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Sharon Brannan has always called Clark County home



Sharon Brannan has spent her entire life in Clark County. Born southeast of Clark, she attended the Day country school before moving into Clark in the early 1940's. She married Gene Brannan and the couple farmed southwest of Clark until 1998. Sharon and Gene raised three children, Larry, Pam and Peggy, all graduates of Clark High School.

"Being the oldest, I was like the mother of the family when my parents were out," said Sharon Brannan who was born Sharon Fox on September 28, 1932.

Her parents were Walter and Viola (Kelley) Fox. They both came from large families. Walter had four boys and four girls in his family and Viola had four girls and four boys. Sharon's grandparents' names were Ben and Luna Kelley and Robert and Isabelle Fox. Her father's parents lived closer to them than the other side of the family and she didn't see them as often as traveling with seven children in one small car wasn't done very often. "When we did go in the car to church or to visit, we learned to get in our spot

Brannan
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Red Ribbon Week was celebrated schoolwide this week led by the Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) group at the Clark School. Tuesday was *Sunglasses and Neon Day* and as the sign says "Our Future is too Bright for Drugs".

Shown in the back, left to right are Paige Mehlberg, 4th grade; Colby Merkel, 3rd grade; Reagan Wagner, 4th grade and Brandi Foster, 4th grade. In the front, left to right, are Aaron Zemlicka, 1st grade; Jack Helkenn, 1st grade and Jenna Gaddis, 4th grade.



Cyclones begin playoffs with 7-1 mark

Sophomore quarterback Tyson Jenkins (23) gets ready to score the first Cyclone touchdown, Thursday, against Waubay-Summit, in the last regular season game before high school football playoffs begin. Clark-Willow Lake defeated the Panthers 56-6 and finished the regular season at 7-1, in second place in the Eastern Coteau Conference, behind the champions, Hamlin.

The Cyclone offensive (and defensive) line(s) deserve much credit for the team's success this season, as the Cyclones have outscored the opponents

364-124. Interior starting linemen include: Corey Janisch, Nick Young, Cody Wookey, Logan Tonak and Brandon Clausen.

The first round play off game was Tuesday, at Dickinson Park, against Tri-State (Rosholt). The second round is next Monday.

This picture isn't perfect as Thursday's game was played under windy, rainy adverse conditions and with nighttime darkness, but the Cyclones, after a slow start, dominated the Panthers, 56-6.

Spooksters to get an early jump on Halloween

Spooksters will be able to celebrate all weekend, as well as on October 31, with the various choices on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the county.

In Clark

Clark High School will be the location this year for their Spooktacular which will be held on Friday, Oct. 26, starting at 5:00 p.m. The costume contest for infant through the fourth grade will be in the field house. From there they can go out the door to the parking lot to take in the pumpkin festivities at Pumpkinville after having fun in the field house. Treats and contests offered will go on until approximately 7:00 p.m. In the school commons area, Pumpkin Pie Bingo and treats will be offered also from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday night, a Halloween masquerade dance for Clark and Willow Lake freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors will be held in the Clark High School gym. The dance will go from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

In Willow Lake

Willow Lake's Halloween Spooktacular for the youngsters will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Willow Lake gym. A costume contest and jack-o-lantern contest will start at 6:00 p.m. followed by games and activi-

ties and lunch offered until 9:00 p.m. at night.

For the adult spooksters, the Clark Area Tragedy Fund is having a costume party at 9:00 p.m. at the Rusty Nail with music and fun.

In Bradley

Sunday is the day for the children's Halloween Party in Bradley at the community center. In keeping with tradition, the locals will entertain their local youngsters starting at 5:00 p.m. with a costume contest, fun, games and treats.

On Halloween night

Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year and residents at the local nursing home and assisted living centers would love to see the dressed up trick or treaters.

The Golden Living Center will be welcoming the children from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with their treats.

Residents at the Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living center will be ready from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for their trick or treaters.

Roetell Senior Housing will be prepared from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with treats for their dressed up visitors.

Motorists are asked to be aware of those out and about on Halloween night as well as over the weekend in various communities so everyone can have a safe and happy memorable Halloween.

Burn ban still in effect in county

With the recent rains, the Clark County Board of Commissioners approved the issuance of burn permits throughout the county.

"This will be done on a case by case situation," said Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw.

"The burn ban is still in effect," said McGraw of the burn ban reso-

Burn ban
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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 16.....	68	49	.40
Oct. 17.....	49	37	1.45
Oct. 18.....	42	37	.85
Oct. 19.....	39	32	0
Oct. 20.....	57	33	0
Oct. 21.....	57	38	0
Oct. 22.....	52	40	0
2012 precipitation to date	17.20"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.13"		

Mystery Snowman Clue
44th Annual
Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest
"Have 4-H
will travel."
Send guesses to Janene Gehrke,
209 1st Ave. W.,
Clark, SD 57225.

Clark School celebrates Red Ribbon Week

This is Red Ribbon Week across America. Red Ribbon Week originated as a tribute to Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" S. Camarena, a narcotics agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration. In 1985, Mr. Camarena was kidnapped and murdered by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico. Kiki's death enraged many Americans in his hometown of Calexico, California and they began to wear red ribbons to commemorate his sacrifice. The anti-drug message spread quickly and in 1988, the National Family Partnership took the Red Ribbon Celebration nationwide. The focus of the celebration is to educate individuals, families and communities on the destructive effects of drugs

and the positive life choices available.

TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) is leading the Red Ribbon Week celebration at Clark School by hosting several exciting activities school wide for the week of October 22 through 25. Students can participate in dress up days throughout the week. Monday's theme was: Put a Cap on Drugs - Hat Day; Tuesday: Our Future is Too Bright for Drugs - Sunglasses and Bright Clothes Day; Wednesday: Team Up Against Drugs - Jersey Day and Thursday: Cyclones Have Red Ribbon Spirit - Red Day.

Students at the elementary were invited to partake in a coloring contest. Winners were awarded at each

grade level. The winners were: kindergarten - Hannah Heiman; first grade - Kali Hartse; second grade - Summer Seefeldt; third grade - Heath Hemmingson and fourth grade - Sarah Weisbrod.

Students at the junior high competed in a poster decorating contest with the winning poster going to the sixth grade for their *Peace Out to Drugs* themed poster.

The TATU group will be doing lessons with students K-6 on drug and alcohol prevention and on Monday they also tied red ribbons to all of the cars in the school parking lot to spread awareness. Kandice Schlage is the Clark School counselor.

Today, October 24 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 is 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.

We definitely had a taste of wet fall weather last week, as rain came down sideways for two days straight and it was expected rain, but some-

thing we really hadn't seen for what seemed like six months.

Most reporting spots in Clark County showed 2.5" and 3.5" of rain for the week. We're lucky it wasn't 10" cooler or there really would have been a white mess.

Football playoffs and Halloween coming means that there also is the chance of some inclement snow storm 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 bliz-

Winter weather
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J & J Heating moves to former NAPA building

Earlier this month, Jay Huber, left and Jeff Seefeldt, owners of J & J Heating and Air Conditioning, moved from N. Commercial Street to their present location at the back end of the former NAPA building on East

US Highway 212, in Clark.

The pair is shown unloading one of the trucks at the new location earlier this week.