



Christmas  
in Clark

2022

Clark, South Dakota

Chamber has many "home town promotions"

Christmas season 2022 will be upon us, as Thanksgiving is tomorrow. This holiday season will be a great opportunity to support your local retailers and therefore benefit the entire economic community.

With a fairly late Thanksgiving this year, many Christmas promotions have already begun or are set to begin. Collect your Chamber holiday punch cards from Clark Chamber businesses, as this promotion begins Saturday, November 26 and ends Thursday, December 22. When your card is full drop off in a box located at Ken's Food Fair and receive a chance to win Clark Bucks during Christmas in Clark.

### Small Business Saturday

This Saturday, November 26, 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.

Small Business Saturday is positioned between Black Friday and Cyber Monday and Small Business Saturday allows us to use our holiday shopping dollars to recognize the importance of small businesses and the contributions they make to our communities and our county's economy.

For Small Business Saturday on November 26, the Clark Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Vendor Fair at the Clark American Legion and City Hall, and Cocoa Crawl beginning at Backroads Floral/ Jade & Co.

### Christmas in Clark

Another Great Day in Clark is being planned by the Clark Chamber for Christmas in Clark on December 10. From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. there will be children's activities in the Clark American Legion Hall. Find the Grinch will be an activity to participate in by searching participating local business to find the Grinch for prizes. Catie K will be providing photo opportunities for families.

A 'Lighted Parade' will take place Dec. 10 at 6:00 p.m. This parade is being sponsored by the Clark Area Chamber of Commerce. The parade will start at the elementary school and end on the east side of Gas Plus. The theme for the lighted parade is 'Christmas Movies/ TV shows' but it is not necessary to follow the theme. Flat Iron Park will also be decorated by participating local businesses.

### Courthouse Christmas Trees

The Clark County Courthouse Christmas Tree display is happening. Local businesses are invited to participate by decorating a tree for the courthouse that will be on display from Thanksgiving until after Christmas.



## Waylan Olson selected to North Area Honor Band

Clark High School sophomore Waylan Olson has been selected to partake in this year's North Area Honor Band.

Olson started playing the B flat clarinet in fifth grade and now plays the bass clarinet. Clark High School band director Amy Nelson is able to choose students who she feels excel at their instruments and then the students go through a try-out process. "It is rare for them to select freshmen or sophomore band members, so it is an incredible honor for Waylan to have been chosen," said Nelson.

"I'm looking forward to playing with a different band, who are considered some of the best in my age group," said Olson. He chose the clarinet because both his mother and grandmother played clarinet, so he considers it to be passed down to him. "Waylan puts several hours into practicing and getting better at his instrument, and that is why he was chosen to play with the group of high caliber players in the honor band," Nelson added.

## Clark Lewis Drug pharmacy broken into Saturday night

The Clark Lewis Drug pharmacy was burglarized overnight Saturday, according to the Clark Police Department.

The business, located at 211 N. Commercial St., reported the burglary to police Sunday morning.

Clark Chief of Police told the *Clark County Courier* that an undisclosed amount of drugs and money were taken.

"The business is doing inventory right now to determine exactly what was taken," Wellnitz said. "The case is under investigation, and we are working on several leads."



## Turkey time has come again!

Thanksgiving is tomorrow. As tradition has it, families will gather on Thanksgiving to enjoy a meal together. Turkey is generally the star of a Thanksgiving feast. However, the wild turkeys pictured above are lucky this year having not wound up on someone's

table for Thanksgiving. They were photographed foraging for food amongst the trees 10 miles north of Clark. Have a Happy Thanksgiving from the *Clark County Courier*!

## The National Day of Giving is Tuesday

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is National Day of Giving. Only a decade old, it is a National Day of Giving, with local connotations.

The Clark Area Community Foundation, Clark Rotary, Clark Lions and local churches are participating this year in the fourth annual Day of Giving set for November 29. Organizations across the nation unite to celebrate generosity before the sun comes up and well after the sun goes down by asking their community of supporters to, together, raise as much money as humanly possible. All the money will stay in Clark County to help a community need or go to your favorite organization, as appreciation for all the hard work they have done in the community.

Clark Area Community Foundation President Gayle Wookey stated that this is a big day for community support. "People are contributing, and people also are mentoring their favorite non-profit organizations where they would like the monies to go. Local contributions are very important to the well-being of the

community. The State of South Dakota Community Foundation has gift incentives set up to help with donations from generous citizens and residents."

In Clark, for the National Day of Giving, churches are having a bake sale, the Lookout has a pizza discount, the Lions Club is having a pancake feed, the Clark Rotary and Clark Area Community Foundation are having a burger feed.

There are three Clark High School students that are also members of the Clark Area Community Foundation including Summer Seefeldt, Neveah Rusher and Conner Mudgett. The Clark Elementary has 'penny cans' set up in every classroom, and the class that has the most pennies will be awarded with a pizza party. All the pennies go to the National Day of Giving.

"This is our fourth year of celebrating in Clark the National Day of Giving. Our goal for 2023 is actually to do something on that day!"

Clark Cemetery has also used this time frame for donations to the National Day of Giving.

## Conservation rangeland project to begin in Clark County

Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) Project Rangeland Restoration Initiative will soon be underway in Clark, S.D., serving the community and improving land quality. This five year project is one of 12 selected in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and federally-funded through the NRCS conservation programs in the 2018 Farm Bill. The purpose of this project is to improve the overall health of native rangelands in Clark County and will be implemented by the USDA-NRCS, Ducks Unlimited, the S.D. Soil Health Coalition, the S.D. Grassland Coalition, and S.D. State University Extension in collaboration with farmers, ranchers and landowners.

Farmers, ranchers and landowners with native range to improve or cropland to seed to grass within the following townships are eligible to apply for financial assistance: Collins, Lake, Merton, Rosedale, Hague, Richland, Darlington, Fordham, Lincoln, Logan,

Garfield, Raymond, Ash, Woodland, Thorp, Maydell, Blaine, Cottonwood, Spring Valley and Warren. The final day to apply for consideration this FY is December 16, 2022. The NRCS conservation specialists and partners are coordinating these projects throughout the

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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer

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November 15.....	25	20	0
November 16.....	23	13	0.05
November 17.....	27	10	0.01
November 18.....	19	2	0.03
November 19.....	23	1	0.01
November 20.....	19	13	0
November 21.....	30	18	0
2022 precipitation to date	20.30		
2021 precipitation to date	24.16		



Current Junior Snow Queen Samantha Brenden, left and Senior Snow Queen Teagan Ortberg will relinquish their titles this Saturday. The 2022 Snow Queen Festival is set for 7:00 p.m.

## Snow Queen Festival is Saturday

The Clark Area Snow Queen Festival is set for this Saturday.

The senior Snow Queen contestants are: Avery Miles, Jozie Hyatt and Kayla Jordan.

The junior Snow Queen contestants are: Cadence Bochek, Olivia Fuller, Zoe Nichols, Zoey Helkenn and Ella Vandersnick.

All former Clark Area Senior Snow Queens: Barbara Warkenthien 1970; Margaret Hess 1971; Jean Olverson 1972; Pam Obermeier 1973; Penny Heig 1974; Debra Gully 1975; Judy Linneman 1976; Theresa Patnoe 1977; Jenny Kirkeby 1978; Robin Neal 1979; Crystal Fletcher 1980; Natalie Sundvold 1981; Sandy Linneman 1982; Diane Schlueter 1983; Lynn Baldwin 1984; Mary Chapin 1985; Amy Mahlen 1989; Amy Lane 1990; Cindy Berens 1991; Myra Chapin 1992; Gwen Warkenthien 1993; Angel Paulson 1994; Heidi Pommer 1995; Stacy Mohr 1996; Cris Pollock 1997; Brandis Graves 1998; Jenny Roehrich 1999; Courtney

Neill 2000; Cindy West 2001; Abby Monns 2002; Nicole Cornelius 2003; Kandice Hanley 2004; Amanda Gill 2005; Samantha McGraw 2006; Michelle Hollatz 2007; Laura Warkenthien 2008; Arielle Slobotski 2009; Amanda Nelson 2010; Andrea Paulson 2011; Jill Stern 2012; Hannah Steffen 2013; Annabell Ryan 2014; Brooke Reidburn 2015; Kathryn Paulson 2016; Jacey Nelson 2017; Laney Ulschmid 2018; Saylor Burke 2019; Saylor Burke 2020; Tianna Tschetter 2021; Teagan Ortberg 2022.

### Mystery Snowperson Clue

54th Annual  
Snow Queen Festival  
Mystery Snowperson Contest  
Frosty says: "The initials P.S. and P.A. are very important to me."

Send guesses to: Erin Heiman,  
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