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The 2013 Clark High School Royalty were chosen on Tuesday night at coronation and helped reign over the Clark Homecoming Parade on Friday. Queen Cecilia Streff, left and Marshal Trevor Mudgett enjoyed Friday's nice parade weather in the afternoon.

SDSU College of Engineering to be named for Clark County native

On Friday of this week the engineering program at South Dakota State University is to be formally named after a Clark County native. Think about it...That is quite an honor!

South Dakota State University will formally dedicate the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering, October 4 in recognition of the 1958 graduate's long-standing support of the university and its programs.

At Lohr's insistence, the college naming will share the spotlight that day with the official groundbreaking of the new Architecture, Math and Engineering Building, a three-story, 60,000-square-foot facility that will connect to historic Solberg Hall, which was restored in 2003. South Dakota governor Dennis Daugaard will attend the event, which will start at 2:30 p.m. and be held south of the AME building site. "My passion is seeing a need and



Jerome J. "Jerry" Lohr

figuring out what can I do to help with my abilities. I saw a need at the college. I like getting involved with projects like these because I can leverage so much more as I can

get others to contribute but also get the project done," Lohr said. "I'm honored and would say this is one of my life's biggest legacies."

Lohr has been the driving force behind the major changes in the engineering quadrant at SDSU. He spearheaded fundraising efforts for the restoration of Solberg Hall and the expansion and renovation of Crothers Engineering Hall. Both provided momentum for the two-phase Daktronics Engineering Hall and new AME building.

Jerry Lohr came to South Dakota State College in the fall of 1954 to major in civil engineering. He excelled in and out of the classroom, becoming a prominent figure around campus.

Graduate school lured the Clark County farm boy to the West Coast, where he completed his master's in

Lohr

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Beautiful fall weather helps make CHS Homecoming Parade fun for all

Nice weather always contributes to the degree of success to the homecoming parade and the 2013 Clark High School Homecoming Parade was a huge success. The weather certainly helped, but a big crowd saw two fine bands, many school floats and many business and commercial entries, making for a very nice homecoming parade.

The 2013 Clark Homecoming Parade with the theme 'Franchise Advertising Slogan' winners included: Elementary walking - First place, 3rd grade - Cyclone "Energizer Battery" - Keeps Going and Going and Going; Second place, 2nd grade - "Ford" - Built Cyclone Tough; Third place, 4th grade, Cyclones - "Nike" - Famous for Winning.

Middle school floats - First place, 8th grade - "Warner Brothers" - We are loony for the Cyclones - Tigers are Varmints; Second place, 6th grade - "McDonalds" - "We're Lovin It"; Third place, 5th grade - "Disney" - If you can Dream It, Do it.

High school floats - First place, Freshman - "Arby's" - Tiger - It's Good Mood Food; Second place, Senior, "Nike" - Just Do It; Third place, Sophomore - "Under Armour" - Protect the House.

Commercial floats - First place, Clark County Ambulance Crew - "All State Insurance" - You are in Good Hands!!; Second place, Clark Family Dental Center - "The Marines" - The few, The proud, The Cy-

clones; Third place, Cross Country Vets - "Chevrolet" - Like a Rock.

Week of 9-24 - 9-30

Clark County Rainfall	
*Bradley	1.40"
*Crocker	1.66"
*Raymond	1.44"
*Carpenter	1.20"
*Garden City	1.80"
*Clark	1.70"
*Henry	1.50"
*Vienna	1.25"
*Willow Lake	1.75"

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 24	71	52	0
Sept. 25	73	51	0
Sept. 26	77	60	.23
Sept. 27	73	48	1.35
Sept. 28	61	42	.12
Sept. 29	75	42	0
Sept. 30	76	49	0
2013 precipitation to date	20.30"		
2012 precipitation to date	14.44"		



Pattern testing held at Clark County Airport

Last Wednesday and Thursday were busy mornings at the Clark County Airport. The South Dakota Aviation Association was doing pattern testing for crop spraying aviators.

Hilltop Aerial of Clark was the host and Hilltop Aerial owner Doug Hansen said the two days of testing went well, but the wind blew pretty good on Wednesday forcing early exit times. This is the first

time this has been held at Clark.

S.D. Aviation Association Executive Secretary Laurie Robbenolt, Gettysburg, stated that one day of testing is held in the fall and one day in the spring. "Ag pilots test nozzles and droplets to test the patterns to ensure optimal coverage for the target crop," said Robbenolt. The computer process analyst helps determine the (crop spray) pattern.

Clark County boasts 72 bee hives at 60 locations



Dennis Dykes shows no fear as he picks up one of the nine honeycombs that slide into the white boxes. After filling the honeycombs with honey, bees put a wax coating on top to hold in the honey. This wax is sheared off by a machine and the combs are spun so centrifugal force is what removes the honey.

This process is done in Bruce, S.D. Dykes is a manager with Adee Honey Farms overseeing operations in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and a couple in Nebraska. His son Josh Dykes, also works with him in the business.

Seventy-two hives at 60 locations in Clark County, with nine honeycomb frames in each box, makes for a lot of honey that's being extracted this time of year from the bees' hives in Clark County.

"Adee Honey Farms, owned by Richard Adee of Bruce, is the biggest beekeeper in the world," says manager Dennis Dykes who has been in the business since right out of high school many years ago.

"Bees do a lot of amazing things," says Dykes. "If a queen should die in the hive, they can somehow make another queen out of a worker bee."

The third week in September was when the job started on removing the top three or four comb boxes or what some call 'honey supers' from the hives placed at 60 locations in Clark County by Adees Honey Farm. "Eighty to ninety percent of honey is made in the midwest," says Dykes who works as a manager for company owner Richard Adee. Dykes resides in Kimball and Adee is from Bruce.

Bees travel to California

By the end of October, all of Adee's bees will be on their way to California.

The bottom hives which include the queen bee are transported on semi-truck flatbeds under a large net. Their next destination is to the hills near the vicinity of Bakersfield, Calif. They are put out away from people on dessert ground and up in the hills. Richard Adee's son Brett Adee handles the operation out there in the winter.

The bees are fed a corn syrup/water/sugar blend during their winter months of November through January, through special feeders right in their hives.

In January they are brought to the almond orchards in Bakersfield,

Calif., when their spring starts. The bees are vital to the almond industry. It is estimated that there are 810,000 acres planted in almonds in that area of California. The almond crop requires the services of a third of all the honeybees in the United States and the almond business is booming, increasing the demand.

Around mid-March, the bees are then transported down to Texas and the Mississippi areas to be put out in the vegetation in those areas. If re-queening of the hives needs to be done, it is done here and hives are built up, getting a good population in the hives. "If one hive does not have a queen, an egg will turn into a queen. Then we'll steal one for its own hive to make another. My son Josh Dykes is more of an expert in this area working with the bees," says Dennis Dykes. "We can use the same combs for years - they hold up pretty good. We have some boxes and combs that are over 20 years old."

Around the first of May, the bees are trucked back up to South Dakota to start their work again in our state. The bees are put out in farmer's fields, usually in the same places as before. "It seems there's about two or three locations on average we will have to move from every year, but it's usually just to another location on the same farmer's land.

The bees are fed in May and June so there are no food shortages and honey production gets going in mid June.

Every two or three weeks, additional boxes with nine honeycombs per box are stacked on top of the hives. We usually put three or four boxes on top of the bottom box where the queen bee and her babies stay. A queen excluder grate is put

on top of the bottom box. The queen is fatter than the worker bees, so she can't escape from the bottom box but the workers can. This keeps her in the bottom box yet the honeycombs can be collected and taken for honey in the upper boxes without fear of losing the queen.

Bees

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Workers from Adee Honey Farms, who are Roger, Sam and Raul, are smoking out and using Bee-go spray to move all of the bees down into the bottom box. It's collection time with the bee hives set around Clark County and workers are collecting the top

three or four boxes off of the top, which have the honeycombs and honey in them. The honey is extracted in Bruce, S.D. where owner Richard Adee resides. The honey is extracted once a year in South Dakota.

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