



Heating service costs and Field House memberships discussed by school board

Two issues, the Johnson Control representative and the Field House membership proposal took the majority of the two hour public meeting portion of the Clark School Board's October meeting.

The board also met in executive session for an hour and fifteen minutes with no motions necessary following executive session. There actually were two executive sessions, the first lasting twenty-five minutes concerning a student matter, the second for fifty minutes dealing with personnel.

The Johnson Control representatives, Tom Hunsted and Brent Rice were in attendance to talk about the three-year service contract between Johnson Controls and the Clark School.

This contract, which began July 1, 2014, with an annual fee of \$9,990 is one of basic coverage.

Johnson Controls has been in charge of heating both the elementary and high school buildings and Rice spoke of the history between the company and the school, the service (s) provided with the service and maintenance agreement.

Clark Field House

It was the administration and board's intention to have a Field

House membership proposal in place by this October meeting and to act on it. The school board chose to delay this vote for a month, to resolve several issues; how to handle an exposed wrestling mat during unsupervised hours, what security cameras should be in place and should staff members get a break in membership costs.

An electronic key will be issued to all who pay for a Field House membership, with potential costs being: College student - \$75.00; Single - \$100.00; Couple - \$150.00; Family (children 18 & under)- \$200.00.

A contract will be signed by members if this proposal goes through and it looks as if the start up date could be around Jan. 1, 2015.

In other business:

▲ Superintendent Luanne Warren told the board that the track west of the high school has been rubberized. Principal Jerry Hartley added that the long and triple jump runways don't have cement laid as of this time.

▲ The board toured the new Duenwald Transportation building prior to the meeting.

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Chip sealing was done in Clark on Friday

Chip sealing work along Second Avenue North in Clark was done on Friday of last week under moderate temperatures and sunny skies.

Shown above, the chip spreader follows the oil distributor truck in the process. The Road Guys of Yankton are doing the chip sealing work in Clark this fall, along with Clark City employees assisting. Two rollers go

along behind making sure the rock chips are embedded into the oil or tar surface.

Sixth Avenue South, Second Avenue North, Third Avenue North and Dakota Street are the streets getting a new surface this fall.

Pheasant season starts Saturday



Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner is looking forward to the 2014 non-resident pheasant opener this Saturday, October 18.

Safety is a big emphasis for the hunting season and Lenzner reminds hunters to obey the safety zone laws, be mindful of proper muzzle control, wear orange to be seen, get out of the vehicle and do not trespass. Conservation officer Lenzner and his German shorthair, Libby, are looking forward to their third pheasant opener in Clark County.

This is the 96th edition of South Dakota's annual pheasant hunting season and the outlook for 2014, "should be better than a year ago," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner, but numbers remain down from the 10-year average.

"I'm definitely noticing more birds than I did last year," said Lenzner. "There are pockets of birds."

The weather for the opening weekend of the non-resident pheasant season looks ideal with 50's during the day and the nighttime lows in the high 30's to low 40's. "Cool temperatures will be nice

for both the hunter and his dog," said Lenzner.

With corn still in the field it will make things a little more difficult for the hunter.

The season runs from October 18 until January 4, 2015.

Finding and shooting the elusive Chinese Ringneck Pheasant begins this Saturday, for out of state residents.

Hunters from all over the country flock to South Dakota for the opening weekend of the pheasant season.

The conservation officer stated that in Clark County there are

more birds on the western edge, in the valley, because of the consistent habitat.

"It's not always about shooting the birds, it's about getting out there - shooting birds is a bonus - it's about having fun," said Lenzner.

Season Dates

In most of South Dakota the season runs from October 18 through January 4, 2015.

Shooting Hours

From October 18 through October 24, the shooting hours are noon Central Daylight Time to sunset. For the rest of the season, shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. Central Time to sunset. Central time is used statewide for opening shooting hours. "Early in the season, late afternoon/evenings will be the best hunting," the G,F,&P officer said.

Daily/possession limits

The daily limit is three rooster pheasants. The possession limit is 15 pheasants taken according to the daily limit. An individual hunter can possess no more than three pheasants on the Saturday of opening weekend and up to six on Sunday. To possess another hunter's birds, a free transportation permit must be obtained from a G,F,&P conservation officer. Arranging for this permit should be handled well in advance of opening day. Transportation permits are not issued as a means of allowing the daily/possession limits to be exceeded.

License/I.D.

Hunters must possess, while hunting, a valid S.D. hunting license and the proper form of identification. That I.D. may be a valid state-issued driver's license or a state-issued and expiration-dated identification card. Hunters under the age of 16 can carry their HuntSAFE card with their license. An adult who is serving as a mentor

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 7.....	58	35	0
Oct. 8.....	57	33	0
Oct. 9.....	52	31	0
Oct. 10.....	53	29	0
Oct. 11.....	61	35	0
Oct. 12.....	61	47	.15
Oct. 13.....	60	42	0
2014 precipitation to date 14.93"			
2013 precipitation to date 24.80"			

Kim Taylor is now a second-year librarian



The certified director of Clark's Emil M. Larson Library, Kim Taylor, shows Joey Latunski one of the new additions to the DVD collection which has grown considerably in the past year. Their audio book collection has also increased. Taylor has spent a lot of time re-organizing and creating more of a relaxing atmosphere bringing in couches and gentle music.

It's been one busy year for Kim Taylor who started one year ago as Clark's new librarian at the Emily M. Larson Library.

She is now, however, officially a certified director of the library, getting her certificate this week. She attended the library training insti-

tute at Northern State University in June.

"We crammed a lot into one week," said Taylor. "I took courses, test and exams and the education continued with webinars and online education. The ongoing education helps to stay up to date with the

current trends and technologies. I get a lot of technology inquiries, helping our patrons with basic technology training, from questions like 'What's a mouse?', to helping them on the computer with various programs while they're here.

"We have a Kindle now at the library!" stated the enthusiastic Taylor. "It's for use in the library only. We have two computers and are getting a third next year."

One may notice that there is more of a cozy or homey feel to the library since Taylor has been the librarian. Two couches are in the back and soft, easy listening or 'gentle tunes' are always playing.

The children's section is a little larger and Taylor plans to move the young adult or teen section to the west edge of the library in the near future.

Older books have been weeded out to make way for the new books continued Taylor and plans are to eventually get rid of the encyclopedias that are 20 plus years old.

"They're ancient history now," says Taylor. "There are so many resources online through the state libraries. I recommend a state library E-card which is a little different than our Clark library card where one can find a lot of online

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The Clark High School track is rubberized!

This is a photo, looking north to south, of the Clark High School track. It is difficult to show how soft afoot this new rubberized track is, as recently

the new three inch mat was placed. Look for more information coming from the committee on track and field improvement, headed by Bob Bjerke.