



## Christmas in Clark

# 2021

### Clark, South Dakota

Chamber has many "home town promotions"

Christmas season 2021 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 27 and ends Wednesday, 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 27, 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 27, the Clark Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Vendor Fair and Cocoa Crawl at the Clark American Legion and Christmas Tree Lighting in Flat Iron Park at 6:00 p.m.

#### Christmas in Clark

Another Great Day in Clark is being planned by the Clark Chamber for Christmas in Clark on December 11. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. there will be children's activities in the Clark American Legion Hall. Some of the activities for the day are: cocoa stand, live nativity scene, find the elf in participating businesses and Catie K will be providing photo opportunities for families.

A 'Lighted Parade' will take place Dec. 11 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 'Toyland' but it is not necessary to follow the theme.

#### Courthouse Christmas Trees

The Clark County Courthouse Christmas Tree display is back! This year, courthouse officials are bringing back the tree display with a non-perishable food item contest.

The 'Golden Gnome' will go to the winner of the tree with the most food items for the local Clark ICAP. The Courthouse Open House is December 13-15. The 'Golden Gnome' winner will be announced December 28.

## Special session held by city for two public hearings

▲ Chicken ordinance vote is December 9

Two public hearing were the reason the City of Clark called a special meeting for Thursday, November 18, at the Ullyot Building.

The first public hearing was for discussion regarding Ordinance #575, referred to as 'The Chicken Ordinance'.

The council, acting as the Planning Commission, recommended approval of this ordinance. The second reading, or final passage will occur Thursday, December 9, at the December City council meeting. This December meeting had been scheduled for the usual date, the first Monday of the month, Dec. 6, but was changed as the school Christmas concert is on that date.

Adam and Allison Imberi and son Gage were the lone 'Chicken Ordinance' proponents to attend the public hearing. No opponents were in attendance.

In a nutshell, the ordinance states: Harboring no more than eight chickens:

1. No person shall possess, own, house, harbor, care for, exercise control over, raise, confine, or keep any male chickens (rooster) or guinea hens within any Residential District in the City of Clark.

2. No person shall possess, own, house, harbor, care for, exercise control over, raise, confine, keep, or knowingly permit more than eight (8) hens within any Residential District in the City of Clark.

3. No person shall allow any chicken to run at large within the City of Clark.

4. Chickens are required to be housed in a coup approved by the board of adjustment.

5. The yard in which the coup is located shall be enclosed.

6. The property where a conditional use permit has been granted for housing, harboring, care for, raising, or keeping of chickens is

subject to warranted and unwarranted inspections.

The next public hearing was for discussion regarding the State Water Plan.

The City of Clark approved the submission, by resolution, of an application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the project.

The applications are due by January, 2022 and the applications will be presented for funding in late March.

First Planning District representatives Greg Maag and Christine Crouse explained the funding application process along with Helms and Associate engineer Brandon Smid.

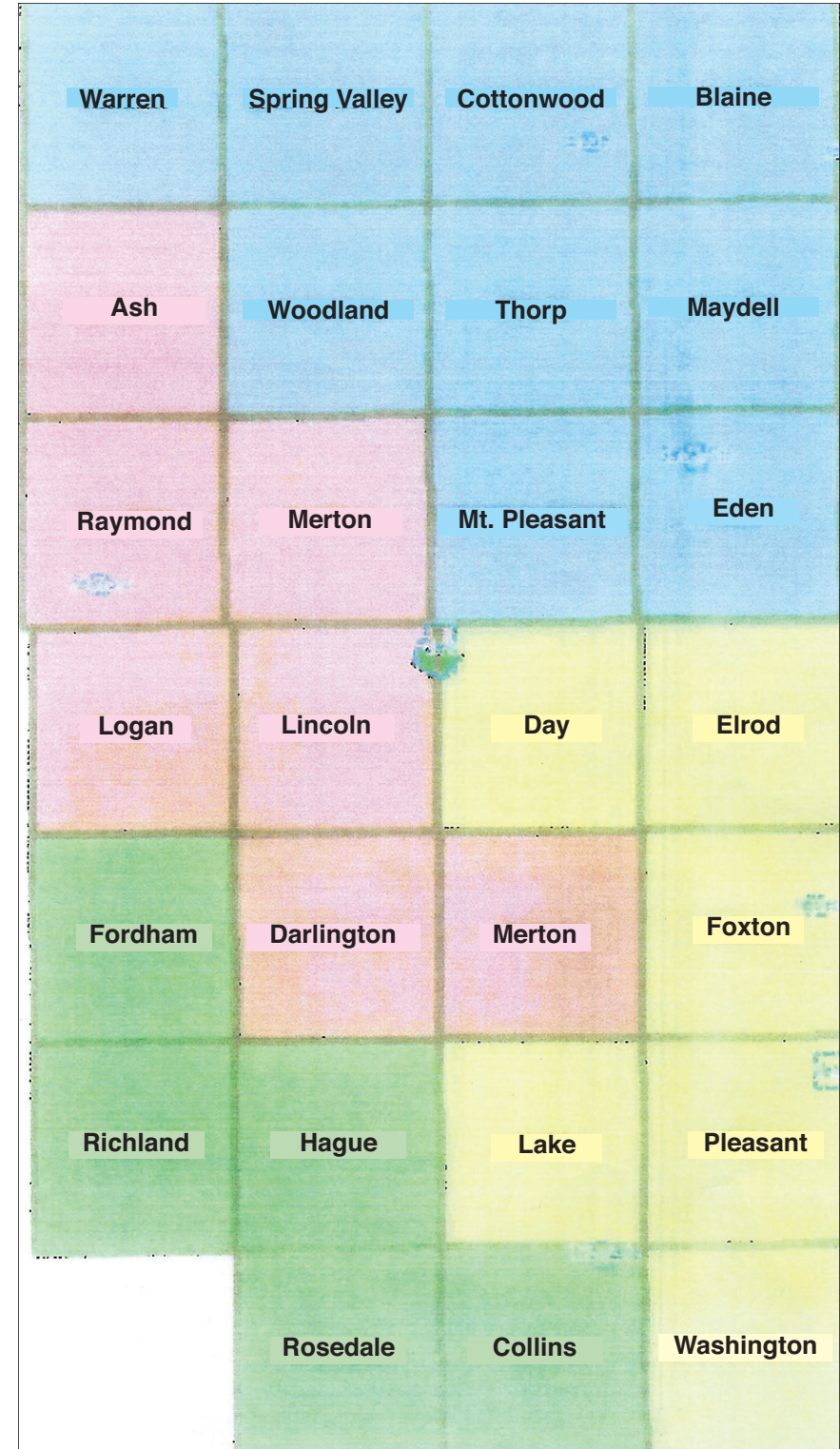
Maag explained that at this time around there are quite a few applicants, 200, which will amount to more than three billion dollars in application funding. There is not nearly that amount of funds available.

Maag explained that loans, grants and water rates are all interconnected and at this point the council is doing nothing more than putting in the application for funding.

When the funding decision is made next March, the city council will have the ability to accept or reject the funding.

The council will decide at that time, based on project affordability and how high the water rates will increase, as to whether or not to continue with a city-wide water project.

Before adjournment, the council transferred \$5,000 in funds for picnic tables and approved the 2020 city audit report.



## County districts change every 10 years

After discussion time spent, this is the proposed re-districting map of the five Clark County Board of Commissioners districts. Complying with the 2020 census changes, there will be a hearing on Tuesday, December 7, during the commissioner's meeting regarding these changes.

District 1 - Green. District 2 - Blue. District 3 - Pink, Ward III of City of Clark. District 4 - Ward I and Ward II City of Clark. District 5 - Yellow.



Chris Stromsness bagged this buck northwest of Clark, Saturday, on the opening day of the East River rifle season.

## Good opener to the deer season

"I think the East River rifle season opening weekend was pretty moderate and routine, which is good," said Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen.

"I saw many hunters this weekend," said Thomsen. "Some got their deer early, while others wanted to play the waiting game. Some really good deer were harvested this weekend."

Thomsen reported that minimal violation calls came his way. Whether it was because it was a great weather-wise opener, or the

Deer season (continued on page 3)

## COVID-19 numbers on the rise

South Dakota active COVID-19 cases increased to 6,865 on Monday, the South Dakota Department of Health reported.

There were four new deaths reported, bringing the total to 2,309. Current hospitalizations are at 230, down from Friday (234). Total hospitalizations are at 8,271, up from Friday (8,252).

Total recovered cases are now at 153,616, up from Friday (153,250).

The DOH currently reports total tests each day. There have been 1,681,312 total tests reported as of Monday, up 3,839 from 1,677,473 total tests reported on Friday. It was the 15th day in a row for active cases to increase.

The latest seven-day PCR test positivity rate for the state is 15.6% for Nov. 12-18. Of South Dakota's 66 counties, 65 are listed as having "high" or "substantial" community spread. "High" community spread is 100 cases or greater per 100,000 or a 10% or greater PCR test positivity rate.

There have been 893 Delta vari-

COVID-19 (continued on page 6)

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 16.....	40	32	0
Nov. 17.....	51	30	0
Nov. 18.....	34	21	0
Nov. 19.....	34	22	0
Nov. 20.....	45	32	0
Nov. 21.....	38	26	0
Nov. 22.....	27	16	0
2021 precipitation to date	24.16		
2020 precipitation to date	18.21		



Current Junior Snow Queen Emma Peterson, left and Senior Snow Queen Tianna Tschetter will relinquish their titles this Sunday. The 2022 Snow Queen Festival is set for 7:00 p.m.

## Snow Queen Festival is Sunday

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

The senior Snow Queen contestants are: Macy Steen, Maggie Hovde and Teagan Ortberg.

The junior Snow Queen contestants are: Samantha Brenden, Talyn Ortberg, Hannah Heiman, Reganne Miles, Kaylyn Hofer, Valley Roebke and Nora Terhark.

It has been awhile since the Clark County Courier has listed 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; Lori Paulson 1986; Sara Jo Wheeler 1987; Amy Schuster 1988; 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 Monnens 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; Joice Nelson 2017; Laney Ulschmid 2018; Saylor Burke 2019; Saylor Burke 2020; Tianna Tschetter 2021.

**Mystery Snowperson Clue**  
53rd Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

Frosty says: "I'm fond of dogs, not cats; I have worked at ubc; about 25 years ago I came from the north Country"

Send guesses to: Erin Heiman, 17746 426th Ave., Clark, SD 57225 or email: clarksnowqueen@gmail.com