradley: Two three-year term positions presently held by Rebecca Caulfield and Royal Rosheim will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warkenthien.

Vienna: One three-year term position currently held by Lue Regnier will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Vienna is Nancy Roberts.

Naples: One three-year term trustee position currently held by Lee Redinger will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Naples is Betty Holida.

'Cake' is a foreign exchange student from Thailand

Cake (Parat) Triwattana from Bangkok, Thailand is the newest member of the sophomore class at Clark High School.

Her host parent is Tammy Rusher of Clark and she joins Bradyn, a senior, and Nevaeh, a sixth grader at the Clark High School.

Cake's formal name, Parat, means 'gold' in the Thai language. Cake is her nickname, given at birth. "All Thai people have nicknames," said Triwattana.

Triwattana's mother, Tip (Porn-tip) Suwande, makes gold jewelry and her father, Jiew (Somkid) Triwattana, works with electronics.

Her brothers Click (Pantorn) and Key (Panat) were foreign exchange students five and three years previously in Ohio and Michigan. Both of her older brothers are currently attending university in Bangkok.

"They had good experiences and spoke good English when they got back," said Triwattana, so she is the last one (the youngest in the family) to come to America "to learn English fluently."

The Korean language is also a draw for Triwattana and she is



"I want to experience cold," said foreign exchange student Cake (Parat) Triwattana, from Bangkok, Thailand. Cake, center, is staying with the Tammy Rusher family. Hosts Bradyn, left and Nevaeh, right, say that Cake fits right in and really adds to the family and the school.

teaching herself through an app on her phone as well as listening to the pop music culture of South Korea. Her plans are to attend university in South Korea after finishing at least two more years of high school in Bangkok when she returns in May.

She visited South Korea with her family and was told there that her Korean accent was good, so that was encouraging to her. "I love Korea; it was wonderful there," she said of South Korea. She plans to come back to Thailand to teach the

Korean language following university.

As she is now a sophomore, she's not yet 100 percent decided on her future. She also likes dancing and teaching, and finds accounting to be an interesting field.

Cooking and baking are also interests. She even brought some spices with her—Thai paste, Thai curry, fish sauce, soy sauce, oyster sauce and some kimchi paste. "Kimchi is the flavor of Korea," stated Triwattana.

"Thai food is spicy; I like spicy,"

added Triwattana, who has cooked for her host family using the ingredients she brought.

Her favorite American foods so far are cheeseburgers, pizza and tacos.

"People are kind here," noticed Triwattana of the Clark school. She was very impressed when she arrived and everyone would greet her by name. She likes the smaller-school atmosphere and added that it's comfortable with sofas and

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 16	4	-16	0
Jan. 17	28	3	0
Jan. 18	35	21	0
Jan. 19	44	22	0
Jan. 20	39	28	0
Jan. 21	34	19	0
Jan. 22	23	17	0
2018 precipitation to date			0.00
2017 precipitation to date			0.17

After nearly a century of service, Helping Hand Club disbands



Eleanor Mehlberg, JoAnn Reis and Mary Lou Mehlberg, the remaining members of the Helping Hand Club are holding the club's quilt, sewn by earlier members of the club in 1938. The ladies, along with Marlene Hink (not pictured), were the most recent members of the women's club which decided to disband this past November.

Records going back to the 1930s, along with a quilt made in 1938, tell the story of the Helping Hand Club.

Eighty years after the quilt was made by the active club, whose members' goal was to help other people, the club members have decided to disband.

Down to four members in recent years—Eleanor Mehlberg, Mary Lou Mehlberg, JoAnn Reis and Marlene Hink—the decision was made at the November meeting that this one would be their last.

"When I first started, there were so many in the club, we would have two or three hostesses to serve at our meetings," recalled Mary Lou Mehlberg, who has been the club secretary since 2002. When she joined, it was noted in the club minutes that five-year-old Austin Reis (her grandson) joined with her.

"We always brought our kids," added Eleanor Mehlberg, who served for many years as president of the club. "Everyone would bring their kids or grandkids back then.

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Barn fire north of Clark on Friday

A fire of an outlying barn, of the machine shed type, at the Kent and Twyla Warkenthien farm happened Friday afternoon. Their farm is six and a half miles north and a mile east of Clark. According to the Clark

County sheriff department's report: "It sounded like the tractor that was in the machine shed started on fire and then spread to the building." Shown are three Clark firemen fighting the blaze.