

Clark School Board meets in October

▲ Board awarded Gold Level plaque

The October meeting of the Clark School Board was a fairly routine, early-school-year meeting, lasting a little under one hour. A short executive session was held following the public meeting to discuss an open enrollment application. After a 15-minute executive session, the open enrollee application was approved.

The meeting began with a 'Showcase Our School' presentation by Bobbi Bohnet's sixth grade science class. The six, sixth grade students in attendance at the meeting, showed the school board the robotics control pilot program that Bohnet has developed. She hopes to integrate robotics into Clark Elementary School, working with science and math problems and func-

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The Clark School Board, left to right, Malory McIntire, Greg Marx, chairman Robert Steffen, Nathan Luvaas and Todd Fjelland with their Gold Level Act, Learn, Lead (ALL) plaque. Thirty-three schools in South Dakota were recognized with Gold Level status.



Movies is the WLHS Homecoming theme

The Willow Lake Homecoming Parade was Friday. Sometimes the middle of October can have adverse weather, but last Friday, the day started out a little chilly, but as the day grew on, the weather warmed up. Movies was the Homecoming theme. The sec-

ond grade class picked the movie 'A League of Their own'. One can hear Tom Hanks in the dugout exclaiming 'There's no crying in (well in this case) Football.' The second grade student holding the sign is Emmery Mertins.



The soybean crop is all but wrapped up in the Clark County area. The corn harvest has started but wet fields and wet corn have for the time being put field work on hold. Much depends upon how much rain we received on Wednesday as to how strong corn harvest will be going by the end of the week.

Beans are in the bin, corn harvest going strong

With soybean harvest complete, producers are now looking to get the corn crop into the bin. "The beans are all wrapped up," said SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist David Karki, of the Watertown Regional Center. Karki was quick to note that Clark County row crops have fared better in the summer of 2021 than those areas in severe drought in South Dakota. "Plus, generally speaking," said Karki, "the early planted beans, in lighter soil, suffered more than the regular planted soybeans which

benefited from late summer rains." The bean yield is all across the board, according to Karki, as he felt it was pretty easy to differentiate, or distinguish between good and bad bean crops. The range is all across the board from high 20's to low 60's regarding yields. "Many producers who I talked to were pleasantly surprised and even more pleasantly surprised once the corn harvest started," said Karki. With rain forecast for mid-week, that could put the corn harvest on hold for a little bit, but the SDSU

agronomist thinks that most corn will be out of the fields by Halloween. "The corn, at least the corn east of US Highway 281, has producers pleasantly pleased," said Karki. Final numbers are still a long way off, but Clark County has started corn harvest and it's looking very fine, Karki added and commented, "We got planted early, harvest is moving faster than normal and rain will probably slow us down a little, but earlier in the week we were going Harvest (continued on page 4)

Mandatory 10-digit dialing begins October 24

Beginning Oct. 24, mandatory 10-digit dialing will start to take effect across South Dakota. On and after this date, you must dial the area code + telephone number for all local calls. Local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed. Instead, a recording may inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. This new required dialing pat-

tern is the result of the Federal Communications Commission's effort to establish 988 as a three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline. "It's important to remember that the transition to 10-digit dialing is an essential step in a bigger effort to make vital services and support available to those who need it most.

The new 988 dialing code will be available nationwide by July 16, 2022 and will provide a fast and easy to remember way to reach suicide prevention and mental health services, much like 911 is available for emergencies," explained PUC Chairman Chris Nelson. To prepare, the PUC recommends **10-digit dialing** (continued on page 4)



Saturday was a wonderful day for a Fall Festival

A Fall Festival was held Saturday at the Avantara Care Center parking lot. Many events including carnival games were initiated by Avantara and the Clark School music department.

The morning started a little chilly but warmed up nicely as many games and events made for a fun day. Photos by Heather Jordan