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Deer hunting season begins Saturday



Junior Snow Queen Trinity Peterson, left and Senior Snow Queen Laney Ulschmid, right, are all smiles after being crowned at the 49th annual Clark Area Snow Queen Festival on Saturday. Peterson and Ulschmid will now compete in their respective South Dakota Snow Queen Festivals in January in Aberdeen.

Ulschmid is 2018 Snow Queen

▲ Peterson crowned Junior Snow Queen

Laney Ulschmid was crowned the 2018 Clark Area Snow Queen at Saturday night's 49th annual Snow Queen Festival. Retiring first runner-up, Lacey Waage then passed on the crown to his year's winner. Ulschmid will represent the Clark area at the upcoming State Snow Queen Festival in January at Aber-

deen. Ulschmid is the daughter of Kathy Ulschmid. First runner-up was Alexandria Thomas, daughter of Chad and Tara Thomas and Miss Congeniality was Mackenzie Lutz, daughter of Teresa and Ron Lutz.

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It's 40th Anniversary time at Clark Flower & Gift

It's very difficult to believe that Clark Flower and Gift Shop is celebrating 40 years on Commercial Street, in Clark!

"We've met many new friends over the years and are grateful to have been able to serve the community for the past 40 years," says Melanie Smith, who in partnership with Linda Seefeldt, have been the proprietors of the Clark Flower and Gift Shop in downtown Clark since 1977.

Said Linda, "In this upcoming season of comfort and joy, I think flowers express that feeling year 'round."

The two sisters-in-law, (Linda is married to Melanie's brother, Merritt) started the business back in 1977. They took over the flower business from Alice Keating, who followed in her mothers footsteps, Mattie Briggs, in selling fresh flowers to the public in Clark.

On September 1, 1977, the two former school teachers from Bradley and Hamlin, tried their new venture opening Clark Flower and Gift in the Knutson building. The Knutson building was located where the Ulyot building is now.

After two years, they moved over to the former Gambles store, where they reside at the present.

Chronologically, are the events and store happenings and additions as the business has grown over the years.

September 1, 1977



Melanie Smith, left and Linda Seefeldt celebrate 40 years in the flower business this weekend with their three day open house to kick off the Christmas season. Melanie holds a pair of Christmas arrangements and Linda is holding a dozen roses.

Going on four decades, the two sisters-in-law and former teachers, have 'changed with the times' and have sent flowers and Dakota Care packages to customers in all 50 states.

Began business, selling flowers and plants. Plants are big nationwide, but varieties are limited. Over the years, many new plants became available.

October 1979

Moved to current location. Added giftware, china, stoneware,

crystal goblets and flatware to the inventory in 1980 and 1981.

1982

Began the Bridal Registry program.

1983

Completed the course in etiquette table setting and customer service to become registered Bridal

Consultants.

Mid 1980s

Added an extensive line of greeting cards and Black Hills Gold jewelry. Silk flowers have become realistic and they added a large amount. Many new varieties of fresh flowers became available, new colors of old standards increase and so does the lasting quality.

1985

Received the Bronze Promotion Award from Gifts and Decorative Accessories magazine. The award was based on all promotions and advertising done in the bridal department in 1984. They went to New York to receive the plaque at an awards dinner in August.

1986

Added some South Dakota products.

1987

Trademarked the name Dakota Care packages for gift assortments of South Dakota products.

1988

Received the Bronze promotion award from Gifts and Decorative Accessories magazine for Dakota Care package promotions. Took their children to New York for the awards dinner.

Early 90's

Frames became a nation-wide hit. The shop now carries frames from six companies and innovative

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Patriotism at its finest is on display at Veterans Day school programs all throughout America. At Clark School Friday, students in grades K-6

sang "America the Beautiful" and choreographed this great song with red, white and blue paper plates.

Clark School honors veterans

▲ Veterans Day Program showcases patriotism

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 Friday, with Veterans Day on Saturday, No-

vember 11.

The entire school took part in the program and each year the program showcases talent, K-12, in thanking the veterans. The Baker Unit 209 of Raymond donated poppies to all the students in grades kindergarten to sixth grade.

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 on Parade" and "Star Spangled Banner".

Student council president Bradyn Rusher gave welcoming and closing remarks.

Students in the elementary and the senior class presented "We the

People" and the elementary choir sang "America the Beautiful" with red, white and blue paper plates paying tribute to the flag.

Members of each branch of the United States military stood and were honored with the playing of "Armed Forces Medley". Brenda

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School board begins looking at the 2018-2019 calendar

November is the month when the Clark School Board begins its preliminary look at the 2018-19 school calendar.

In past years, starting and ending dates were matters of contention, but at Monday's meeting of the Clark School Board, the Christmas break, inservice dates and whether or not spring conferences will be held in 2018-19 were all discussion points.

Superintendent Luanne Warren shared with the board parent/teacher conference participation numbers, both spring and fall from the last several years. Elementary parent participation is strong and it was suggested by the board that maybe a scheduling system would help for middle school conferences so parents wouldn't have to wait so long to see the teacher.

The participation problem hits a big snag in the high school, as Warren reported some teachers saw few parents at conferences this past month.

The administration, teachers and board will be seeing what can and should be done, to help in this communication process between parents and the school.

Elementary parent conference numbers, Warren reported, were at the 95 percent mark, between 65-100 percent in the middle school and below thirty-three percent in the high school.

As the board began preliminary calendar work, the discussion was about the two days, Thursday and Friday off right before Labor Day for the State Fair would be a good thing; how many days the Christmas break should be; would there be spring parent/teacher conferences, K-12 and how should they be scheduled; and when should the inservices be in October and January.

In the showcase of the school segment, junior Tavie Guzman pre-

sented her 'speak out for FCCLA project', which she will be presenting this weekend in Oklahoma City, Okla. Guzman, along with advisor Tammie Paulson and the CHS trivia team will all be going to Oklahoma City.

Business teacher Jerome Neshheim was next on the showcase our school agenda, telling the board about the senior economics class on personal finance. The class simulates real life financial experiences, everything from savings, budget, debt, insurance and investing. The students also compete daily in a stock market game, not for real money, but based on points on how the investments are doing in the market.

In other business:

▲ The board approved a school election date of June 19, if necessary. Board members Trudi Galkowski and Nathan Luvaas are up for three-year terms this year.

▲ The high school electricity problem is getting fixed and should be completed soon, said Warren. She reported that three of the 10 panels were okay, or unharmed.

▲ Johnson Controls panels will be coming out of the school, being replaced by new equipment.

▲ The playground update was given by Warren and she was very appreciative of Mr. Janisch and the FFA students for the installation. Wood chips/borders will be placed in the spring, she commented and noted that the pea rock, thanks to city help, is now at the sports complex area. It had been the base of the elementary playground.

▲ Business manager Mary Nelson reported that the audit is now complete.

▲ Principal Jerry Hartley reported on several items: the data retreat

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Clark ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service is Sunday

Next Thursday, November 23 is Thanksgiving. Special Thanksgiving services have been planned in the area.

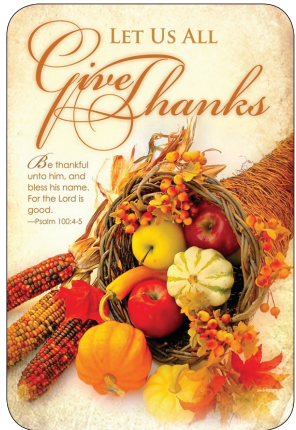
In Clark, the ministerial committee of Clark decided on a Thanksgiving worship at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 19 with all members' clergy having a part in the service.

In Raymond, members of Peace Lutheran Church will join members at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a service to be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday, November 22.

Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.

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 22.

The Willow Lake Evangelical Church will have their Thanksgiving worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22.



The advantage could go to the deer this weekend

The East River Rifle Deer Season opens this Saturday, November 18 and runs through Sunday, December 3. Six hundred 'any deer' tags have been issued for Clark County. The 'only antlerless' tags are valid from Dec. 30 through Jan. 7.

Will the deer or the hunter have the advantage this opening weekend? "Saturday won't be real easy for the hunter because of the windy conditions that are predicted," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner. "Sunday looks better for the hunter."

The forecast for Saturday is a high of 33° and windy. The wind

isn't to be as prevalent Sunday, allowing for better hunting conditions, in Lenzner's opinion. It doesn't look as if there will be any snow between now and this weekend.

Lenzner then noted that there still is quite a bit of corn in the field. "That should spread the deer out a little more than if the corn was out," he stated, and added that the rut is in place, but spread out.

"The rut has been there for at least a week, but we still will have rutting activity this weekend."

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It is important to clarify the retention pond story from last week. The retention pond is not completed...but it is operational and in use by the city of Clark.

The Clark County Courier takes pride in covering meetings with credibility and competency. We apologize for this inaccuracy. Again, the retention pond is now

operational and the entire project, such as the wetlands areas will not be completed until 2018.

We have been attempting an engineer source for this story, but to date, have not succeeded. We are still working on this and hopefully will have a retention pond story in an upcoming issue.