

## Three with area ties named SDSU Top 50 Female Student-Athletes

The top 50 South Dakota State University female student-athletes will be recognized at a welcome luncheon and at halftime of the women's basketball game, both November 13. Voting, by Jackrabbit fans took place in July. The welcome luncheon is part of a weekend of festivities November 12-14, in which all former Jackrabbit female student-athletes, coaches, staff and their families are invited to attend.

Three with area ties were voted to the list. Basketball stars Shannon Schlagel Huber and Jennifer Warkenthien Hojer, along with golf standout Morgan Fitts, were named to this prestigious list.

Huber, a 2001 Clark High School graduate and Hojer, a 2005 Willow Lake High School graduate, both started four years for the Lady Jacks and led the team(s) to many successes.

Fitts, a Brookings native is the daughter of Kelly and Paula Fitts and the granddaughter of Harlan and Jean Sundvold of Clark.

"I am thrilled to welcome back the female student-athletes who helped build the foundation for our current

Jackrabbits. The titles and honors these women earned are phenomenal and I am excited to help celebrate their accomplishments and the impact they have had on our university," Justin Sell, South Dakota state's director of athletics said. "Re-engaging with these student-athletes and hearing the stories and reliving the memories with them is going to be a highlight for me this season."

The weekend starts with a lecture by Chris Voelz, executive director of the Collegiate Women Sports Awards and former Minnesota women's director of athletics, in the Performing Arts Center Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is part of the SDSU Harding Distinguished Lecture series.

A half century ago, South Dakota State University began to offer varsity sports opportunities for the first time for its female students, adding more chapters to a rich tradition of Jackrabbit Athletics.

The 50 Years of Women's Athletics welcome luncheon is at McCrory gardens, Nov. 13 at noon.



The bleachers are going up this week at the sports complex, just west of Clark High School. Paul Farkas, owner of PFI, of Burnsville, Minn., shown, said that he and his crew will probably be finished by Friday.

School administrators, Luanne Warren and Jerry Hartley told the board at Monday's November meeting that lights are also going up this fall so that track meets will be able to be held in the spring.



Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Conservationist Kyle Monteith and Clark County Conservation District manager in training, Chuck Tollefson show off the conservation district's new International Farmall tractor. Tollefson begins this new challenge, with 25 years experience in the South Dakota ag landscape, 17 years with the SD Department of Agriculture and eight years with SDSU Extension.

## Chuck Tollefson is manager in training at conservation office

"The new International Farmall tractor in which the Clark County Conservation District has taken ownership of will provide great service: seeding CRP acres to grass as well as assisting other landowners in planting grasses in the county," said Clark County Conservation District manager in training Chuck Tollefson.

Tollefson is the new conservation

district manager in training and will replace Susan Vogel in this capacity. Vogel will stay with the conservation office, assisting Tollefson and doing clerical work. This change in leadership will probably occur in early 2016.

Tollefson is well known in ag cir-

**Tollefson**  
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## Two long-time CHS educators are retiring

Two long-time Clark High School educators announced their intentions to retire at the end of the 2015-16 school year. John Brown and Brenda Jenkins will be retiring at the end of the school term. Jenkins is the CHS computer technology coordinator and Brown the middle school science teacher and head golf coach.

It stands to reason that these retirements could of had a bearing of why the Clark School Board of Education went into executive session at Monday's November meeting. The closed session was for personnel reasons and lasted an hour and twenty-five minutes. No motions were made following the executive session.

During the public portion of the meeting, superintendent Luanne Warren spoke of the importance of starting the replacement process of filling these positions. "We know how hard it is to find educators and these are two of the harder areas to fill," stated Warren.

The board held a preliminary discussion of the 2016-2017 school calendar. When to start the school year is always an interesting topic. Two calendar options were handed out to board members. The starting date on both calendars was August 24.

Board member Shannon Huber stated that she'd like to see school start later than the Aug. 24 date, such as Aug. 30.

As the calendar is discussed, many arguments are given for both the current start of area schools during that third week of August and a start closer to Labor Day.

On the one side, athletes start fall practice at this time, it works better for an end to the first semester before Christmas and the fact that students learn better in August than they do in May.

On the other side of the argument, the schools are not air conditioned and August is hotter than later in May; summer already is so short so school should run Labor Day to Memorial Day and the State Fair going on after school has started.

Principal Jerry Hartley stated that he will put a third calendar option together with a later starting date and he shared that the teachers will be seeing the calendar this week and will give their input on the three options.

During the reports segment of the meeting, administrators Warren and Hartley shared with the board the work being accomplished at the sports complex to the west of the high school. Said Hartley, "The bleachers are being put in this week and lights will be put in, in December. The track committee met and we talked about what needs to be done next." He then noted to the board that there is a sidewalk, on the west side, running north and south.

Hartley then read a letter from head Cyclone wrestling coach Chad Smidt. In the letter Smidt told of the high numbers of wrestlers he sees coming out for wrestling this winter. Eighteen for varsity and 10 wrestlers in the middle school had Smidt requesting an additional (junior high) coach. The board gave Hartley the go-ahead to pursue filling this position.

Girls basketball was the next topic Hartley and the board talked about, concerning numbers. Hartley, as well as being the athletic director is also the assistant girls coach this year. There are only eight or nine varsity/junior varsity participants, but 14 in the sixth grade. He will research this and keep in contact with the board as far as participation levels and whether or not another coach is needed to help out.

### In other business:

▲ Todd Jenkins' resignation as Cyclone varsity football assistant coach was accepted.

**Mystery Snowman Clue**  
47th Annual  
**Snow Queen Festival**  
**Mystery Snowperson Contest**  
*"She said 'I Do' during Potato Days."*

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

▲ The board discussed labor costs submitted by Duenwald Transportation. Said Warren, "We were billed very high throughout the summer and we need to clarify some things. We will be looking into the contract (a little closer)."

▲ The school board election, if needed, will be held the second Tuesday in June. Robert Steffen is the only incumbent whose position is up this year.

▲ Superintendent Warren, in her report, spoke of how Community Education has started smoothly and shared about the upcoming Veterans Day program.

▲ All board members were present, including board president Steffen; Todd Fjelland, Huber, Trudi Gaikowski and Amy Sass. Sass will be representing the board,

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#### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 3	65	41	.30
Nov. 4	61	39	.08
Nov. 5	40	31	0
Nov. 6	45	25	0
Nov. 7	51	25	0
Nov. 8	59	37	0
Nov. 9	61	38	0
2015 precipitation to date			20.61"
2014 precipitation to date			15.57"

## Farming Friday, attended by Clark Elementary, is hosted by Bevings

Spinning power take-offs, augers, sickle blades and sinking into grain in a matter of seconds, were some of the hazards on the farm that presenters warned about in the Farming Friday kickoff last Friday.

Clark Elementary students, kindergarten through fourth grade, attended the event that was held at CK Seeds, owned by CJ and Kelsey Beving at their seed plant near Casey's Slough east of Clark.

The event was a kickoff to the Farming Friday program instigated by 4-H Extension Educator Kimberly McGraw. "We're mostly emphasizing farm safety today with the students attending different stations learning about the different hazards on the farm. I'll be continuing this education as well as educating them on crops and livestock and how farming affects and adds to their daily lives on upcoming 'Farming Fridays' once a month throughout the school year," stated McGraw.

At station one, McGraw had a miniature farm set-up laid out with hazards such as a fire set close to buildings, people in pens with dangerous animals, such as bulls and sickle blades, elevators and augers out in the open. "No one should play with farm equipment," advised

McGraw.

Before even entering the building, CJ Beving and Austin Page talked to the group about tractors, combines and grain carts. Always talking safety first, down to the details of climbing up a sometimes slippery ladder to get into equipment, CJ showed those who wanted, what the inside of a combine and tractor looked like. Education continued inside the cabs on 'not touching' or 'trying to start' the machinery.

Inside the building, after listening to McGraw at station one, station two was a lesson on grain bin and gravity cart safety, given by Andy Wookey.

Wookey demonstrated with a grain engulfment simulator and a small plastic farmer how in a matter of seconds, one could be sucked down into grain with no hope of getting out and suffocating, especially when it's being augered out through the bottom. "Never, ever, go into a grain bin by yourself," warned Wookey. "And although those ladders look like they'd be cool to climb - don't! They can be slippery and it's a long ways down to fall. Stay off them. Grain bins and gravity boxes holding grain are not places for kids. People have died being

suffocated by grain and no one's strong enough to pull you out of the grain in a grain bin or gravity box."

At station three, Kyle Gaikowski, manager of Westside Implement, had a working power take-off and a miniature auger set-up in his demonstration.

"This part of a tractor, a power take-off, is very dangerous," exclaimed Gaikowski. "People have lost arms or legs or even died as a result of getting caught in this machinery."

"Its powerful spinning action that runs the auger part of the elevator is also powerful enough to grab your shirt or pants should you get next to it and wrap it around the shaft in no time." Gaikowski demonstrated a cloth getting twisted onto the spinning shaft. "Stay far away from spinning power take-offs and augers. Accidents can happen so fast with these."

On a lighter note, at station four, Kathy Wookey and her daughter Steph Wookey demonstrated how to make apple cider out of apples. Mrs. Wookey explained cutting the apples into fourths and getting the juice out, putting it into an apple press. "An apple press is a simple

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Hosted out at the CK Seeds plant near Casey's Slough east of Clark, C.J. Beving, above, invites a kindergarten student up the ladder to get a closer look at a combine.

The Clark Elementary students enjoyed the kick-

off event for Farming Friday, an educational program that will continue throughout the school year, once a month on a Friday stated 4-H Extension Educator, Kimberly McGraw.