



Veterans Day is a time to remember our heroes

Thursday, November 11, 2021 is Veterans Day. Prior to World War II, this day was known as Armistice Day, in remembrance of the end of World War I.

About 17 years ago, when superintendent Jim Holbeck came to Clark, instead of Veterans Day being a day off from school, it has been a day to celebrate the service of our Veterans. Since that time, Clark has had a Veterans Day School Program. It begins at 9:00 a.m.

Henry's School Veterans Day Program is on Wednesday, November 10 (today) and begins at 2:00 p.m. In Willow Lake the Veterans Day Program will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Veterans Day. A complete program of each school's events appeared in last week's *Clark County Courier*.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, a Veterans appreciation spaghetti dinner will be held for all Veterans and their spouses. The meal will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Clark American Legion Hall. The meal will be prepared and served by the 'Better Together' Clark Area youth group.

At Raymond on Veterans Day,

a Veterans Day Pancake and Sausage supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Raymond Post cook and serve the supper. The public is invited to attend.

One area of Veteran visibility is the respective Post Color Guard units. Whether it be parades or football games, the color guards always post the colors.

Veterans Day is the one day we, as a nation and as individuals, stand united in respect for our Veterans.

History in Clark County

The south side of the building that now houses Clark Flower and Gift Shop (during WWI, it was the south wall of the Quality Store Building), commemorated those from Clark who served in World War I. The mural was a Service Flag for Clark Military personnel in WWI. The mural has long since been re-painted.

Clark County military participation.

"Troop H of the First S.D. Cavalry was sworn in on April 14, 1917, with Watson Brower as captain, Leslie V. Ausman, first lieutenant

and Guy W. Cook, 2nd lieutenant. They were called into federal service and sworn in August 5, 1917 and left South Dakota for Deming, New Mexico September 15, 1917.

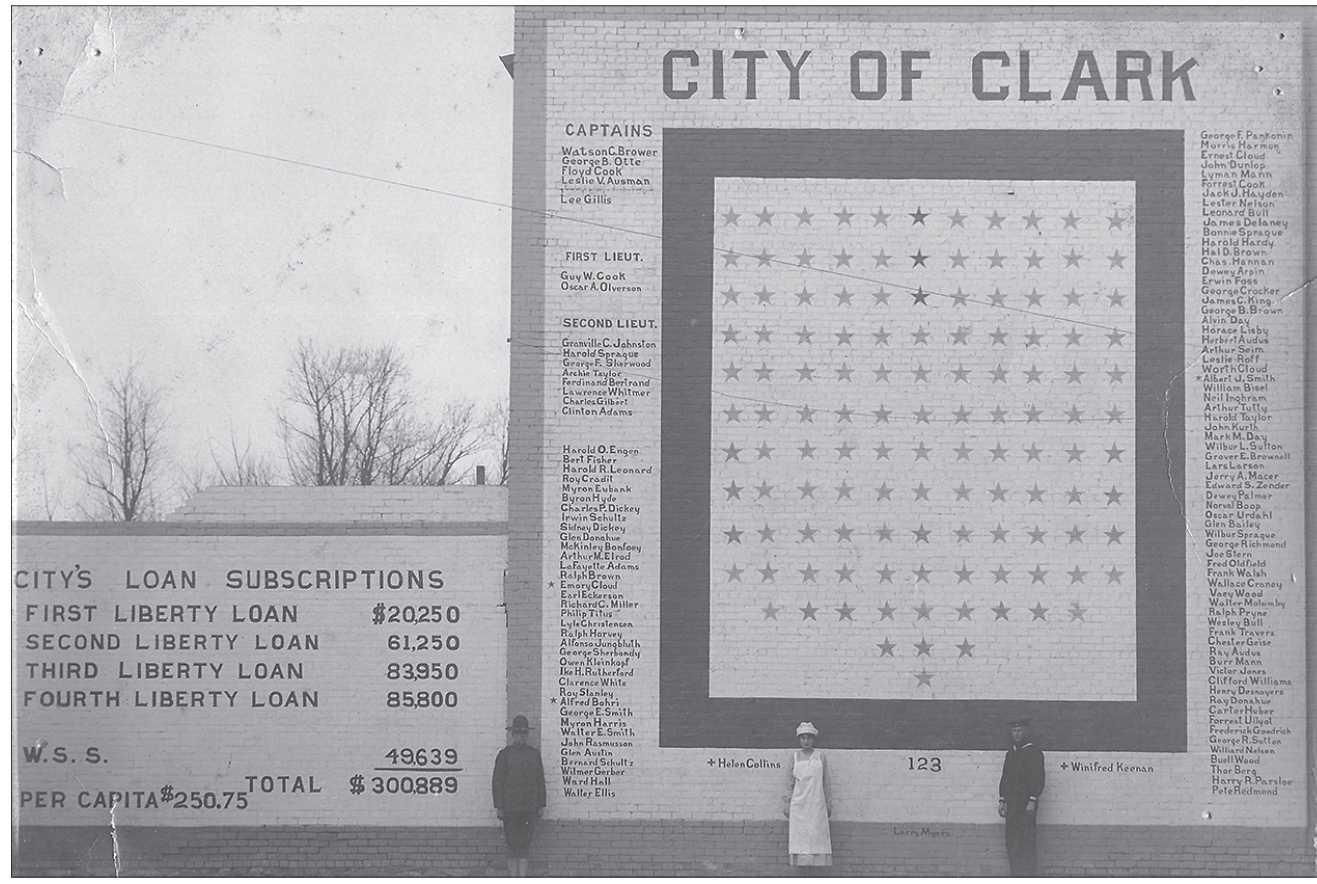
They had used the City Hall as their Armory and had drilled at the County Fairgrounds.

"At Camp Cody near Deming, they became part of the 34th Division which was changed to the 59th Depot Brigade and kept at Cody for training recruits until the 334th Division was brought up to war strength. They were switched back to the 34th Division, 127th Machine Gun Battalion and held at Cody until September, 1918, because of the unfriendly relations with Mexico."

"When they were moved to Camp Dix, New Jersey, they were quarantined for flu and Clarence Kirkeby, a Clark boy, died. They sailed for France in October, 1918, landed at LeMons and from there were sent to different units so there was no Clark County unit together."

"Five hundred forty two men from the county served in World

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These service flag murals were painted on the south side of the Quality Store Building (which now houses Clark Flower and Gift Shop) during World War I.



It is that time of year when one 'Fall Back', scrapes off of windshields and sees combines go late into the night. Bader, just west of Clark. He thought Venus was noticeable as the brightest star, to the left of the combine.

As winter approaches weather can cause adversity

We are almost half way through autumn and to this point it has been a fall of moderation. That is forecast to change in the next 24 hours with snow on the backside of a weather system located in North Dakota.

In visiting with Mike Connelly, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service out of Aberdeen, he stated that there is a 30-40% chance of snow Friday a.m. with wind to follow; at 40-45 mph. "The weather has been much

closer to average temperature-wise this week with the coldest air of the season coming this weekend and into next week," said Connelly. The high Friday and Saturday is to be right at that 32°.

Many area producers still have corn in the field. With light snow in the forecast, not a heavy snowstorm, there will be strong motivation to get and keep combines rolling earlier on during this week to get finished with harvest before Friday.

Connelly then went from short-term weather forecast to what the 2021-22 winter could look like.

"LaNiña is set up in the Equatorial Pacific (Ocean) with colder than average water," said the Aberdeen meteorologist. "The effect of a moderate LaNiña," he said, are cold outbreaks, with below average

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Christmas Tree Display back at Clark Courthouse

The Clark County Courthouse will again have a Christmas Tree Display with the Open House, December 13-15.

Along with the Christmas Tree Display contest there also will be a food drive for ICAP.

Trees are to be brought to the courthouse during courthouse

hours, any time after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Golden Gnome will be awarded on December 28 to the tree with the most pantry non-perishable items underneath.

Please call the Extension Office at 532-3681 if you have any questions or plan on participating.

Legion Government Day to be Monday, Nov. 15

Clark County Legion Commander Darin Lewis will coordinate the Clark County Government Day for all senior county government students.

Willow Lake, Henry and Clark High School seniors have all been invited and will check in at the Clark County Courthouse by 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 15. The morning will consist of Clark County Legion members directing small groups to each of the various courthouse offices.

60 Legion and Legion Auxiliary will host the students for lunch at the Clark American Legion Hall.

The afternoon session will consist of observing the Circuit Court in action. The Court will begin at 1:30 p.m. Various law enforcement and county and city officials will speak to the government students.

The Clark County Board of Commissioners will be meeting in the morning as well, so students may observe county government first hand.

Mystery Snowperson Clue 53rd Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

Frosty says: "Yellowstone is my go-to show; fresh 'Lobstah' is my favorite food, along with pierogies.

"Deer hunter I'm not, but seven have been harvested with my vehicle."

Send guesses to: Erin Heiman, 17746 426th Ave., Clark, SD 57225 or email: clarksnouqueen@gmail.com

Five-year capital outlay plan led Clark School Board discussion

The November meeting of the Clark School Board of Education was a forward looking meeting, as well as taking care of the present.

Superintendent Travis Ahrens began discussion of the five-year capital outlay plan by prioritizing items for the 2022-2023 school year.

Those items include: replace student lockers (\$80,000) at the middle/high school building; and also at the middle/high school, update the exterior door system (\$40,000 for both buildings); the exterior door system also needs updating at the elementary and the Voss bathroom upgrade (\$15,000) and room updates for HVAC could be covered with COVID-ESSER funds. At the Sports Complex the shot put area needs an upgrade and lighting along the north side of the track is needed.

Ahrens also hit on items in years 2023-2026. He stressed the importance of several specific building upgrades and also the importance of annual technology upgrades. The Field House floor needs attention, as does the Field House in general.

Board member Greg Marx spoke

of the importance of making sure things are being done competently, with walk-throughs during and after construction. Ahrens and the entire board agreed that accountability is the key.

Business manager Mary Nelson was asked to have some financial (preliminary bid) numbers in place by the December meeting of these prioritized items.

Said Ahrens, "We want to start the process, get quotes early especially with ESSER FUNDS involved. The sooner the better with some of these projects."

Regarding the budget going forward, board president Robert Steffen also wanted to look at busing dollars to explore all avenues.

The 2022-2023 school calendar was discussed, with the superintendent handing out a preliminary calendar that was very similar to this year's.

Several small changes were made during the discussion, with Ahrens to make the changes discussed and bring back the calendar for approval at the December meeting.

In other business:

▲ If a school board election is

needed it will be held on Tuesday, June 21. Steffen is up for re-election this year.

▲ No executive session was needed.

▲ The following resignations were accepted: Raegan Karber - junior high volleyball coach; Dawn Bergan - MS/HS cook; Dan Whalen - assistant varsity football coach.

▲ Girls fastpitch softball will be an SDHSAA sanctioned sport in the spring of 2023.

▲ November 15-19 is American Education Week.

▲ The next meeting of the Clark School Board will be December 13.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 2	41	22	0
Nov. 3	40	25	0
Nov. 4	49	29	0
Nov. 5	55	30	0
Nov. 6	63	41	0
Nov. 7	69	42	0
Nov. 8	68	42	0
2021 precipitation to date	23.54		
2020 precipitation to date	18.07		



Work being done at baseball/softball complex

Kyle Gaikowski and Collin Gaikowski were busy Saturday afternoon removing poles attached to the dugouts at the baseball/softball complex south of the high school/middle school, in Clark.

New, roofed dugouts will replace the old dugouts and that will probably be done yet this fall, weather permitting said Kyle Gaikowski.

Gaikowski has initiated upgrades and updates to

this field and the concession stand at this complex. Plus, a storage facility has been built outside the right field fence.

Look for more exciting information to come regarding these upgrades and updates to the youth softball/baseball field, dugouts, grandstand and concession stand.