



## Clark School to implement Field House memberships

Six inches plus of snow along with a frigid northerly wind didn't stop the Clark School Board of Education holding their November meeting on Monday, in the high school library.

Prior to the regular monthly meeting, the board met for 90-minutes to talk strategic planning and a five-year plan.

The November board meeting also lasted 90-minutes, with no executive session necessary following the public meeting.

The main discussion item dealt with Field House membership. For 15 (plus) years the Field House has been open to the public in the mornings and evenings. This will remain. Above and beyond this, the board approved implementation, beginning January 1, 2015, of a paid membership by contract for area residents to use this facility when they would like to, using a keyless entry. (Between now and Christmas, the *Courier* will be doing a detailed story on this new Field House membership option.)

The board approved this implementation unanimously following discussion, led by superintendent Luanne Warren of four areas which needed clarifying, including: 1) an additional security camera, bringing the camera total to three, being paid for from membership dues; 2) managing membership with a color coding system; 3) what fee to charge school employees; and 4) how to handle the northwest quarter of the Field House, which is the 'wrestling room'.

It was this last topic which required the most discussion and there really isn't a viable room option for the wrestlers at this time, besides this space.

Warren visited with various wrestling boosters and both coaches and she said she heard different options and different directions from all she talked to about this situation.

In a nutshell, the old wrestling room, just off the stage in the gym is now used for storage and not an ideal option. Privacy is an issue. The biggest issue is the well being of the practice mat, as cleaning and damage are important factors. Possibil-

ities in the future include applying for grants and looking into having this at Willow Lake if Willow Lake builds onto the school. For this season the Field House will be where the wrestlers will practice, was the consensus of the board and the vote was unanimous to move forward with implementation of Field House membership.

"Communication with coaches is important," said board member Todd Fjelland as the board moved forward with membership implementation.

### In other business:

▲ The board looked at the 2015-16 school schedule and will make decisions on the schedule, beginning at the December meeting.

▲ School principal Jerry Hartley, during the principal's report, shared with the board about the staff evaluation model and options to the Danielson Model.

▲ Heating/boiler costs have been on the board's front burner recently, as antifreeze is needed for the elementary boiler and the kindergarten room is using electric heaters until the boiler is fixed.

▲ June 16 will remain as school board election day. Terms up for election this year are Trudi Gaikowski and Amy Sass.

▲ As claims were being discussed, the board looked at the Duenwald Transportation contract and noted Duenwald is to pay all utilities on the new building.

▲ The school will have early dismissal for Thanksgiving and Easter.

| WEATHER                                    |        |    |     |  |
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| Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer |        |    |     |  |
|  | HI     | LO | PR  |  |
| Nov. 4                                     | 48     | 27 | 0   |  |
| Nov. 5                                     | 51     | 29 | .19 |  |
| Nov. 6                                     | 46     | 26 | 0   |  |
| Nov. 7                                     | 59     | 31 | 0   |  |
| Nov. 8                                     | 40     | 30 | 0   |  |
| Nov. 9                                     | 33     | 22 | .03 |  |
| Nov. 10                                    | 22     | 10 | .12 |  |
| 2014 precipitation to date                 | 15.57" |    |     |  |
| 2013 precipitation to date                 | 25.19" |    |     |  |



This pile of corn on the ground on the west edge of Clark is pretty impressive and it tells two stories. It tells of impending snow and cold that was forecasted for this week and it shows a bountiful harvest.

Clark County Farmers Elevator manager Jeff Olson had the entire crew helping to put a tarp over 850,000 bushels of corn on Sunday afternoon at their facility on the west edge of Clark.

"We've never done this before and it took us seven hours," said Ol-

son. The tarp is in four sections as it needed to be spread out and then tied together, with weather closure on the seams.

"It wasn't a lot of fun, but we got done before the storm," said Olson. Approximately eight inches of snow fell in the Clark area on Sunday night into Monday. The air is to have a sustained chill the rest of the week with lows in the single digits and Thursday night it could get below 0°. Is this January or November?

## Snow storm brings temporary halt to corn harvest

Corn harvest is nearing completion and with the onset of winter weather this week, many producers worked overtime last week getting the grain into the bin.

The price of corn aside, most producers and area elevator managers are quite pleased with the 2014 corn crop.

**Clark**  
Jeff Olson at the Clark County Farmers Elevator said that harvest is probably somewhere around 80 percent completed. Corn yield averaged 165-170, with some better. Moisture is all over the board from 13 to 20.

**Willow Lake**  
Rick Flatten at Wheat Growers

in Willow Lake estimates that the harvest is 95 percent completed. Yields have been anywhere from 160-185 with moisture in the 15-17 percent range and test weight from 57.5 to 60.

More producers are storing their corn, waiting for the prices to go up reports Flatten. He said he has heard from area producers that they are surprised at how good yields are, some are better than expected.

"The harvest has been great with good yields and good weight," ended Flatten.

**Vienna**  
At Cargill Elevator in Vienna, Josh Wilson states that harvest is

wrapped up and the yields have been average to above average with test weights well over 56. The moisture content started high but has gone down to around 16 percent.

"More producers are storing their corn than selling, it's a safe assumption that every bin on every farm is full," said Wilson.

**Carpenter**  
In Carpenter at Wheat Growers, Mike Madsen said that harvest is probably about 90 percent completed in the area. He stated that yields in the dry area south of Carpenter were around 130 bushels per acre and as high as 180 in other areas.

The moisture has been around 14-18 and with the snow, corn will not dry.

"Everyone wishes the weather would have held out for a couple week. Even with harvest done there is work to be completed," said Madsen.

Madsen said that more producers are storing rather than selling. "Tons of bags are being used and they're filling up bins. The bags hold 30,000 - 50,000 bushels and will hold the grain well if there are no holes," he said.

## Camraderery is the fun part of the hunt

▲ Seven out-of-state hunters get together around Veterans Day



Last Saturday was a beautiful day to pheasant hunt for these out of state hunters. Not only veterans of hunting, five of the men are veterans of the military, with 106 years of service between them.

Shown before the hunt that day with their dogs, left to right, Kalli, Chelsey, Silly and Sinder, are in

the back row, Mike Moody, Howard Swan, Joe Back and Dave Zoellers. In the front are Joel Warland, Rick Hockel and Gregg Warland.

Hunting in a group together around Veterans Day has become a tradition for the men who have come to appreciate the pheasant hunting in South Dakota.

What do former Black Hawk helicopter pilots, an armor tank operator, a banker, a farmer/mechanic and warehouse/partsman have in common? The love of hunting and hunting pheasants together in South Dakota.

A group of seven men congregated near Raymond for a five day hunt ending Veterans Day, on which they will gather for their breakfast out together in Watertown on their way back.

"Veterans Day is a day to honor all of our veterans and to think of our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers who are far away in harms way," said Army veteran Joe Back of Washington, D.C. His son Jason has served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Back has been hunting in South Dakota since 2008. He served 26 years in the Army and is the Army tank operator of the group.

Howard Swan of Huntsville, Ala., Mike Moody, also of Huntsville and Back all knew each other from working at/near the Pentagon in Army Aviation. Swan served 28 years and Moody 26, both in the Army.

Dave Zoellers of Pikeville, Ky. has 22 years in the Army and currently works with the ROTC program since his retirement in 2000. He trains high school juniors in

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Senior Snow Queen Brooke Reidburn, right and Junior Snow Queen Laney Ulschmid, left, are all smiles after being crowned at the 46th annual Clark Area Snow Queen Festival on Saturday. Reidburn and Ulschmid will now compete in their respective South Dakota Snow Queen Festivals in January at Aberdeen.

## Reidburn is 2015 Snow Queen

▲ Ulschmid crowned Junior Snow Queen

Brooke Reidburn was crowned the 2015 Clark Area Snow Queen at Saturday night's 46th annual Snow Queen Festival. Retiring queen, Annabell Ryan then passed on the crown to this year's winner. Reidburn will represent the Clark area at the upcoming State Snow Queen Festival in January at Aberdeen. Brooke is the daughter of Jeff

Reidburn and Jessica Reidburn. First runner-up and Miss Congeniality was Morgan Nelson, daughter of Jeff and Mary Nelson. Second runner-up was Kaitlyn O'Neill, daughter of Mark and Renee O'Neill.

Laney Ulschmid, daughter of Snow Queen (continued on page 3)