



Some were spooky, some were really cute



The Halloween Costume Contest brought out everyone from infants to nine years old at Clark's FFA Pumpkinville festivities last Friday evening. Little spooksters caught in the action that evening were: first picture, left to right, Cameron Nesheim, Baylar Lamb and Cole Wangness. In the middle picture, left to right, Lexie Schmidt and Jackson Schmidt and in the third picture is Lily Hamann. Clark High School art teacher Kristin Janisch was the organizer of the costume contest.

Over 70 little ones participated with winners being: In the infant category - cutest was Trynlee Ortberg, scariest was Braxton Epps and Paisley Repp's outfit was the most creative. With the two and three year olds, cutest was Faith Roehrich, scariest was Bayne Hartse and Marley Wray was the most creative. In the

four to five year old category, the cutest was Jordyn Repp, scariest was Ivan Roebke and the most creative was Kaden Janisch. Among the six and seven year olds, cutest was Talyn Ortberg, scariest was Valley Roebke and most creative was Collin Gaikowski. Winners in the oldest group, the eight and nine year olds were cutest, Aubrey Atherton, scariest Summer Seefeldt and Kali Hartse, most creative.

Pumpkinville games were held in the field house with the egg throw being held outside of the Clark High School. Mr. Greg Janisch directed as Clark's FFA members brought out all of the pumpkin games familiar to the loyal customers of the annual Pumpkinville.

Bank of the West - Clark branch to close in January

A letter was sent recently to all customers of Bank of the West - California - Clark branch, explaining the forthcoming bank closure.

Debra Jack, corporate communications specialist with Bank of the West commented: "We can confirm that as of January 10, 2014 our branch in Clark, South Dakota will close and Clark customers will have

their accounts transferred to our Redfield branch. The consolidation is a result of an extensive review of branch usage trends. We are supporting employees during this period of change and will assist them where possible in finding other opportunities within the Bank."

No other details are known at this time.

Spooksters to be out for Halloween

Halloween falls on a Thursday this year and hopefully no white stuff will get in the way as trick or treaters are out and about in the area.

Clark, Willow Lake and Bradley had their Halloween costume contest and parties last weekend with many princesses, ninjas, super heroes and zombies in attendance.

For the adult spooksters, the Clark Area Tragedy Fund will be giving them also a chance to compete with their costume contest and Halloween party this coming Satur-

day, November 2 with a 9:00 p.m. start. Music and fun will follow, all at the Clark Golf Club.

The Golden Living Center in Clark will be welcoming trick or treaters from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Residents at the Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center will be ready from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with their treats for the children.

At Roetell Senior Housing, they

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Forty-fifth Clark Area Snow Queen Festival is Saturday, November 9

The 45th annual Clark County Snow Queen Festival will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School gym. One girl from the Clark County area will be vying for a chance to be named Miss Clark County Snow Queen 2014. Eight girls will be competing for the Junior Snow Queen title.

"Happy Happy Happy" Duck Dynasty is the theme for the 45th annual Clark County Area Snow Queen festival. The Mystery Snowman will be revealed at the end of the evening, just prior to the crowning of the queens. The winners will go on to the State Snow Queen Contest in Aberdeen in January.

Snow Queen Hannah Steffen and Junior Snow Queen Allyson Monson will make their final walks across the stage as reigning royalty and will speak on the last year's experiences.

Various talent acts will again be competing for berths in either the junior or senior divisions.

Annabell Ryan, daughter of Denise Meyer will be the Senior Snow Queen contestant.

Mystery Snowman Clue 45th Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

*"Home grown I say
and my three sprouts
start with J"*

Send guesses to Janene Gehrke, 209 1st Ave. W., Clark, SD 57225.

Junior Snow Queen contestants are Matalyn Andersen-Pommer, daughter of Stacy Andersen-Mjoun and Kamal Mjoun; Michaela Flora, daughter of Mike and Rae Jean Flora; Audrey Hanson, daughter of Belinda Hanson and Paul Hanson; Alexis Lau, daughter of David and Wanda Lau; Jocee Nelson, daughter of Jill and Colin Gaddis; Lacey Waage, daughter of Jennifer Waage; Chantell Wren, daughter of Janet Wren and Regan Zeck, daughter of Jim and Sheryl Zeck.

Little Miss contestants include: Markeesha Bailey, daughter of Clyde and Mersadez Thrift; Erin Benck, daughter of Al and Gwen Benck; Gracie Luvaas, daughter of Nathan and Amy Luvaas; Aleisha Naze, daughter of Kevin and Anita Naze; Leah Nelson, daughter of Bruce and Amy Nelson; Delaney Smidt, daughter of Chad and Niki Smidt and Shawna Thonvold, daughter of Brian and Kari Thonvold.

Little Master contestants are Jerome Enboden, son of Tyrone Enboden and Katy Patenode; Chayse Freese, son of Mike and Kati Freese; Kaden Janisch, son of Greg and Kristin Janisch; Isaac Julian, son of Christina Yusella and Randy Julian; Owen Petersen, son of Josh and Sarah Petersen; Lincoln Reidburn, son of Jarvis and Alissa Reidburn; Logan Seefeldt, son of Mikel and Angela Seefeldt; Michael Severson, son of Jason and Michelle Severson; Oliver Smith, foster son of Sandy Reitz and Lucas Zemlicka, son of Andrew and Melissa Zemlicka.

Unleaded gas being phased out in S.D.

Motorists in South Dakota who are used to filling up with regular unleaded gasoline need to take note that 87 octane fuel without ethanol will soon be phased out. By November, regular unleaded 87 octane gasoline won't exist in South Dakota according to most wholesalers.

It's being replaced with an ethanol blended 87 octane gas that will likely cost less at the pump.

One may have noticed a drop in prices late last week - as changes are being made at local gas stations in the county. The Renewable Fuels Standard law was passed by the federal government in 2005. South Dakota is one of the last states to change to this grade of fuel with a certain threshold of renewable fuel (ethanol for gasoline) in the mix.

"Our raw product is 84 octane-blended with 10% ethanol brings it up to 87 octane," states Troy Grensberg of Clark Community Oil. "We always had 87, but it's now no longer 87 octane gas. It's 84 octane blended to make 87 with the ethanol. We will continue with the 15%, 30%, 85% along with the 10%. Down the road I foresee the diesel will be blended with a renewable fuel. They are trying things, but are not ready yet for its release."

"It's not making some of us very happy," says Don Greenfield at the Greenfield's Short Stop in Clark. "A lot of people don't realize Minnesota has had it for years. When we had regular and ethanol, their regular was ethanol. But since it's a mandate and no special signage, they were getting it and not knowing it."

"Older vehicles prior to 1995, when ethanol started making the surge, may be affected, if they've never used ethanol before."

"If filters and injectors get plugged up at first it's nothing the gas station can do about it. That's all we get is the 84 octane with E10 now to make 87. I had to re-calibrate my pumps."

"I'll still offer premium without ethanol in the summers, as I have

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

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Oct. 22.....	35	29	0
Oct. 23.....	36	30	tr
Oct. 24.....	42	25	0
Oct. 25.....	61	25	0
Oct. 26.....	42	25	0
Oct. 27.....	52	30	0
Oct. 28.....	35	20	tr
2013 precipitation to date 25.05"			
2012 precipitation to date 17.32"			

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▲ "Bradley is full of nice people"



"I make it a point to plan my vacation so it includes a trip to Bradley. This is my thing, hunting in South Dakota in the fall," says Californian Marc Douville. Once again he drove from California to Bradley for the annual pheasant/archery deer opener. Since 2004

his friend Walt Howell, also from California has made the trip.

Shown above, left to right, are Walt Howell, Douville's black nine-year-old lab Betty Lou and Marc Douville.

"Hunting isn't about the meat in the fridge. It's sharing time with good friends and being out in the fields of South Dakota. This part of the country is home to me. I've lived in California since I was young, but to me South Dakota is always home," emphasized Marc Douville. "My dad passed away in this house," says Douville of the family vacation house they've named 'Set Wings Hunting Camp' in Bradley. 'Set Wings' is when a bird is committed to land or get shot," explained Douville. "I've got a lot of family history here. My great-grandparents' old house is across the street and my uncle's house was close by. 'I've been coming back here since I was a little kid."

"Bradley is full of nice people. I like the attitude of the people around here. They care about you, but are not real nosy about it."

Marc and his wife Emily live in Antioch, Calif. He works on tugboats in Alameda, Calif., making sure they are mechanically sound.

Even though his father Bill Douville died in 2003 Marc has continued to make the long trek back to Bradley every fall with his nine-year-old black lab Betty Lou. He especially enjoys hunting deer with his bow and also the fishing in the area besides the annual pheasant hunt.

Since 2005, Douville's been joined by his good friend Walt Howell, who is originally from Florida. Howell lives about 90 miles away from Douville and works as an operations supervisor for a franchise in California. While in Florida hunting dove and deer were his specialties, while Douville has hunted all over the country including some big game hunts.

Technically, the pair hadn't bagged a pheasant yet as of last Friday morning. "There's not too many pheasants around this year and with the corn still standing in the field, it's a little tougher going this year," stated Douville. "I'm determined to get my deer though. I really enjoy hunting with a bow."

"This week we had our traditional 'Annual Reppe breakfast' with the family. Donna Reppe always made us breakfast every year. Now since she's been gone, we meet with some of her kids and keep the tradition going."

"We look forward to this trip every year. Like I said, the people here are really special and coming back here to hunt every year is like coming home to me. A lot of good memories here."