



## The advantage could go to the hunter this weekend

The East River Rifle Deer Season opens this Saturday, November 17 and runs through Sunday, December 2. Six hundred 'any deer' tags have been issued for Clark County.

Will the deer or the hunter have the advantage this opening weekend? "I think hunters will have an advantage this weekend," said Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen of the rifle deer season opener. "Crops are coming out. I'm speculating that more corn will be gone by Saturday," he continued, "Plus, cool temperatures and the snow always increase the mobility of the deer."

Thomsen knows that the snow could easily be gone by this weekend. "It's supposed to be chilly Saturday and a little warmer on Sunday, but from what I'm seeing and hearing it should be a pretty good opening weekend, weather-wise."

The rut is beginning, Thomsen continued, with last week being the start. "The rut is on and the deer are running, so drivers beware," said the conservation officer.

"We have deer and we have good buck sign throughout the county," said Thomsen.

Each deer season, the game warden writes tickets for shooting from the road, shooting from the vehicle and trespassing on private property. "Those are the big three," he stated, concerning violations.

Another area of emphasis is that it is illegal to bait - putting out food for deer. "Cases have really increased the last few years in this regard. Some guys don't realize that this means that salt blocks and mineral blocks are illegal. Any type of 'stuff' like this goes against 'baiting' laws."

Thomsen cautions hunters to remember hunting laws. "Many people get excited when they see a deer and forget about safety for themselves and others. If you are driving around and spot a deer, make a plan to hunt. Don't take a chance of shooting it from the road and break the law."

The game warden reiterated how important it is to ask landowner's permission to hunt. "Hunters need to plan to hunt ethically, locate their tags, wear orange, get landowner's permission, identify what you're shooting at and what's beyond and make sure you walk, don't road hunt."

"Again, my big thing is get and keep landowner respect. It really helps to know where you're at, at all times."

"I want to wish everyone a safe and successful deer season. Please contact your local Conservation Officer with any questions or if you notice something suspicious or illegal. Good luck and be safe this deer season," ended Thomsen.



A very nice crowd attended the Charters of Freedom Dedication Ceremony Sunday afternoon at Flat Iron park, in Clark.

Despite the chilly temperatures, many came bundled up and witnessed the unveiling of the Three Charters: The Declaration of Independence,

left; The U. S. Constitution, center and The Bill of Rights.

Doing the honors of unveiling The Bill of Rights are Vance Patterson of Foundation Forward and Don Ramsey, Founders Forward construction manager.

## Veterans Day 2018 is a perfect day for the Charters of Freedom Dedication Ceremony

Sunday was Veterans Day. It proved to be the perfect day for the Charters of Freedom Dedication Ceremony held at Flat Iron Park, in Clark.

The Charters of Freedom are, The Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution and The Bill of Rights.

What Clark now has are these Charters of Freedom Settings, in Flat Iron Park.

Clark American Legion member Dave Adam was a driving force to make the Charters of Freedom Set-

ting, in Clark, a reality. As the dedication neared, Adam took pride in all the work everyone had done to make this dedication day possible and he was proud of three setting dedication firsts.

This setting is the 17th nationally, the second setting west of the Mississippi River and the first setting in South Dakota.

"The three Charters of Freedom Settings dedication firsts are 1) It is the first American Legion led dedication; 2) It is the first illuminated setting dedication; and 3) It has the

highest ranking dignitary in attendance, as Governor-elect Kristi Noem will be the keynote speaker," said Adam.

All three dedications first helped make the day warmer than the actual air temperature of 15°.

Many kind, wonderful comments were aired about the high level of speakers, musicians and patriotic emotion involved with the dedication of these charter settings.

Clark American Legion Commander Rob McGraw gave the Welcome, followed by Pastor Roger

Shepherd of First Baptist Church in Clark, giving the Invocation. The Clark Legion and Vietnam Veterans presented the Colors.

The main speakers were Governor-elect Noem and Vance Patterson, who along with his wife Mary Jo are the Founders of Foundation Forward.

Noem spoke of how proud she is to be an American and a South Dakotan and she will be the first female governor of this state and she

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Junior Snow Queen Maggie Hovde, left and Senior Snow Queen Saylor Burke right, are all smiles after being crowned at the 50th annual Clark Area Snow Queen Festival on Saturday.

Hovde and Burke will now compete in their respective South Dakota Snow Queen Festivals in January in Aberdeen.

## Burke is 2019 Snow Queen

▲ Hovde crowned Junior Snow Queen

Saylor Burke was crowned the 2019 Clark Area Snow Queen at Saturday night's 50th annual Snow Queen Festival. Retiring Snow Queen, Laney Ulschmid then passed on the crown to this year's winner. Burke will represent the Clark area at the upcoming State Snow Queen Festival in January at Aberdeen.

Burke is the daughter of Ryan and Bobbi Jo Burke.

Maggie Hovde, daughter of Cheryl Hovde was crowned Junior Snow Queen by retiring queen Trinity Peterson. Hovde will represent the Clark area at the Junior Snow Queen Festival in January. First runner-up and Miss Congeniality was Grace Peterson daughter of Kyle and Jody Peterson. The second runner-up was Macy Steen, daughter of Jason and Kylie Steen and the third runner-up was Samantha Schuelke, daughter of

Chuck and Marlene Schuelke.

The emcee for the night was Terry Schlagel and Greg Marx was the Mystery Snowman.

Crowned as Little Miss was Hannah Hagstrom, daughter of Shane and Stephanie Hagstrom. Little Master was Case Hartman, son of John and Tara Hartman.

Talent winner was Hannah Heiman who entertained with a vocal solo. Sharon Stormo provided piano entertainment at the Snow Queen Festival. Also present at the festivities was Senior Citizen Snow Queen Trudi Collins.

Brandan Gehrke and Caleb Orris served as ushers during the program.

The entire program was coordinated by the Clarkettes and was sponsored by over 100 area businesses.

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## Clark ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service is Sunday

Next Thursday, November 22 is Thanksgiving. Special Thanksgiving services have been planned in the area.

In Clark, the ministerial committee of Clark decided on a Thanksgiving worship at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 18 with all members' clergy having a part in the service.

In Bradley, St. John's Lutheran will be the host to a joint Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Crocker Lutheran Church will join them for the service on November 21.

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Nov. 6	37	26	.32
Nov. 7	28	20	.01
Nov. 8	23	14	.01
Nov. 9	21	4	.04
Nov. 10	17	4	0
Nov. 11	31	14	0
Nov. 12	25	13	0
2018 precipitation to date	17.76		
2017 precipitation to date	22.83		



Clark School does an admiral job of showing thankfulness and appreciation to military veterans each Veterans Day. Celebrated November 12 at Clark School, an hour-long event celebrating Veterans Day had elementary students giving appreciative notes to the veterans. Teddy Dandurand gives his to Willie Gruenwald as Jim Weaver passes the note to Gruenwald.

## Clark School honors veterans

▲ Veterans Day Program showcases patriotism

Veterans Day 2018 marked the 100th anniversary that ended World War I. So, this was the centennial commemoration of Armistice Day, which on this day later turned to Veterans Day.

It is a great day to thank all military veterans.

"Thank You For Your Service," was heard multiple times Monday morning at the Clark School Veterans Day Program. The school 'does itself and the community proud' each year at this hour-long program - showing appreciation through patriotism to all veterans.

The entire school took part in the program and each year the program showcases musical and speaking talent, K-12, geared toward 'Thank You For Your Service'.

The Clark Concert Band led off with 'Armed Forces on Parade' followed by CHS student body president Taylor Hartley giving the 'Welcome'. After the Pledge of Allegiance the 7-12 choir sang the "Star Spangled Banner" followed by the high school choir singing "In Flanders Field".

The local veterans video, compiled by Brenda Jenkins, has be-

come a Veterans Day favorite. The video was shown following the recognition by musical medley of the branches of the Armed Services.

New this year, the elementary student council did the 'Military Child's Table Setting', followed by K-6 singing "On Veterans Day".

The Clark High School Student Council presented America's White Table Setting.

The program ended with the retiring of the flags and the veterans exited to "Americana" played by the CHS band.