

Clark School is looking to expand to the north

For some time the Clark School Board has been trying to figure out the 'wrestling room' question. Since the Field House was built 20 years ago, the wrestlers have practiced in the northwest quarter of this facility.

In the last decade attempts have been made for various reasons, to better this (wrestling room) facility. Different options have been looked into and the current board has been interested in building on to the Field House, to the north.

At Monday's November meeting of the Clark School Board, engineer Tadd Holt and architect Michelle Klobassa of TSP, Architecture Engineering Planning, were on the agenda.

Holt began by explaining what the school board asked of them regarding needs of the existing spaces as well as a new wrestling room and new fitness area, adding on to the north side of the school with a steel structure. The existing Field House would remain with two basketball courts, with limited space beyond the end lines and a walk way around the outside. The addition(s) would contain a wrestling room and a fitness room.

Four options were entertained by the duo and Holt explained the pros and cons of each option. The proposed wrestling room is 50' x 100' and fitness room 60' x 45'. In option one the wrestling room is 50' x 90'. The four options are varia-

tions of north from the Field House as well as north from the current gym, where lawn currently exists. The expansion could affect parking in the north lot as well.

If the board is to move forward, it would consist of a bidding process, a signed agreement, a planning meeting and then a focus on design.

Holt stated that this project, ballpark figure, would be in the area of \$75.00 a square foot and roughly 8,000 square feet.

Sticker shock hit as the \$719,670 project cost sheet was circulated. Superintendent Warren added that flooring costs in the Field House would be an additional \$120,000.

The timeline is also an important factor if the board wanted the wrestling room to be ready one year from now, for the 2020-21 season.

No action is necessary at this time and board members had more questions than answers and will take up this discussion at the December board meeting.

FACS flood

Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 started out with a disaster in the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) room. Teacher Tammie Paulson got to her room before 7:00 a.m. and according to superintendent Warren, immediately came to her office to tell her what was going on - hot water was gushing into the room.

What happened was that there was a malfunction of the hydrau-

lic heating system. The air conditioning unit came on, freezing the coil, subsequently causing the coil to burst, creating the hot, steamy (home ec room) flood. A company spokesman was on hand at the board meeting, acknowledging that it was a fault of the Allied heating system and his company would be responsible regarding insurance costs for damage. This isn't the first time there has been water problems in the FACS room.

Calendar

Warren handed out three different 2020-21 school calendars for the board to consider. This preliminary calendar discussion was fairly brief, as a final decision won't come until the first meeting in 2020. Warren's three calendar options had school starting Aug. 19 and ending May 12, 13 or 14. Homecoming is set for Sept. 11, 2020.

Technology policy

An addendum was added to the policy hand book regarding technology. In a nutshell, it outlines all technology expectations and details staff usage of technology.

Legislative resolutions

With board president Robert Steffen adding the legislative education review delegate assembly in Pierre, this Friday, superintendent Warren recapped several issues pertaining to public schools.

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Every Veteran's Day the Clark School does a very nice job of saying 'Thank You, Veterans' with a program of music, symbolism and patriotism.

The above photo shows many Clark veterans during the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

Clark School honors veterans

Every year many very nice things are said after the Clark School Veterans Day Program. Such was the case this year as the school 'does itself' and the community proud, with an hour-long program, showing thankfulness and appreciation to all veterans.

The program was held Monday, November 11, Veterans Day.

The entire school took part in the

program and each year the program showcases talent, K-12, in thanking the veterans.

The Veterans Day Program included the presentation of the flags by Clark Boy Scouts. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. The Clark School concert band played 'Armed Forces Medley'.

Student council president Olivia Sass gave welcoming and closing

remarks.

Students in grades K-6 sang 'This is America' and the high school students sang 'In Flanders Field'.

Members of each branch of the United States military stood and were honored with the playing of 'Armed Forces Medley'. Brenda Jenkins presented a local Veterans vid-

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Nelson strives to make music interesting



Music director Amy Nelson works with the bass bars players on the left as they practiced for the Veteran's Day program last Monday in addition to the numbers upcoming for the Christmas concert.

The preschool through fourth grade will be performing on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. with the high school concert featuring fifth through 12th grade one week later on December 12.

Jingle Bells in the foreground are being played by, left to right, McKinley Dunbar, Ashlyn Dalton and Alex Henrichs. On the bars and xylophones next to Nelson are Ileanys Sempritt, Abigail Sell, Peyton Bokinskie, Alexis Schulz and Chloe Hagstrom. On the wall in the back are ukuleles purchased three years ago with fundraiser funds for the department.

"Using a variety of different instruments keeps the kids interested and then they will find what they really like to do," stated Clark School's music director Amy Nelson.

"Some kids gravitate to drums, some like the singing and some enjoy dancing to the music. I think if you bring in all the styles of teaching and enjoying music they can decide what fits them best or what they really enjoy."

Nelson teaches the Kodaly, Orff and Dalcroze styles of music. Those being the singing, instrument and dancing types of teaching styles.

Fundraising years ago added more instruments to the department and enough ukuleles for the whole class. Tubano drums - the tall ones, wooden xylophones and metalphones which have more of a ring are also newer instruments.

A donorschoose.org site earned money for the school for the larger bass bars.

"We have C, F and G base bars now, but it would be nice to have D, F and A in the future. A company called Ripple also helped us out," added Nelson of the music collection of sound makers.

The group also snaps their fingers for a sound effect, has trian-

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Eastside Equipment owners, Johnny Rider, left and Kyle Galkowski, are now open for business for Kubota products at Westside Implement, Clark. The Eastside Equipment Watertown store will be ready for business, summer of 2020.

Eastside Equipment is open for business at Westside Implement

Eastside is currently at Westside. Eastside Equipment, a full-line Kubota dealer, will open in Watertown at 2820 17th Ave. SE (a half mile south of Walmart) in the summer of 2020.

Until that time, Eastside Equipment is open for business at Westside Implement, a mile west of Clark, with a full staff on hand.

Co-owned by Partners Kyle Galkowski and Johnny Rider, Kubota products are very visible and identifiable because of the orange color of the equipment.

The duo saw a need, as the opportunity was there, as there had been no Kubota dealership in the area for more than a year and Eastside Equipment became a reality.

Galkowski has owned Westside Implement for 26 years, so he has 26 years of sales experience. Rider, of Henry, who started in education and then was a heavy equipment operator, said he's ready for a new chapter to begin in his life.

"Both of our experiences helped

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Weaver served in Rapid City before it was Ellsworth Air Force Base



Jim Weaver joined the Army/Air Force which shortly after changed their name to just the Air Force after he was assigned to the Rapid City Air Force Base.

"It did me wonders," stated Jim Weaver of his time in basic training in San Antonio, Texas and when he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954.

"Being in the service, it taught me to: get along with other people, take orders and the confidence that I could do any job assigned to me."

"My older brother Donald was my inspiration to go into the military. He served in WWII after being drafted and joined the Navy. My father served in the Army before him.

Weaver joined up after graduating from high school in Cuba, New York in 1949. "I joined the Army Air Force. Three months later they changed it to being just called the Air Force.

"Then I was in the Air Force after that," continued Weaver. "I was sent to the Rapid City Air Force Base (AFB). After 1953 the name of the base was changed to Ellsworth AFB after Brigadier General Richard E. Ellsworth who was an Air Force commander who died at the

age of 41."

Weaver's first position there was as Air Police guarding the B52 and B36 bombers. His next position was in passenger registration, keeping a log of everyone who came to and left the base.

From there, he moved on to working in base housing. "Everyone who wanted base housing came to me and I set them up and so forth."

From housing administration he went on to become the chief clerk at the base. In this job he managed many under him in different branches making sure everything went to where it supposed to go and many other details.

It was while in Rapid City that he met his wife Gloria Fechtelkoter from Carpenter. She was an elementary teacher but also volunteered as a hostess for the USO. "We both liked to dance," said Weaver of their early years of courtship. The couple was married at the Ellsworth AFB chapel right on the base. There was no honeymoon at the

time as Jim had to work the very next day after his wedding.

Weaver started out as a private, then went on to be a corporal, then a sergeant, then a staff sergeant before his time was up in May of 1954 when he was honorably discharged. Jim and Gloria lived on the base their entire married life together while in the service.

"There was a lot of action and a lot of planes going out and coming into the base. The B36s had a real long nose and was a longer plane than the B52s. A guy had to ride the brakes to keep the nose down sometimes when windy. I did that job one time - that was enough," he admitted. "They retired the B36s after I got out of the service, keeping the B52."

Weaver went on to get his college degree after being discharged and after that settled into farming in the Carpenter area in Clark County.

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Mystery Snowperson Clue
51st Annual
Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest
"I have a brother and a sister. I'm a graduate of C.H.S. over a score of years ago, where I played football and was a 'Homecoming candidate'"
Send guesses to: Erin Heiman,
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Nov. 11	19	2	.07
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2018 precipitation to date 17.76			