



City of Clark pursues storm sewer survey

▲ 2020 budget passed by council

Bob Babcock and Brandon Smid of Helms and Associates engineering firm, Aberdeen, along with Greg Maag of the First Planning District, Watertown, were in attendance at the October meeting of the Clark City Council, to talk storm water study, in the city of Clark.

The city of Clark has several isolated problems areas and Babcock noted that as he began his visit with the council, "but we need to look at the entire town," he said.

Babcock, an engineer, continued that the proposed survey the city is planning, is different than water and sewer, which are more grant friendly.

Maag, the First District 'money-man' explained that for storm water, it is very difficult to receive grant funding for tiling, ditches, culverts, etc. However, loans are available.

"Storm sewer is the most expensive thing we do," added Babcock and he said they would work with Darin (Altfilisch) and definitely

try to find fixes for problems areas while looking at the entire town.

This Helms Engineering survey will cost the city \$2,500. The council then approved a letter of agreement to proceed and a storm water planning grant, both which needed Mayor John Pollock's signature.

Babcock and Smid will probably get started next spring unless a big snow allows pictures to be taken this fall.

Smid then gave an update on water flow, in Clark. "There is less flow on the south side of town," said Smid. "What's the fix?" queried councilman Terry Schlagel, to which Smid replied, "new water pipe." Smid expanded that water pipe size would increase water flow. Altfilisch then shared how when he blew out the fire hydrants recently, a much better flow occurred on the north side of Clark compared to the south side. Smid said to simplify the water situation, in Clark, he will break his report into north and south.

Maag then talked about funding for water works, saying that generally speaking, one block for curb and gutter, water and sewer, costs about \$100,000 or \$25-\$35 a foot.

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	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 1	77	43	.10
Oct. 2	50	39	0
Oct. 3	43	37	.32
Oct. 4	43	34	0
Oct. 5	51	38	.41
Oct. 6	54	41	0
Oct. 7	61	41	0
Oct. 8	66	40	0
Oct. 9	67	40	0
Oct. 10	61	37	.26
Oct. 11	37	27	.83
Oct. 12	30	27	.21
Oct. 13	31	29	.12
2019 precipitation to date	34.48		
2018 precipitation to date	16.96		

Pheasant season opener is Saturday

Believe it or not, South Dakota is starting its second century of pheasant hunting.

This is the 101st year of pheasant hunting in South Dakota! The third Saturday in October is pretty much an unofficial state holiday, but to many, the day that is looked forward to the entire year.

"With the snow, ice and wind we had last weekend, I've been watching the weather forecast pretty closely this year," said Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen of the big, upcoming pheasant opener.

The weather forecast, as of press time, is for highs in the low 60's for Saturday with partly cloudy skies and no measurable precipitation. Sunday's weather could get wet, as rain is predicted, with highs the same as Saturday, but then it is to cool down again. It could be somewhat muddy, however.

"I'm glad it will be decent weather, especially for the dogs," said Thomsen, as several of the season openers in recent memory have been quite hot and tough on the



Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen is shown among good pheasant habitat, north of Clark.

"The birds are there," said Thomsen, as this will be his second pheasant season opener in Clark County.

The non-resident pheasant season opener starts this coming Saturday, Oct. 19, at noon.

hunting dogs.

This fall is rather unique in Clark County, with excess moisture and harvest a long way from being completed. It has barely started for

some and not begun for others.

"As crops come out of the fields, we should have a good season. Most

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Clark County resident killed in fatal accident

The Clark County Sheriff's Department confirmed a two vehicle fatal accident one mile east of Clark on Highway 212 early Tuesday morning. Sheriff Rob McGraw stated that the 911 call came in at 7:24 a.m. on Tuesday, advising of a head-on crash.

One driver, 29-year-old Brittany Monson of Clark, driving a Ford Explorer was killed in the crash. The other driver, Brook Stephans, from

Spink County, was transported to Prairie Lakes Hospital with undisclosed injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Responders included: Clark Ambulance, Clark Police, Clark County Sheriff's office, Clark Fire Department and the SD Highway Patrol.

Fall promotions ongoing with Clark Chamber of Commerce

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is busy promoting Clark businesses and individuals this fall.

With the pheasant opener this Saturday the challenge is on for the Chamber's Rooster Rush - decorating one's home, lawn or area of business with a hunting theme.

On Saturday Chamber president Nichole DesLauriers and her team will be doing the judging to see whose business and individual homes are the most creative and fun when it comes to the Rooster Rush hunting theme. Prizes will be awarded in Clark Bucks.

"With the Pheasant Opener this weekend, we're looking forward to some good fun and friendly competition. With hunters coming to town, let's paint this town orange," stated DesLauriers. Between now and Saturday is plenty of time, with

nice weather, to get some decorating done.

The following weekend, Saturday, October 26 will be a day full of fall fun with Oktoberfest.

Events are being planned for all ages. Even one's weiner dog can dress up for the costume contest this year, in addition to competing in a race.

Following the Clark Music Fall Carnival that day, 4:00 p.m. is the starting time for the many Oktoberfest events which will be held on Commercial Street in Clark, north of Ken's Food Fair.

Trunk or treat will begin at 4:00 and a costume contest will start around 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. amongst all the activities. Hot chocolate will be available, pumpkin decorating, a

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Clark firemen show elementary students what happens when an air bag activates

As Clark Elementary students observed Fire Safety Month a special treat was in order for the students. Clark fireman Tony Werdel was in charge of this project - showing students what happens when a car air bag activates.

Said Werdel, "We wanted to show students how much force an air bag generates when it opens up. Air bags have been very beneficial in saving lives, along with the use of seat belts."

Above, are a portion of the second, third and fourth grade classes. Younger students were shown this in the afternoon.

Firemen also ripped open a car with the 'Jaws of Life' to show what happens after a car accident sometimes to free the occupants. Other firetruck and fireman tasks were also identified and demonstrated.