

Nichole DesLauriers is the new Clark County ICAP director

"ICAP does so many great things for the community. I'm very excited about my new position," stated Nichole DesLauriers who started last week as the Clark County Interlakes Community Action Partnership Community Service Worker.

Her office is located in the back of the Used 2B New store on Commercial Street in Clark.

Formerly Nichole Sandve, a graduate of Langford, she married Bryce DesLauriers this past summer. The couple have two children, Abby who is three-years-old and Seth Tarbox who is 11 years old. The family lives in Clark.

DesLauriers graduated from Mount Marty College in Watertown with a degree in business and psychology. Her most recent position was as a counselor at the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield, working with all age groups of residents.

"This job is a mixture of my two passions - human services and business," admits DesLauriers. "All of the human services programs are so rewarding to work with. The goal of ICAP is to offer a hand-up rather than a hand out. We help people who are struggling financially, the less fortunate, low income retirees, special needs, those who have suffered tragedies or have fallen on hard times.



Nichole DesLauriers started last Tuesday officially as the new Community Service Worker in the Interlakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP) office for Clark County. Nichole, seated, was being trained last week by Jeanne Fuller who she is replacing as Fuller is retiring after 10 years in the position.

"If we can't assist them, we do referrals to other programs that may fill their needs. We cover all of Clark County through our office here in Clark."

"This is a busy time for the ICAP office," stated outgoing CSW Fuller. "Right now we're working with heat assistance and the weatherization programs and coming up before we know it will be the Thanksgiving food boxes, our mittens and hats program, followed by the Angel Tree and Christmas boxes from our

Food Pantry."

Fuller's work history

Fuller started with ICAP back in March of 2006. Before that she worked in Watertown and also had a craft shop in Henry previously.

When she started, her office was on the corner of Commercial Street and Second Avenue North. Two afternoons a week, she traveled to De Smet and worked also in the Kingsbury County office. "Once we got our thrift store up and running a couple years later, it was too

time consuming so I just worked in Clark. We moved over to the former Duckwalls building in 2008."

In retirement, Fuller is looking forward to spending more time with her nine grandchildren with another on the way. Jeanne and her husband Terry have four children - Tony (Shelly), Karina, Dusty (Nicki) and Ty (Amy). J. Fuller is a master gardener also and looks forward to continuing with her status.

"We'd like to travel and I'm looking forward to getting back into crafting and quilting more, scrapbooking and photography.

"I want to be more active in my church too, helping out when needed and joining our quilting group. They made over 80 quilts this year for missions at Bethlehem Lutheran in Vienna.

"I may volunteer more, too. I know how important it is to volunteer, we could always use more volunteers here at the thrift shop.

"It's bittersweet leaving here, though. I've met some very dear people along the way," continued Fuller. "I loved it when we had success stories, helping people to help themselves and become self sufficient. We've helped people with their budgeting issues so they can manage to get off of assistance.

"The best part of the job has been helping people in need," ends Fuller.

Hunter pressure down a little for pheasant opener

"It seemed like the number of hunters was down a little bit for the opener," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner of the non-resident S.D. pheasant season opening weekend.

"Maybe hunters have scheduled time a little later in the season, after the corn is out," Lenzner continued that it seemed as if hunting pressure was down for the opening weekend and it all boils down to - a lack of birds.

"There are birds, but early in the season hunters must work hard to find them," said the conservation officer, and he reported that he saw several father/son duo's, carrying on the pheasant hunting tradition.

On a side note, "Smaller groups fared better than larger groups," he said.

"It's a numbers game," Lenzner continued as to why the smaller groups were more successful. "If say 17 hunters harvest 20 birds and a group of three gets their limit, the smaller group had better success and a higher average of birds."

Lenzner thought the average bird count per hunter was less than one bird in the eastern part of the county but probably around one bird or better in the western part of Clark County.

"There seemed to be better success the farther west one goes, as well as more hunters," said the G,F & P officer. "It was a successful opener especially the farther west, not only in Clark County, but in South Dakota, with the Winner, Pierre, Chamberlain, Mobridge and Mitchell areas showing the most success."



The weather was really nice on Saturday and Sunday was windy, "making things a little tougher."

According to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Kelly Hepler, "We are pleased to see production was up for the second year in a row, however sustaining pheasant numbers and the S.D. hunting tradition will require long-term habitat efforts," Hepler said "I

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Clark Forum discusses four ballot issues



A nice crowd attended the Clark Ballot Forum, sponsored by the Clark County Farm Bureau, Thursday, at the Ulyot Building. Mike Held, with microphone, was the moderator.

With the general election less than three weeks away, many political and even non-political election campaigns are gearing up for the November 8 General Election date.

Every election is different and as we get closer to the general election we will feature articles on individuals running for office. With 10 separate ballot issues, the ballot measures consume six pages of public notice advertising in this week's Clark County Courier and deserve your perusal, prior to casting your ballot.

A Ballot Measures Forum, sponsored by the Clark County Farm Bureau was held last Thursday at the Ulyot Building with approximately 40 in attendance.

Four measures were highlighted, with Michael Held being the moderator. It is difficult to explain all the pro and con arguments for all four ballot measures in a summary news story. Each measure was given 30 minutes. Rather, what follows is a brief description of the measure, who was debating each side and a

sentence or two of their stance:

Initiated Measure 22 would allow public money to be used in political campaigns. It would also set new campaign finance and lobbyist spending limits and create an ethics commission.

Pro - Darrell Solberg, "Corruption is costing S.D. voters - S.D. is the only state in the union that allows unlimited donations. We want to eradicate corruption in the state."

Con - Jason Ravensborg, "It will cost taxpayers \$12,000,000 to fund elections for candidates if this passes. This measure is 34 pages long - it is an all or nothing bill. Where is the corruption?"

Initiated Measure 23 would allow organizations, including labor unions, to charge fees to non-members for services provided.

Pro - Mark Anderson, "First it is important to note that this measure only impacts you if you work at a union shop, which only 6% of South Dakotans do. If you work at a place where there is no union this doesn't

impact you at all. The union contract and all the health care, pension, wages and work protections that are in it, would not exist without the union."

Con - Diana Miller, "According to the title of this initiated measure, certain organizations would have the right to charge fees. We are a 'Right to Work' state; not forced to pay fees to join. Does this force South Dakotans to join a union? The language is very, very vague."

Amendment T would change the way legislative district boundaries are determined, transferring the responsibility for setting boundaries from a committee of legislatures to a bipartisan panel of voters.

Pro - Matt Sibley, "It's about the redistricting process we have in line. More parties need to be involved. The term 'Gerrymandering' has been used."

Con - Jason Ravensborg, "If it's not broke, why fix it. We don't need redistricting in 2017 and then again in 2021. It costs taxpayers \$75,000 or more every time.

Amendment V would set nonpartisan elections for federal, state and county offices in South Dakota. All candidates would run on one primary ballot and the top two vote getters regardless of political party would move on to the general election.

Pro - Rick Knobe, "This opens up

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Mystery Snowman Clue 48th Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

Two girls and one boy are my Joy,
Three boys and two girls are my grand-Joy,
and one great grand-Joy.

Send guesses to Janene Gehrke, 209 1st Ave. W., Clark, SD 57225.

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 11.....	49	34	0
Oct. 12.....	40	24	0
Oct. 13.....	57	31	0
Oct. 14.....	70	43	0
Oct. 15.....	67	43	0
Oct. 16.....	66	45	0
Oct. 17.....	61	47	0
2016 precipitation to date	18.36		
2015 precipitation to date	18.86		

Clark's blood drive is Thursday, October 27

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lionesses and Clark Lions will be Thursday, October 27 at the Clark United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling her at 532-3808 or 520-9544 or call United Blood Services at 1-800-917-4929.

The Community Blood Drive welcomes new donors. One way to give

thanks for your health and take care of those around you, is to donate blood. Every two to three seconds someone in this country needs blood.

To save time, donors can now fill out their Health History Questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16 & 17 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.

Calvary Lutheran Church closed in 1960 - but church and cemetery history live on today

On top of a scenic and peaceful hill in the north end of Thorp Township along 425th Avenue is where the Calvary Lutheran Church and its cemetery is located. On the corner of 425th Ave. and 160th Street, this site is approximately three and one-half miles west and two miles south of Bradley.

While traveling along SD Highway 20 at night, one may notice the blue cross on the church that is lit up at night. It was donated in honor of George and Ragna Bjerke.

Bjerke, Cleven, Finstad, Folkestad, Hagen, Larson, Luvaas, Lyngbyer, Moe, Sellevold and Wicks are the family names with multiple plots in the cemetery.

"It's so scenic and peaceful up there," noted Susan Olson, former member of the cemetery board. Currently Ray Olson is now the treasurer with Dave Finstad being the president and Nathan Luvaas and Anthony Bjerke, co-sextons on the board.

A row of pine trees lines the north end of the cemetery, planted by the grandparents of many locals when the church began. A chain link



With the stately Calvary Lutheran Church in the background, to its east side is the Calvary Lutheran Cemetery. Located three and a half miles west and two miles south of Bradley, this cemetery has been serving the Bradley First Lutheran/Calvary Lutheran Church since 1911.

Over 100 headstones dot the acreage on top of the hill, east of the church which still holds services in the summer, monthly.

fence was added approximately 10 years ago.

The congregation voted to change the name of the church to Calvary

Calvary Lutheran Church began as the Bradley First Lutheran Church, which was built in 1914.

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Clark High School has made All State selections

All State Chorus members have been selected at Clark High School. Shown above in the music room from left to right are Grayson Florey-bass, Josh Weisbrod-tenor, Sydnie Fjelland-alto and Katlyn Maynard-soprano.

Alternates chosen in case the above are unable to perform are Saylor Hallstrom, Audrey Hanson, Chantell Wren and Tate Shape.

The guest director will be Grammy Award winning conductor Jerry Blackstone of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Blackstone is considered one of the country's leading conducting teachers who has appeared as festival conductor and workshop presenter in 30 states as well as overseas.

The All State Orchestra will also be performing with the chorus on Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Sioux Falls. The event will be held at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center. Tera McDonnell is the choral director at Clark High School.