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Pheasant season opens October 15

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The hometown newspaper of James Ortberg, Farr West, Utah

Streff has been a Physician Assistant in Clark since 1994

National Physician Assistant Week runs October 6 through October 12. Streff works for Sanford Clinic Clark location and has since 1994.

Streff initially wanted to attend medical school but due to the cost then, she sought alternatives and stumbled upon the Physician Assistant occupation. After speaking with her parents, they suggested and she did shadow Beulah Langenfeld, the current PA (Physician Assistant), in Clark at the time. This job shadow helped solidify Streff's decision to become a PA.

Streff attended South Dakota State University for her five years of undergraduate education, majoring in microbiology. Streff then went on to Wichita State to complete two years of Physician Assistant training.

Thirty two years ago on August 1, Streff began her career as a Physician Assistant at Bartron Clinic in Watertown, where she remained employed for four years. Streff officially worked her first full year at

the Clark Clinic in 1994 and moved to Clark a year later.

"It's great to get to know people, I consider it a privilege and the variety of my career. No two days are alike, and there is always a challenging situation creating an opportunity to improve and learn new skills clinically," said Streff when asked what her favorite part of her career is.

Streff has been married to her husband Paul for 30 years. They have four children together. Cecilia (26) is a biomechanical engineer working in research in the orthopedics department at Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minn. and is engaged to be married to Ben Hogen of Sioux Falls. Joe (23) is currently completing his internship with Bobcat of Gwinner N.D. and will be finishing at SDSU soon. Matt (21) is attending his third year at SDSU for civil engineering, and Sadie (19) is attending her second year at SDSU studying food science and biochemistry with plans to become a food chemist.



Louann Streff Physician Assistant at Sanford Clinic Clark.

Several members of the community feel very fortunate to have Streff as our local medical provider for the last 28 years.

Streff expresses passion for her career and the people she cares for. She has no plans to retire in the foreseeable future.



Larson's beautiful display of fall decorations

Pictured above are fall decorations located at the rural home of Laird and Kathy Larson, who is also pictured. The wagon and tractor in the picture was built by Laird and Larson Seed Farm Operations Manager Casey Briggs with parts that had been laying around the farm for some time. Kathy and her daughter found ideas for creating the pumpkin planters and Kathy added some paint to the pumpkins placed festively around mums.

Laird and Casey were making the best of the

weather and staying busy with harvest. Kathy and Laird have lived at their current home for 27 years. They have three children; Shane of Washington D.C., Heidi Larson of Brookings and Sara Brosz of Sioux Falls.

The Larsons spend most of their time farming corn, beans and wheat. Every summer they take a trip over the Fourth of July east of Bismark to go fishing with their whole family.



Clark firemen show elementary students what happens when the 'Jaws of Life' are used

As Clark Elementary students observed Fire Safety Month a treat was in order for the students. Clark fireman Tony Werdel was in charge of this project - showing how the 'Jaws of Life' are used.

Above, are a portion of the second, third and fourth grade classes. Younger students were shown this in the afternoon. Other firetruck and fireman tasks were also identified and demonstrated.



2022 Clark high school all state chorus

All State Chorus will be held at the Denny Sanford Premier Center Oct. 29 at 7:00 p.m. It will be broadcast live on SDPB. Guest conductor will be Sara Catt, director of choral activities at Elhurst University in Illinois.

Members this year are Soprano: Summer Seefeldt, Alto: Hannah Heiman, Tenor: Brady Jordan and Bass:

Jarrett Maynard. The Clark choir director is Amy Nelson.

Pictured above are the members of the Clark High School All State Chorus from left to right Hannah Heiman, Jarrett Maynard, Brady Jordan and Summer Seefeldt.

Pheasant season opener this weekend

October 15 is the non-resident pheasant season opener for 2022. 10:00 a.m. begins shooting hours for the third consecutive year. The season will come to a close on January 31, 2023. The three rooster daily limit remains the same.

The harvest friendly weather experienced lately should help to push the birds to the CRP ground and grass. With some farmers not yet starting corn, there may be a slight delay in that.

"A good spring and good weather this year has produced a high productivity of pheasant hatches" said Clark County Game, Fish & Parks conservation officer Zach Thomsen. "I would say numbers are up, and I have seen a lot of good brute hatches through the whole summer" added Thomsen.

Safety is always the most important aspect when hunting. Thomsen would like to encourage hunters to wear their fluorescent orange, even though it is not required by law when hunting small game. Most hunting accidents that happen in South Dakota happen during pheasant season, and wearing your oranges can help prevent that.

Zach Thomsen also stressed the importance of both having your license available when getting checked in the field and to practice safe handling of firearms, including



Game Fish & Parks Conservation officer Zach Thomsen and his dog out on a successful hunt. Dog is pictured with pheasant above.

storing unloaded and in a safe direction.

During pheasant season, the largest influx of hunters begins opening weekend through Thanksgiving and picks up again toward

the end of December and beginning of January. Thomsen sends another reminder to hunters to respect the

Pheasant Season (continued on page 3)

Federal free school meal program has ended in the United States

Bart Pfankuch South Dakota News Watch
Thousands of schoolchildren across South Dakota are facing new barriers to getting proper nutrition at school due to the end of a pandemic-era federal program that provided free meals to all students regardless of parental income.

Parents in South Dakota, meanwhile, are facing new financial challenges as they try to pay for meals for their children at a time when high inflation rates are driving up costs for food, energy, housing and many other necessary goods and services.

The federal effort to provide free meals to all American schoolchildren during the COVID-19 pan-

demic expired this summer. The pandemic-era program provided more than four billion free meals to American schoolchildren over the past two school years, including to tens of thousands of students in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls School District Superintendent Jane Stavem told News Watch that ending the free school meals program after two years has put the district, parents and children in tough spots.

The district does not have the funding to continue to provide free meals for all students on its own and is working on innovative ways to continue to pay for food for students who need it.

Parents who got used to free

meals for their children for two years are out of the habit of prepar-

School Meal Program (continued on page 4)

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
October 4.....	75	55	0
October 5.....	65	52	0.23
October 6.....	72	40	0.02
October 7.....	48	29	0
October 8.....	47	29	0
October 9.....	65	38	0
October 10.....	68	37	0
2022 precipitation to date 18.27			
2021 precipitation to date 19.56			

CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LEAVING A LEGACY

Members: Gayle Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Chad Fjelland, Susan Fjelland, Diane Varilek, Greg Furness, David Warkenthien, Nicole Nelson and student members Summer Seefeldt, Conner Mudgett and Nevaeh Rusher.

Contact one of the members if you need any information on how to apply for a grant.