



Monson attends FCCLA Capitol Leadership in Washington, D.C.



Allyson Monson

Allyson Monson recently returned from the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) Capitol Leadership, held October 12-15, in Washington, D.C.

Monson is the president of Clark FCCLA and serves as the State First Vice-President of FCCLA and had the opportunity to participate in the Expert Advocate concentration of the FCCLA Leadership Academy. This powerful leadership development program focuses on networking, professionalism, public relations, strategic planning, advocacy and more. Capitol Leadership attendees also had the opportunity to participate in a service learning project, preparing meals for the hungry in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Monson visited SD Congressional representatives to discuss the importance of funding Career and Technical Education through the Carl D. Perkins Act to support areas such as nutrition education in schools. She went

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Clark's blood drive is Thursday, October 30

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lions and Lionesses will be Thursday, October 30, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by

calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 or 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.



Some pretty awesome looking 'cheerleaders'

"I went to a volleyball game and a talent show broke out": For that to make sense, usually one hears the statement, "I went to a fight and a hockey game broke out."

But if one looks closely at this picture, here's proof that seniors are smarter than anyone else. It used to take until the second semester of the senior year that seniors were so sharp, now it's the entire senior year.

Some pretty colorful get-ups were seen last Thursday by Cyclone football players at the Clark-Willow Lake vs. Redfield-Doland volley-

ball match. It also was quite a battle of male football 'cheerleaders' as the male (football players in the stands) 'cheerleaders' from Redfield-Doland were quite entertaining and as you can tell by the outfits, so were the Cyclone 'cheerleaders'.

It all was in good fun to root on the volleyball team. Pictured from left to right are Noah Huber, Ntai Stevens, Gus Carlson, Spencer Hovde Dylan Wicks, Tyson Jenkins, Trevor Nelson, Jess Karber, Joe Streff, Cody Nelson and Nick Weisbrod.

Today, October 22 is Winter Weather Preparedness Day

The color filled (or leaf-less) trees, cool nights and football filled weekends are all indicators of fall in the northern plains and in Clark County. This also means that the cold and snow of winter are right around the corner. State and National Weather Service officials say that, despite South Dakota's generally mild fall, it isn't too early to make preparations for winter weather.

It actually is fairly difficult to think of the harsh winter at this time, as the weather this week is as mild as normal mid-September temperatures. With Halloween but nine days away, one knows Canadian cold fronts can show up in a hurry.

Winter in the northern plains can be described in many ways, but unpredictable typically isn't one of

them. At some point, we know it will snow and temperatures will fall below zero. Roads will be difficult to travel and high winds will produce dangerous to deadly wind chills.

Are you ready for it? Do you know how to stay warm, safe and happy all winter?

The South Dakota Department of Emergency Management has partnered with the National Weather Service offices to take a day or a week to highlight the dangers of winter. It is used to help refocus one's thoughts from the dangers of severe summer weather, to the dangers associated with hazardous winter weather.

Winter storms, especially blizzards, can be very dangerous. Preparing before extremely cold, snowy

weather occurs can save your life. Know what winter storm watches and warnings mean. If a Winter Storm Watch has been issued for your area, hazardous winter weather conditions (such as snow greater than six inches in 24 hours, winds gusting over 35 mph, or visibilities less than a quarter mile) are expected in the next 12 to 36 hours. A Winter Storm Warning means the conditions listed for the Watch exist.

Try to stay indoors during a blizzard. If you have to go outside to check on animals or for another reason, be sure to dress warmly in loose fitting layers of clothing. Wear heavy gloves to protect your hands and heavy socks with boots that will not absorb water. Cover your mouth so that you don't breathe in

freezing cold air that can damage your lungs. Keep your body dry. Know the signs of hypothermia or frostbite.

If you are traveling at all when a winter storm is possible, then you should always bring emergency supplies with you. You can never predict when you might get stranded and need them. If stranded, make sure you stay in your vehicle. Run your vehicle about 10 minutes every hour. Open windows a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Make yourself visible to rescuers by turning on the dome light at night, tie a colored cloth to your antenna and raise the hood after the snow stops falling.

If you are caught outside, find a dry shelter and cover all exposed parts of the body. If shelter is not

available, prepare a lean-to, wind break or snow-cave for protection from the wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Place rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect heat. Do not eat snow, it will lower your body temperature. Melt it first.

Weather related dangers can be very unexpected. Being prepared for a potential hazardous situation could save your life.

In South Dakota, Winter Weather Preparedness Day is Wednesday, October 22. The State Department of Transportation and Public Safety officials are joining with the National Weather Service to urge citizens to use the day as a reminder to prepare a winter vehicle survival kit and to brush up on winter travel and survival tips and techniques.

Public Safety Secretary Trevor Jones says a basic winter vehicle survival kit should include blankets, water, non-perishable foods, a

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
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Oct. 15.....	67	35	0	
Oct. 16.....	65	45	0	
Oct. 17.....	65	39	0	
Oct. 18.....	51	38	0	
Oct. 19.....	72	41	0	
Oct. 20.....	67	42	0	
2014 precipitation to date 14.93"				
2013 precipitation to date 25.05"				

Said superintendent Scott Klautt

"Willow Lake's five-year Strategic Plan gives us a direction to take our school"



Willow Lake School's superintendent Scott Klautt and high school principal and technology coordinator, Hector Serna look over a program on the new iPads that have been purchased for the students at the school. Keeping current in technology is a part of the Willow Lake School's five year strategic plan.

Willow Lake School's Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 is moving right along with the additions of the Reading Plus web based program, the Positive Characteristics training and in technology, all students in grades three through 12 will have their own iPad to use by the start of the second nine weeks. K-2

and colony students will also have iPads available for use.

Curriculum, technology, positive characteristics and facilities are the four areas in which the Willow Lake School's Strategic Plan is keying on.

"This strategic plan is good in having a direction on where we want to take our school and how we want to attack our educational goals for

our students," stated school superintendent Scott Klautt. "It's been a very positive experience incorporating the stakeholders (community) in the process. I'm really proud of our community in how they support our students. They are also very supportive of the staff. It's just a breath of fresh air. In my 28 years, this is the best experience I've had in education and I really appreciate that.

"We've had a lot of good input and about 45-50 people are involved in this process in either a core team or planning/action team."

Regarding the facilities portion of the plan, HKG Architects out of Aberdeen are currently doing a feasibility study on the whole building looking at different options. Until the study is completed sometime in November and the school board meets, no action will be taken moving forward.

"It may come back that we don't need anything looking at what's already been done. After the feasibility study results are in, we'll do what's best for the students and educating them going forward," continued Klautt. "I'm really pleased with the Reading Plus program and so is our reading specialist, Tracy Bratland Bruns. She's done

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All-State Chorus is Nov. 1, in Sioux Falls

All-State Chorus members have been selected at Clark High School. Shown above back, left to right are Hudson Steffen, bass alternate; Jess Karber, bass; Harrison Wookey, tenor; Joe Streff, tenor alternate.

In the front row, left to right, are Lauren Fjelland, soprano; Emily Binger, soprano alternate; Chelsie Gehrke, alto alternate and Kathryn Paulson, alto. The performance will be held on November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center.

The guest director for the evening will be Dr. Andre Thomas of Tallahassee, Fla. Musical selections will

be *Lord of the Small, The King Shall Rejoice, Di Profundis, Daa Naa Se, Beautiful City, Nyon Nyon, The Star Spangled Banner, Someday is Today and Dry Your Tears Afrika.*

The students have been busy preparing for the two day event which will entail practice together with students from all over the state on Friday and Saturday with the performance on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. The All-State Orchestra will also be performing along with the choir. Stacy Andersen-Mjoun is the choral director at Clark.