



Raegan Florey's kindergarten class members are holding their Thanksgiving art work made together for the upcoming holiday. Below are their answers when asked details on the cooking and menu of their family Thanksgiving celebrations.

In the back row, left to right are, Erick Arthur, Luis Altunar, Noah Woodland, Ava Meier, Blakely Hallberg, Blake Severson and Aysling Forest.

In the front row, left to right are, Anakalia Bokinskie, Willow Lenzen, Abbie Olson, Thea Mohr and Peyton Hardy. Not pictured but included in the interviews is Jeremiah Muilenburg.



In the second photo, Stephanie Hagstrom's kindergarten class members shared with the Clark County Courier last week, details of their family's upcoming Thanksgiving dinners. Some also shared their colorful turkeys they made recently.

In the back row, left to right are, Declan Oster, Kamden Werdel, Finley Morehouse, Ryker Lamb, Santiago Culhuac, Roland Beving and Thomas Dandurand.

In the front row are, Allie Schmidt, Bayler Hurlbut, Berkley Herr, Alayna Reppe, Ashlynn Peterson and Ava Werdel. Not pictured but included in the interview is Alice Ringo.

Kindergarten students tell us about the Thanksgiving dinner

To help celebrate Thanksgiving which lands on November 26 this year, the Clark County Courier asked Clark's kindergarten students several questions about the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The youngsters did their best in guessing the temperatures and length of time it takes to cook the traditional turkey, what foods they have with the meal and their favorites. Below are their answers.

Erick Arthur - son of Stephanie and James Arthur. Erick stated his mom and dad can cook the meal but it is usually his mom. It weighs like 20 pounds and is cooked at 15 degrees in the oven for like 40 minutes. Along with their turkey they will have bread and butter and some soup. He added that probably almost his whole family will come and they will have a big feast because his house is pretty big. He would like candy at the meal, but

won't be eating too much because it will give him a tummy ache.

Anakalia Bokinskie - daughter of Melody and Chris Bokinskie. She said that her mom and dad both cook the meal. The turkey weighs, she guesses, about 40 pounds. It will be cooked at 20 degrees for three or one hour(s). The foods they will have with it are probably lettuce, some tomatoes and there could be some sunflower seeds. She would add more lettuce to the

Thanksgiving dinner.

Aysling Forest - daughter of Candra and Jared Forest. Aysling says she likes to help her mom and 'Nina Monica' cook the turkey. It weighs six pounds and is cooked on warm for a couple minutes - maybe five minutes. They have potatoes, orange juice and sometimes green beans. She would add Jello to the meal if she could.

Blakely Hallberg - daughter of Aleigha and Jordan Hallberg. She

claims her mom and dad cook the meal and she sometimes helps. Their turkey weighs three pounds and is cooked at eight degrees on 'hot' for 10 seconds. They usually have corn, broccoli, bread and milk with the meal. If she had her way - they would add hot dogs to the menu.

Peyton Hardy - daughter of Jenni and Bradon Hardy. She stated that her mom and dad cook the meal at her house. The turkey

weighs six pounds and is cooked on 'hot' for 10 minutes. Mashed potatoes, water and apples are also served with the meal. If she could add to the meal, it would be to add even more turkey.

Willow Lenzen - daughter of Brandi and Matt Lenzen. "My mom usually does" was the answer of Willow's in who cooks the turkey at her house. Probably 70 degrees

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Christmas in Clark 2020

Clark, South Dakota Chamber has many "home town promotions"

This will be a Christmas like no other because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. It is 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 punch cards from Clark Chamber businesses, as this promotion has already begun. 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 the Christmas in Clark event on Saturday, December 12.

Small Business Saturday

This Saturday, November 28, 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.

For Small Business Saturday on November 28, 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.

Christmas in Clark

Another Great Day in Clark is being planned by the Clark Chamber for Christmas in Clark on December 12. Drawings for Clark Bucks for the Chamber Holiday Promotion punch cards will be held. There will be a special area for great photo opportunities in Flat Iron Park. There will be Ginger Bread House Decorating with kits to go home and bring back, resident and business decorating contests, Polar Express rides and many other fun activities.

A 'Lighted Parade' will take place Dec. 12 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. There is no theme, just lights, so light up your logo, or your tractor or your favorite sports team.

Clark County Commissioners approve Washington Dairy conditional use permit

At Tuesday's meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, a Conditional Use Permit was approved for Riverview Dairy, LLP to construct a Class A CAFO with up to 17,875 AU (12,500 mature dairy cows).

The proposed dairy will be named 'Washington Dairy' as it will be located in Washington Township just south and west of the intersection of SD Highway 28 and SD Highway 25, on the west side of the road.

This dairy will include nine acres of buildings on properties owned by Mayfield Hutterian Brethren, Inc. and Connie Bratland described as: the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 113 North, Range 56 West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota; and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 113 North, Range 56 West of the 5th P.M. Clark County South Dakota. None of this area is over a shallow aquifer.

Brady Janssen, lead representative of Riverview Dairy began discussion with a 10-minute slide presentation detailing plans of the proposed dairy.

Riverview now has 23 farms in five states including five farms in South Dakota, said Janssen.

"We (Riverview) will cover all costs of road repair costs on the

haul route," said Janssen and he listed benefits of the dairy, including 45 full time employees and a \$3,000,000 payroll, annually.

There will be opportunities for area farmers, etc. and the next half hour was devoted to proponents of the proposed dairy.

The proponents outweighed the opponents, although there was some opposition, with concerns of water drainage, lights, noise, smell, culverts and road.

This public hearing was held over the Internet on a ZOOM call.

After the public hearing closed, the board of commissioners weighed the pros and the cons and wanted all concerns addressed.

The commissioners, acting as the Board of Adjustment then approved unanimously the Washington Dairy Conditional Use Permit, 5-0, with conditions.

Helkenn variance

The Board of Adjustment hearing began by a variance request from Ryan Helkenn. Ryan and Heather Helkenn lost their home due to fire this year and now in this process the commissioners approved to bring in a manufactured home less than 100 feet from the road right of way and greater than 15 years old.

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A Conditional Use Permit is be-

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Shannon (Schlagel) Huber named to SDSU Athletics Hall of Fame

South Dakota State University Jackrabbit Athletics has chosen the 2020 Hall of Fame.

Because the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has shut down activities and banquets to honor these Hall of Famers, no specific date is being set at this time, just an announcement of the honored athletes.

Clark High School star Shannon (Schlagel) Huber, Class of 2001, is one of the chosen SDSU Jackrabbit Athletics Hall of Fame honorees.

Shannon (Schlagel) Huber helped lead the South Dakota State women's basketball team to new heights during a standout career from 2002-05. Individually, she finished as the Jackrabbit's career scoring leader with 1,887 points (since broken) and is one of two players in program history to also reach 1,000 career rebounds, finishing second on the career charts with 1,011.

Schlagel was honored as North Central Conference Freshman of the Year during the 2001-02 season, averaging 11.8 points and 8.1 rebounds as the Jackrabbits went on to make the first of three consecutive NCAA Division II Elite Eight appearances. SDSU claimed the NCAA Division II National championship in 2003 with Schlagel averaging 12.5 points and 7.9 rebounds per contest. She scored a game-high 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the North Central Regional final

Shannon Schlagel Huber



against South Dakota, then tallied 26 points with 12 rebounds in the opening round of the Elite Eight versus Cal State Bakersfield.

After averaging a career-best 17.7 points as a junior while repeating on the All-NCC squad, Schlagel led a successful transition to the Division I ranks with team highs of 15.4 points and 6.5 rebounds during a 2004-05 season in which she earned first-team All-Independent recognition.

A native of Raymond, South Dakota and a graduate of Clark High School, Schlagel started 128 of the 133 games she played as a Jackrabbit and posted 34 double-doubles. For her career, she averaged 14.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game and shot 47.4 percent from the field. She also finished in the SDSU career top 10 with 193 steals.

SDSU compiled a 107-26 in Schlagel's four seasons in the lineup.

Shannon now lives near Clark with her husband Jay and children, Grady, Easton and Nolan.

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Legalizing marijuana in South Dakota brings with it more questions than answers

Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

One major concern of South Dakotans who opposed legalization of medical and recreational marijuana was that it could lead to an epidemic of youth use of the drug.

Drug-abuse prevention advocates and law enforcement officials said greater availability of marijuana would almost certainly lead to an increase of use among children and teens whose brains are still developing.

Despite their concerns, however, research conducted by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Insti-

tutes of Health has not found an increase in the regular use of marijuana among youths in Oregon, Washington or Colorado, the states where marijuana legalization has been most extensively studied.

Colorado, for example, has a lower overall youth marijuana use rate than the U.S. as a whole. And in all three states, as in the rest of the U.S., there has been a long-term decline in the regular use of marijuana among youths.

Those statistics provide little comfort, however, for those in South Dakota who are on the front lines of the battle to prevent drug abuse by youth.

Marijuana use is associated with poorer performance in school, increased risk for mental health disorders and other negative behavior outcomes for youth, said Maureen Murray, director of mental health and prevention services at Youth and Family Services in Rapid City. "It is concerning because legalization makes people think that using marijuana is safe and doesn't have consequences, and teens don't need to hear that," Murray said. "We have very significant concerns with teens."

South Dakota voters approved statewide ballots measures on Nov. 3 that have set the stage for legal-

ization of both medicinal and recreational marijuana in July. Marijuana would be legal only for those 21 and over. South Dakota was one of four new states to legalize recreational marijuana on Nov. 3, bringing the total to 15. Medical marijuana will soon be legal in 36 states.

Regular marijuana use is defined in surveys as respondents having used the drug at least once during the 30 days before they took the survey. Research has shown that regular and heavy use of marijuana among teens carries the most risk for long-term negative effects.

National surveys such as the biennial Youth Risk Behavior Survey

have shown small declines in the number of youths regularly using both marijuana and alcohol over the past decade. South Dakota has generally followed the national trend, with surveys showing a decline in regular youth marijuana use from 17.8% of youths surveyed in 2011 compared to only 16.5% in 2019.

Colorado, where recreational marijuana has been legal since 2014, also has seen declines in youth marijuana use. From 2011 to 2019, the youth use rate dropped from 22% in 2011 to 20.1% in 2019. Prevention experts say national and state education programs and prevention efforts have played a big

role in declines in youth marijuana use.

Concerns over marijuana legalization among the South Dakota drug-abuse prevention community range from worries over use by motorists to the potential for women to harm children by using marijuana while pregnant or breastfeeding, said Darcy Jensen, executive director of Prairie View Prevention Services. Jensen is a licensed addiction counselor and a leader of the Coalition for a Drug Free South Dakota. Members of the coalition met Nov.