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Clark School's financial situation is being very closely monitored

The financial situation of Clark School is being closely monitored by superintendent Brian Heupel and business manager Heidi Sigdestad. The gloomy financial future is not a news flash, but something that has been happening for the past decade, due to the state funding formula predicated upon student numbers, along with school's general fund volatility and many budgetary factors that aren't necessarily under the school's control. This year Clark School is projected to deficit spend by \$244,000.

down the approximate \$500,000 in reserve.

Five times, when talking opt out, Heupel used a figure of \$200,000, and closed, "We're not there yet (as far as declaring an opt out situation), but we have to plant that seed and we will be talking about our financial situation every month."

In other business:

▲ A 15-minute executive session was held to talk about a personnel matter. No action was necessary following the closed session.

▲ During the school's program showcase portion of the meeting, project-based geometry instructor Paul Streff shared with the school board about geometry and how the former Lake Area Technical Institute instructor teaches this discipline to 14 sophomores, using a hands-on approach at his P4 business building.

Also in attendance was sophomore Brady Atherton, and he told the board that he really enjoyed the ability to have a hands-on learning experience to deal with geometry class. Fourteen take project-based

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Clark Flower & Gift Shop celebrates 35 years!

"We started with glads, mums, carnations and roses as the main flowers, however in the last 35 years especially the last few years, there has been an explosion of varieties now commercially grown and available," says Melanie Smith. Melanie and her sister-in-law Linda Seefeldt have been the proprietors of the Clark Flower and Gift Shop for the past 35 years, since 1977.

The Clark Flower and Gift Shop is celebrating their 35th Anniversary in business in Clark with a Holiday Open House this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"It just doesn't seem like 35 years already," said Smith. "This really is a celebration of community pride, loyalty and togetherness."

"We all seem like family at the store," says Seefeldt, "working for the common good and doing what needs to be done at the time."

The store employs extra workers during the holidays to keep up with the extra work and demand and will continue to keep Clark in flowers and gifts as long as we're able," say the pair. "Being in a small town lets us personalize the gift giving process and our flowers speak for you when words aren't enough."

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Linda Seefeldt and Melanie Smith have seen many trends come and go and then come back again in their 35 years in business at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop. Preparing for their upcoming Holiday Open House, the store transforms into a holiday wonderland of floral arrangements, Christmas decor, jewelry and personal gifts. Standing in front of their holiday plates and dinner ware are Linda holding a rainbow rose arrangement and Melanie wearing one of their new knitted scarves and holding a light-up wall hanging.

2013 Snow Queens crowned on Saturday

Hannah Steffen was crowned the 2013 Clark Area Snow Queen at Saturday night's 44th annual Snow Queen Festival. Retiring queen, Jill Stern then passed on the crown to this year's winner. Steffen will represent Clark County at the State Snow Queen competition in January at Aberdeen.

Hannah is the daughter of Robert and Joie Steffen. First runner-up was Jamie Finstad, daughter of Susan and Steve Berg and Brad and Lisa Finstad. Steffen was also named Miss Congeniality.

Allyson Monson, daughter of Jerry and Brenda Monson was crowned Junior Snow Queen by retiring queen Skylar Welk. Monson will represent Clark County at the Junior Snow Queen Festival in January. The first runner-up in the Junior Snow Queen competition was Kathryn Paulson, daughter of Bruce and Lisa Paulson. Second runner-up was Lauren Fjelland, daughter of Todd and Susan Fjelland. Miss Congeniality was Falon Meinzer, daughter of Wayne Mendenhall and Lora Meinzer.

When the secret identity of the Myster Snowperson was revealed as Rich Foster, many in the crowd were surprised. Chelsie Gehrke however wasn't fooled as she followed and figured out the clues giv-



Senior Snow Queen Hannah Steffen, left and Junior Snow Queen Allyson Monson, flash winning smiles after being crowned Saturday. Steffen and Monson will now compete in their respective South Dakota Snow Queen Festivals in January, in Aberdeen.

en each week in the *Clark County Courier*. With Gehrke's guess of Rich Foster, she won Clark script money.

Marlou Audus was the emcee for the evening festival. Crowned as Little Miss was Ginny Warkenthien, daughter of Ryan and Loretta Warkenthien and Little Master was Alex Reil, son of Anthony and

Danielle Reil. Escorts were Tanner Helkenn and Seth Hemmingson. At the piano was Sharon Stormo. Laura Schmit helped with the lighting.

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

Thanksgiving church services planned for Wednesday

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful. It has been noted that if one would keep a gratitude journal daily, listing only three things to be grateful for, it would change one's way of thinking on a daily basis. Keeping in mind for one to look for the positives of life.

As our ancestors came together to give thanks, many churches in the area are doing the same.



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In Clark, the ministerial committee in Clark decided on a Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church on Wednesday, November 21 with all members' clergy having a part in

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Because of the nice weather deer could have the advantage

▲ Season opens Saturday, Nov. 17

"Deer are out there," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner. The East River Deer Season opens this Saturday at dawn throughout Clark County and continues through December 2, 2012. "There are some real nice bucks in the county," he said.

Hunters will have until December 2 to fill their rifle tags and at that time any unfilled deer tags and any Whitetail tags convert to antlerless permits and are valid December 29, 2012 through January 6, 2013.

"The deer population is down a little," said Lenzner and he explained that the 2010-11 winter was extremely hard on all wildlife and has had a lasting effect.

"Saturday should be an exciting day," Lenzner stated, as half the deer shot in the county this fall will be on opening day. He looks for nearly 1,000 hunters to be in the fields this weekend.

As to whether or not the hunter or the deer has the advantage, Lenzner gives the nod to the animal early on in the season if the tracking snow is gone. "Without any tracking snow the deer will sit a little longer in their beds. They have some pretty good cover. Hunters will need to make their shots count without any snow to aid in the hunt."

The forecast is for fairly nice weather this weekend, dry, with temps in the 40's and 50's, probably giving the deer the advantage

over the hunters. At this time the snow could be gone, but there could be some still around. The crops are

Deer season
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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 6	45	26	0
Nov. 7	49	24	0
Nov. 8	48	32	0
Nov. 9	42	33	.07
Nov. 10	44	16	.07
Nov. 11	21	10	tr
Nov. 12	22	8	0
2012 precipitation to date	17.64"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.16"		



Valiant effort falls short

The Region 2A volleyball championship match was almost as if it were two separate matches, with Sioux Valley winning the first two games and then Clark-Willow Lake winning the next two contests forcing a decisive fifth game.

The Sioux Valley Cossacks scored the final four points to claim the championship.

Above, Chynna Stevens, right, consoles her teammates Janelle Paulson, Alix Katz, Laura Alexander and Savannah Hovde. For more on Region 2A, turn to page 6.



Veterans Day program is well received at Clark School

Veterans Day is a day for remembering. A day to pay respects for those who have served.

Monday, at Clark School, the Veterans Day program was held for this very purpose, and those in attendance honored the military veterans and the veterans in attendance felt honored as military hymns were played and sung by Clark School students.

The program included: Welcome by student body president Jamie Finstad; Posting of the Colors by the Clark Boy Scouts; Star Spangled Banner was sung by the All State Choir members under the direction of Stacy Andersen; a video presentation entitled Armed Forces Melody; America was sung by the high school choir with Stacy Andersen direct-

ing; the keynote speaker was Bob Paschen; *Grateful Nation* was sung by the K-6th grade choir with Stacy Andersen directing; the fifth and sixth grade band under the direction of Lola Bartels played *God Bless America*; Brenda Jenkins gave a video tribute to veterans and a combined band and choir selection entitled *Within These Hallowed Halls* narrated by Greg Furness completed the program.

As veterans reflect during the National Anthem, pictured, front row left to right are Terry Latunski, Stan Jongbloed, DuWayne Wallen, Don Syvertsen and Bob Schlueter. Hunter Jones is the Clark Boy Scout in the foreground.