

## Coro Peña-Marin, of Madrid, Spain is staying with the Thonvold family

Fifteen-year-old Coro Peña-Marin of Madrid, Spain is one of three foreign exchange students attending Clark High School for the 2018-2019 term. She is staying with the Brian and Kari Thonvold family of Clark.

In her spare time, when caught up with her studies, one could find her drawing and sketching as that is what she enjoys doing. So much so that her dream job in the future is to work for Pixar or Disney. "It's a big dream, but I can dream - it's free," she says with a smile. "I want to work in animation movies. I really like drawing, watching movies and reading comics like the Japanese Animes."

In her free time, she likes listening to all kinds of music and she also enjoys traveling with Puerto Rico on her list of tropical places she'd like to visit.

Coro's father is Gerardo and he is an airplane pilot with a large airline on routes to Japan and North

America. Quite often Coro is able to go to Tokyo, Japan with her father. She's also visited: Orlando and Miami, Fla.; Italy; Costa Rica; South Africa and northern and southern Spain where her extended family live. They ski in the Spanish mountains at Christmas and in the summer visit grandparents in Andalusia, Spain. Her hometown Madrid is in the center of Spain.

Coro's mother's name is Eva and she is currently studying to become an interior designer or interior architect while working at home.

Coro has one twin sister - a fraternal twin named Alicia and one brother Damian at home. Her mother had the experience of being a foreign exchange student in Texas when she was about Coro's age so she was instrumental in the decision to come here. Mastering the English language by living here was first and foremost in the deci-

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Coro Peña-Marin of Madrid, Spain, stands next to her foreign exchange sisters, 10-year-old Shaina and 13-year-old Sara Thonvold outside of the high school in Clark. Fifteen-year-old Coro is in the sophomore class at Clark which is considered the top class of secondary school in Spain. Upon her return, she will be choosing arts out of her choices of arts or science as she continues her schooling in Spain. Her dream job is to work in animation movies at Pixar or Disney. She is staying with the Brian and Kari Thonvold family of Clark.

## School board hosts special meeting to discuss purchasing/bid policies

A special meeting of the Clark School Board was called for last Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., in the high school library.

The meeting was called to discuss various policies regarding purchasing and bidding.

Superintendent Luanne Warren began the discussion saying that if there has to be a special board meeting for a special purchase, she wants that documented into the policy.

"We have a \$1,000,000 plus annual school budget," said Warren. In that budget were 66 purchase orders over \$1,000. Board members

were considering board approval on all items over \$1,000, she implied.

"I want clarification. I want to know what we can do and what we can't do without calling a special board meeting."

At the crux of this discussion was a cement project that had begun in the parking lot north of the high school.

The parking lot needed the repair. Werdel Construction was told that the repair work needed to be done. The problem was that it was being fixed but the board had not

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## City council approves 2019 budget

The two significant decisions made at Monday's meeting of the Clark City Council were carry overs from the September meeting.

In September the two ordinances referred to here were given first reading and then at October's meeting were approved by the council.

Ordinance #552 which was approved Monday will increase water rates. The water line fee will

go from \$13.00 monthly to \$13.50 and the per 1,000 gallon rate will increase by 50¢ per 1,000 gallons.

Also approved Monday by the city council was Ordinance #551, the 2019 city budget. Last year the total appropriation was \$1,367,305. For 2019 the budget is \$1,421,113.

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## Candidate 'Meet and Greet' will be Thursday, October 4

A District 2 candidate 'Meet and Greet' will be held Thursday, October 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ullyot Building, in Clark.

District 2 is comprised of the counties of Clark, Hamlin, Spink and part of Brown. This event is sponsored by the Clark County Farmers Union.

Those running for the House positions are Jenae Hansen of Turton,

Mike McHugh of Aberdeen, Kaleb Weis of Aberdeen, Lana Greenfield of Doland.

Brock Greenfield of Clark and Paul Register of Redfield are running for the Senate seat.

Organizers of the event encourage all to come and meet the candidates to hear what they have to say and ask questions.



## All State Chorus is in Rapid City, October 27

With South Dakota All State Chorus and Orchestra in Rapid City on the last Saturday in October, Oct. 27, All State Chorus members have been selected.

At Willow Lake members include, left to right, Trinity Peterson, soprano; Chayla Vig, alto; Garrett Warkenthen, bass and Scott Wicks, tenor.

Dr. Phillip Swan will be the guest conductor this year. Currently from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., Dr. Swan has worked with international choirs, taught elementary general music in El Paso, Texas and for 10 years starting in 1989, he was the

high school vocal music director in Watertown.

The choir will be singing three songs along with the orchestra - *Climb, Confutatis/Lacrymosa* and the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

Chorus selections are, *We Have Come, Ubi Caritas, Fiddler of Dooney, Wayfaring Stranger* and *Flight Song*.

Note: Usually pictures of people are taken in front of blank backgrounds. An exception was made here because of the creative poster.

## Ballots now available for November 6 election

Absentee voting has began for the Tuesday, Nov. 6 General Election. To vote absentee, registered voters can either vote in person at their county auditor's office, or by mail.

If one wishes to vote in person at their auditor's office, one needs: a photo identification card such as a driver's license, non-driver ID, passport including a picture, tribal identification card including a picture, or student ID including a picture. If a voter does not have a photo ID, they must be given the option to sign a personal identification affidavit and vote a regular ballot.

If one wishes to vote absentee by mail one must fill out an application and have the signature notarized or provide a copy of their photo identification.

A registered voter can view their

sample ballot online, at <https://sd-sos.gov>. Go under election resources, click on view sample ballot, type in name and birthday. Sample ballots are also available at the Clark County auditor's office and will be published in the *Clark County Courier* closer to the election day.

The registered voters may cast their votes for Libertarian George Hendrickson, Republican Dustin Johnson, Democrat Tim Bjorkman or Independent Ron Wiczorek for United States Representative.

In the contest for the Governor of South Dakota, citizens may vote for Libertarian Kurt Evans, Republican Kristi Noem or Democrat Billie Sutton.

Steve Barnett, Republican and Alexandra Frederick, Democrat are running for South Dakota Secretary of State.

For SD Attorney General, voters may vote for either Republican Jason Ravnsborg or Democrat Randy Seiler. For State Auditor, Rich Sattgast, Republican and Tom Cool, Democrat are on the ballot.

State treasurer candidates are Republican Josh Haeder and Democrat Aaron Matson.

Republican Ryan Brunner and Democrat Woody Houser are running for Commissioner of School and Public Lands.

Public Utilities Commissioner candidates are Republican Kristie Fiegen and Democrat Wayne Frederick.

Brock Greenfield, Republican and Paul Register, Democrat are running for State Senator in District 2.

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	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 25	57	38	.17
Sept. 26	65	37	0
Sept. 27	57	36	0
Sept. 28	53	33	0
Sept. 29	46	36	.04
Sept. 30	52	39	.01
Oct. 1	--	--	--
2018 precipitation to date	14.64		
2017 precipitation to date	22.03		



## Courthouse readying for new elevator

Arrangements are being made so that elevator repairs will be done later this fall at the Clark County Courthouse.

Starting on Friday, November 9, the elevator will be out of commission for approximately 50 days.

What's happening here, is a big Gray Construction crane is lifting bricks down into the hole on the fourth floor of the courthouse. These bricks will be used to cover the hole after the elevator is put into place.