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The hometown newspaper of Nancy Worth, Sioux Falls, SD

Mildred Olson to join the Century Club



Millie Olson

Millie Olson can recall when they had one single light bulb hanging over their kitchen table and that was the only electricity in the house.

"And we appreciated it, I tell ya," noted Olson who added that every electrical appliance that appeared in the home was very welcome and a big help in life. Gas and kerosene lanterns and before them - candles - were the only light sources in the evenings before electricity.

"My mother told me that I was the little fat turkey born on Thanksgiving that year in 1917," stated Olson who seems to have inherited her mother's sense of humor.

'Millie' was the third of nine children born to John and Mary (Schoeberl) Lentsch. The siblings

were Katherine, Dorothy, Mildred, Caroline, Urban, Henry, Robert and Richard and Kenneth.

After the twins were born - Robert and Richard, Mildred and her sister Dorothy were a great help to their mother. "I had Richard 'Dick' and Dorothy had Robert and we kinda raised them while our mother was so busy with her chores. I was about eight when the twins were born and Dorothy a little older. We had such fun with them," stated Olson. "We were always such good friends when we were older, Dick and I."

Of all her siblings, Olson has one brother still living which is younger brother Henry of Sioux Falls.

Early years

Olson's early years were spent in Winfred. Her parents John and Mary had the jobs of running a butcher shop and a stay at home mom. They later moved to a farm near Winfred when Mildred was in the fifth grade.

Being more of an outdoor girl, she soon learned to do farm chores, such as milking cows, feeding pigs and feeding chickens. Her mother's big garden also needed weeding and harvesting with the family's help.

Driving a two horse team pulling a one row cultivator helped her father out in the fields. "You controlled it with your feet," she said of the farm equipment.

Olson enjoyed school and also en-

Olson

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Have a Happy Thanksgiving on Thursday!

If Ben Franklin would have had his way in the early days of our country, the turkey, not the eagle, would be our national bird.

Turkeys are in the news this week as nine out of 10 households will celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, with turkey as the main course.

These turkeys reside at Gary Hagstrom's residence, northwest of Clark. Hagstrom has had turkeys for years and he even has a wild turkey that joins his flock every winter.

Happy Turkey Day!

"Giving Thanks" - through the eyes of a fourth grader



Teacher Bobbi Bohnet's fourth graders at Clark Elementary shared with the *Clark County Courier* what they are thankful for this holiday season.

In the back row, left to right are: Mylee Weets, Jarrett Maynard, Lincoln Reidburn, Jerome Enboden, Leah Nelson, Gracie Luvaas, CJ Hart, Michael Sev-

erson and Zoey Helkenn. In the middle are: Oliver Reitz, Gage Imberi, Logan Parker, Damian Severson, Hudson Krogman, Tye McGraw, Logan Seefeldt and Kaden Janisch. In the front are: Aleisha Naze, Atticus Stiefel, Julian McElhone, Yeleiney Ramirez, William Hovde, Lucas Zemlicka and Shawna Thonvold.

Being thankful and showing gratitude is what the first Thanksgiving was all about. The *Courier* asked 24 fourth grade students what they were thankful for in addition to their parents and siblings (as everyone appreciates them). Here are the answers of Clark Elementary's fourth grade class. Bobbi Bohnet is the fourth grade teacher.

Oliver Reitz, son of Sandy Reitz - "I'm thankful for God, my house, my clothes, heat and my yard to play in."

Michael Severson, son of Michelle Severson and Jason Severson - "I'm thankful for a good education and I'm thankful for good food and water to drink."

Lucas Zemlicka, son of Andrew and Melissa Zemlicka - "I'm thankful for my house and all of the stuff on our farm, the food, pies and decorations for Thanksgiving and for my uncles and cousins."

Jarrett Maynard, son of Jory and Shawna Maynard - "I'm thankful I can go to school, for having a roof over my head, having clothes on to wear and getting food to eat."

Aleisha Naze, daughter of Kevin and Anita Naze - "I'm thankful for my pets, for love, the Lord, things to share, things to do, a roof over my head, the place I live and for the country I live in."

Jerome Enboden, son of Katie Patenode and Tyrone Enboden - "I'm thankful for warm clothes that we have, a roof over my head, our veterans because they protect us and God because he made us."

Yeleiney Ramirez, daughter of Rosa Gonzales - "Besides my family I'm thankful for my food, heat in our house, shelter, my clothes and for shoes to wear."

Hudson Krogman, son of Calvin and Jordan Krogman - "I'm thankful for a big home to live in, for really good food and our new dog named Theodosia. She's a Saint Bernard and she's gonna be a lot bigger by Christmas."

MyLee Weets, daughter of Darin and Jamie Weets - "I'm thankful that we have the right to go to school, that we have the freedom

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Decent opener to East River rifle deer season

"It seemed a little better this year," said Clark County GF&P Conservation Officer Kyle Lenzner of the East River deer season rifle opener. "It was a decent opener. Sounds like hunters saw deer."

Saturday was cold and windy and Sunday was pretty nice, weather-wise, but Lenzner thought Saturday and Sunday were pretty equal when it came to deer harvest results.

"Hunters did pretty well on Saturday," Lenzner stated, as the first day is when the hunter goes to that location where he can find or has seen, that big buck.

"Some nice bucks went out," he continued. If hunters haven't gotten their deer yet, the Thanksgiving weekend looks promising, weather-wise. "We will have very good hunting opportunities the rest of this week and this weekend."

Deer season (continued on page 7)



Controlled burn done by Clark Fire Department on Sunday

Sunday was a very good day for the Clark Fire Department to schedule a prescribed, controlled burn on the east edge of Clark.

Clark Fire Chief Shane Hagstrom called for the prescribed burning and pictured are Roger Collins and Mike Geise, just west of the former McCains plant.

Kaufman ties for 8th in Naples

Kim Kaufman



Clark native Kim Kaufman closed out the LPGA Tour season in a big way over the weekend. She tied for eighth in the CME Group Tour Championship at Naples, Fla.

Kaufman fired an 8-under-par 64 on Saturday and followed with a 1-under 71 on Sunday to finish the tournament at 11-under 277 (70-72-64-71). She earned \$53,085 and finished the season with earnings of \$326,459. This was her second Top 10 finish of the season.

Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand won the tourney with birdies on her last two holes Sunday. Jutanugarn finished with a 15-under 273 (68, 71, 67, 67).

TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 14	---	---	---
Nov. 15	---	---	---
Nov. 16	---	---	---
Nov. 17	42	21	0
Nov. 18	30	16	0
Nov. 19	48	20	0
Nov. 20	53	14	0
2017 precipitation to date	22.76		
2016 precipitation to date	19.19		

School Christmas concerts upcoming

School Christmas concerts have been planned at Clark and Willow Lake.

At Clark, on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. grades preschool through fourth grade will present their music concert at the Clark High School gym.

A week later, on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., fifth grade through 12th grade will have their Christmas music concert in the CHS gym.

At Willow Lake, the All-School Christmas music concert is set for Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

In Henry, the PK-fourth grade music concert will be on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry School gym. On Thursday, December 14, also at 7:00 p.m. is the fifth through 12th grade Christmas concert.

Shop locally this Saturday, Nov. 25

This Saturday, November 25, the Clark Chamber of Commerce will continue to join with other small towns across America in celebrating small-town businesses with its 'Small Business Saturday' promotion.

Chamber co-chairman Melanie Smith commented, "We always want our town to be vibrant, look good and continue with growth. Every dollar that you spend here, stays here, supports the local tax base and helps Clark grow."

Special Thanksgiving services planned

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. Many area special Thanksgiving Services have already been held. Those set for tonight include:

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 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.

Courthouse displays Christmas trees

Starting in 2000, the Clark County Courthouse has been home to a Christmas tree display, the entire month of December.

The trees should be set up after Thanksgiving and remain on display until after Christmas or the New Year. Those who participate may use any theme they wish to decorate their tree.

The Clark County Commissioners and courthouse employees urge businesses, clubs and church groups, if interested, to be part of this display. Just contact the Clark County Extension office at 532-3681 to get your tree a spot in the display.