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For 132 years, The Voice of Clark County

Dr. Anna Hamre to be the S.D. All-State Chorus guest conductor

It is a very special occasion when the guest conductor of the South Dakota All-State Chorus is a 'home-town girl'!

Dr. Anna Hamre will be the guest conductor, Saturday, October 27 at the Rapid City Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The Clark High School Class of 1971 grad and California State University - Fresno professor, has quite a resume:

Anna Hamre is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator, having made appearances outside the continental United States in Hawaii, Mexico, China, Italy, Austria, and England. She has guest-conducted twice at Carnegie Hall.

At CSUF, Dr. Hamre teaches un-

dergraduate conducting and graduate conducting and literature, and she is responsible for the management of the choral program. She conducts the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Community Chorus Master Chorale and Coro Piccolo, frequently collaborating with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra. Her various positions have given her the opportunity to conduct numerous new works, including the American premiere of Philip Wilby's 2004 reconstruction of Mozart's Mass in C (Novello).

Dr. Hamre grew up in Willow Lake and Clark, SD. She is the daughter of the late Mel and late Ruth Hamre. Her brothers are Vic and John and her sister is Susan. She holds a BA degree in vocal and

instrumental music education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, an MM degree in choral music from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, and a DMA in choral literature and performance from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Recent honors include the Fresno Arts Council Horizon Artist Award (2007), the California Association for Music Education (CMEA) Choral Conductor Award (2006), the CMEA Central Section College/University Music Educator Award (2006), the Fresno-State College of Arts and Humanities Excellence in Teaching Award (2003), the Fresno-Madera Counties Music Education Association Choral Educator Award (2003), and recognitions from Fresno-State music fraternities.

Dr. Hamre is the author of *The High-School/University Sight-Singer* (Masterworks Press of Olympia, Wash.), a music-literacy method in use in every state, plus the District of Columbia, Guam, British Columbia, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. Her new publication, *The Weekly Sight-Singer: An Abbreviated and Accelerated Method*, was released in the summer 2011.

She has presented sessions for various choral-conducting and music-education organizations at local, state, and national levels. Her articles have appeared in state music magazines, plus the *International Choral Bulletin*, *The Choral Journal*, and *Spotlight on Teaching Chorus*.

Currently, Dr. Hamre is serving

as California Repertory and Standards Chair for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Community Choirs, Choral Chair for the California Music Educators Association, and as an advisory member of the Choral Council for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). She also holds membership in the College Music Society, National Collegiate Choral Organization, ChorusAmerica, Early Music America, Southern California Vocal Association, Organization of American Kodály Educators, and the Fresno-Madera County Music Educators' Association. She is a member of the citizen's advisory board for KVPR Radio Station in Fresno.



Anna Hamre

The third Saturday in October means it's pheasant season opener time!



Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzer is looking forward to the 2012 non-resident pheasant opener this Saturday, October 20.

Safety is a big emphasis for the hunting season and Lenzer 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 Lenzer and his German shorthair, Libby, are looking forward to their first pheasant opener in Clark County.

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.

"I'm amazed at the number of people who ask me about pheasant numbers," said Clark County G,F&P conservation officer Kyle Lenzer.

What he has been telling those who inquire, "If you put the time in, you're going to find some birds and have some fun."

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 Lenzer.

Lenzer continued that there are more birds in the county than a year ago, but the pheasants will be much more concentrated to a food source, with all the row crops harvested.

Habitat and cover will play a significant role in where the roosters are located. "CRP has played an important part in elevating bird numbers, as food is available there and it provides an escape from predators. Where there is CRP, one will find more birds."

The forecast for this weekend should be advantageous for the hunter if the predicted winds for Thursday and Friday subside. The highs are to be in the low 50's both days and dry.

Season Dates

In most of South Dakota the season runs from October 20 through January 1, 2013.

Pheasant season

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Spooktaculars are right around the scary corner

Plans are being made for this year's Spooktaculars with the dates set as Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Clark's location will be at the Clark High School field house for the costume contest which will start at 5:00 p.m. All the spooksters from infant to fourth grade are invited on Friday, Oct. 26.

The Willow Lake Halloween Spooktacular will be held at the Willow Lake gym on Saturday, starting at 6:00 p.m. for the costume contest and Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin contest. Games will start after the contest and go on until 9:00 p.m. Lunch and treats will also be offered to local spooksters.

Spooktaculars

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 9.....	45	25	0
Oct. 10.....	60	22	0
Oct. 11.....	42	22	0
Oct. 12.....	52	24	0
Oct. 13.....	66	36	0
Oct. 14.....	58	33	0
Oct. 15.....	70	35	0
2012 precipitation to date	14.50"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.13"		

Mystery Snowman Clue
43rd Annual Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest
"Farm and Ranch life is for me."
 Send guesses to Janene Gehrke,
 209 1st Ave. W.,
 Clark, SD 57225.



Prouty is Region 1A X-C girls champion

Mikayla Prouty runs seemingly effortlessly with great form and quickness and she is the Region 1A Cross Country champion, clocked in 15:53.46. The Cyclone sophomore is looking forward to this Saturday's South Dakota X-Country State Meet, at Huron.

Clark-Willow Lake qualified four runners for the state meet, Mikayla Prouty, Kandace Kolden, Mitch Prouty and Rawson Yost. For more on the Region 1A Cross Country meet, turn to page 7.

Costs continue to rise as Clark Golf Club makes improvements

The Clark Golf Club held their annual meeting Sunday, at the clubhouse with 30 members present.

The Clark Golf Club Board of Directors include: Jory Maynard - President; Mike O'Neill - Vice president; Mike Geise - Secretary; Paul Herman - Board member; Chris Hartley - Board member and Susan Stulc - Clubhouse manager.

At the meeting, manager Stulc recapped the 2012 golfing year, telling the group, "We had four greens that weren't in very good shape and needed help. The Board decided to ask Todd Walker, superintendent of Cattail Crossing Golf Course, to be our consultant and guide us in getting our golf course back up to par. We needed to get the course back to pristine condition and get more people out here playing. Mr. Walker has helped us tremendously. The board put in a lot of long hours, blood, sweat and maybe even a few tears of frustration. Today we have a course that is in very good condition and very playable. Having a pristine course or even a course that is in very good condition comes with a price tag, more

than I ever imagined. In order to bring the course back to where it is now, cost was incurred. Money was spent removing trees so the greens and teeboxes would have maximum sunlight, reduce tree root competition for nutrients and water so they would have optimal growing conditions. We spent money on grass seed, fertilizer and fungicide in order to improve the course. Wetting agents, which have never been applied before, were also added because of the drought conditions of the season."

The board feels good about the direction the golf course is headed, but with improvements, come costs.

2013 will be a pivotal year for the golf club as the pump station needs to be replaced.

Stulc ended, "We need to continue to utilize this great, well kept secret in this part of the state and also keep continuing the promotion of golfing."

"Don't schedule to be two places at once" - Kim McGraw

▲ 4-H office has been busy



One year after the closing of the Clark County Extension office one will find the door is still open and inside are Kim McGraw, left, Clark/Spink County 4-H Program Advisor and administrative assistant, Mary Hurlbut.

It's been one year since the Extension Office consolidations in the state. October 7-13 was 4-H week and October starts the new year for 4-H, which has kept Kim McGraw busy as the 4-H Youth Program Advisor. McGraw is in the Clark office Mondays and Tuesdays and two Fridays a month with her Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Spink County Courthouse in Redfield on the first floor.

"The most challenging part I've found is to not schedule yourself to be two places at once. It's a lot of juggling with both counties. I always have to check my calendar," states McGraw.

McGraw says she's still educating since she switched jobs, she's just educating younger people now. She goes to the schools and works with the teachers, finding out what they have a need for, working with their lesson plans and provides school enrichment activities.

"With the K-3 grades, I focus on nutrition and physical fitness and with the older elementary grades, it's more science projects," she says. "I've always enjoyed working with

kids, so I'm really enjoying being able to share with them new ideas to help them learn. I also work with preschool and high school students on occasion. My job varies during the year and in the summer my schedule is working with more traditional 4-H activities, preparing for state events, achievement days and the state fair. Coming up is our annual recognition event on November 4, where we recognize 4-H'ers on what they've achieved over the past year. We have four 4-H clubs in the county and 15 independent members."

4-H can't be run without an extension office so technically they still are an extension office says McGraw.

Mary Hurlbut is McGraw's administrative assistant in the office and works Monday through Thursday. One of those days is spent working for the county weed board doing their billing and computer work. This position she acquired in April after being approved by the County Commissioners to work

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