

Christmas Memories & Traditions

2018

Clark, South Dakota

Chamber has many "home town promotions"

The Christmas lights are up and operating in the city of Clark, there are special promotions for the shoppers and the shelves are being loaded with gift merchandise.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring Christmas Memories & Traditions 2018. Clark Bucks are the prize and punch cards are the avenue to gain or win these Clark Bucks.

Christmas Open Houses will be upcoming, with Ken's Food Fair on Wednesday, December 12 and Dacotah Bank on Friday, December 14.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to remember to fill their Christmas Memories 2018 punch cards. Cards are available at any participating Chamber business. Between November 23 and December 15 these cards can be used at any participating Chamber member business for cash only purchases, no charge purchases. Every card must have \$100 in total purchases and must be completely filled before submitting for the drawing to be held on December 15 at the Clark American Legion building.

There will also be some fun for the kids, Dacotah Bank is offering a free movie for kids on Saturday mornings. On December 1, 8 and 15, at 10:00 a.m., Dacotah Bank will be showing a movie in their basement. The movie will last approximately two hours and snacks and beverages will be provided. This week's movie is "Moana".

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Christmas open house on December 15 at the Clark American Legion building from noon to 2:00 p.m. for free bingo. Drawings for the prizes will be held at 2:00 p.m. One must be present to win the \$150 Clark Bucks prize. One need not be present to win the \$100 Clark Bucks or the \$50 Clark Bucks drawings.

Hustling Homemakers turned 50 in September

Pledging to help friends and neighbors to promote loyalty, harmony, peace and allegiance to the flag and to pledge their hearts to love and understanding.

This Homemaker's Creed is recited at the beginning of every meeting of the Hustling Homemakers Club along with the Flag Salute.

The club's 50 year anniversary mark was reached in September for the club that started out as Hustling Housewives in 1968. To be more politically correct within the South Dakota extension organization to allow men to join the name was changed to Homemakers versus Housewives. This was at a time when women wanted to join men's organizations, so to be fair across the board both sides obliged.

"We've laughed together, we've cried together and we support each other," explained Janet Hurlbert, who along with Sandy Bell were the first two instigators of the club, joined shortly by Marilyn Swanson. Hurlbert worked at the extension office at the time and noticed all of the good things that the extension clubs were doing and what fun they had together. "We should start a club we thought. We both had one year olds at the time and enjoyed getting together with other moms to share ideas and learn new things together," stated Hurlbert.

Original roster, 10-14-1968

The original club members list included Hurlbert, Bell and Swanson, Mary Keck, Agnes Anderson, Joan



The Hustling Homemakers Extension Club celebrated 50 years recently of getting together on the third Monday of each month. Although technically not a part of SDSU extension since its reorganization years ago, club members continue to learn, do service work in the community, support the local ICAP and get together to support each other and just have fun with members taking turns hosting and setting the meeting's agenda or outing.

Healy, Marjean Eckerson, Frances Danforth, Patti Lamb, Betty Campbell, Mary Hovde, Sandy Wells and Jeanette Warkentien.

Currently the club has 17 members on their roster with Teresa Reidburn as president, Deb Schla-

gel, secretary/treasurer and Jeanette Brannan as vice president. Ann Schmidt is in possession of the history books for the club which include many photos of activities, outings, Christmas craft fairs and special meetings over the years.

Above at the November meeting last week were seated in front, left to right, Deb Schlagel, Kathy Tollefson, Linda Jansen, Teresa Reidburn and Bonnie Graves. Standing are Marilyn Swanson, Jan Brandlee, Jeannette Brannan, Ann Schmidt, Colleen Paulson, Joyce Fjelland, Sharyl Graves and Janet Hurlbert. Not pictured are members Bonnie Kloster, Mary McGillivray, Tami Peters and Pam Seefeldt.

The group celebrated 32 years of service, fun and memories in 2000 with a history booklet made and a party held for all past members who could attend.

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Pedro Braga from Brazil, is thoroughly enjoying his senior year at Clark High



Pedro Flavio Pereira Braga Oliveira, otherwise known to the Clark High School students as Pedro Brago is staying with the Chad, Jennifer and Dylan Duenwald family.

Above, he is shown with Jennifer and Dylan as he's geared up for his very first football game with the Clark -Willow Lake Cyclones. Wrestling is also a sport he's taking while a senior with the foreign exchange program attending Clark High School.

Pedro Flavio Pereira Braga Oliveira is his complete family name, but for this school year at Clark, Pedro Braga is the name he is going by for his year as a foreign exchange student. The 17-year-old senior is staying with his host family - Chad, Jennifer and Dylan Deuwnald in Clark. Braga is from southeastern Brazil with his hometown being Montes Claros in the state of Minas Gerais.

'Zootechny' is the art of farming in Brazil and also the family business in which his grandfather, father and brother participate. Although they live in Montes Claros - (a small city he says of only 500,000

people) their farm is about an hours drive from their house in town.

Braga has known how to drive a tractor since he was 12 years old and currently has his own cattle herd on the family farm. So does his 18 year old brother João Claudio.

The cattle they raise are beef cattle called Nelore White, known for their fat content. These also are the cows they get milk from in Brazil, although the Bragas just have beef cattle. Chickens, pigs and horses round out their farm with the horses used to manage the cattle. His brother is in law school to become a lawyer in addition to his cattle herd.

Braga's father is named Domingos Braga Oliveira. His mother's name is Anakarenina Flavio Pereira E. Oliveira and she works full time for a company that makes medicine for animals. Pedro's grandfather Claudio is a famous doctor in their city as he was one of the co-founders of their medical university. Now retired from working in the field of urology - his grandfather farms close to the Braga farm. On his mother's side of the family, Claudio and his wife Eleuza live about five minutes away. Braga's grandmother Marlene Braga is also close by.

"I'm very proud of my grandfather Claudio. He is a good doctor, farmer and dad. He and my dad and brother have taught me everything," stated Braga.

How to repair his dirt bike is one thing his dad has coached Braga on, as that is his favorite hobby - riding dirt bikes, often with friends. He most recently had a 2015 Honda 230 dirt bike that he sold just before coming to Clark. When he returns home next summer he will turn 18 on August 30 and hopes to buy a car or pickup and get his drivers license.

He'd like to get a pickup eventually but they cost about \$135,000 in Brazil. The currency in Brazil is 'Real' with about four Reals to one U.S. dollar. He said the value of the Real doesn't stay the same and with a new president voted in two weeks ago, the money value will change again. A soda (or pop) will cost five dollars there compared to our prices.

Braga noted that in his country, there are not a lot of choices of vehicles to choose from like in the U.S.

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 20	18	3	0
Nov. 21	40	16	0
Nov. 22	31	24	0
Nov. 23	50	27	0
Nov. 24	39	25	0
Nov. 25	29	16	0
Nov. 26	22	10	0
2018 precipitation to date	17.92		
2017 precipitation to date	22.89		

North Area Honor Band is Saturday, in Aberdeen

The 28th Annual South Dakota North Area Honor Band will present their concert on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University. Mr. Dale Fiedler, retired long-time Redfield band director, will be the guest conductor at this year's Honor Band.

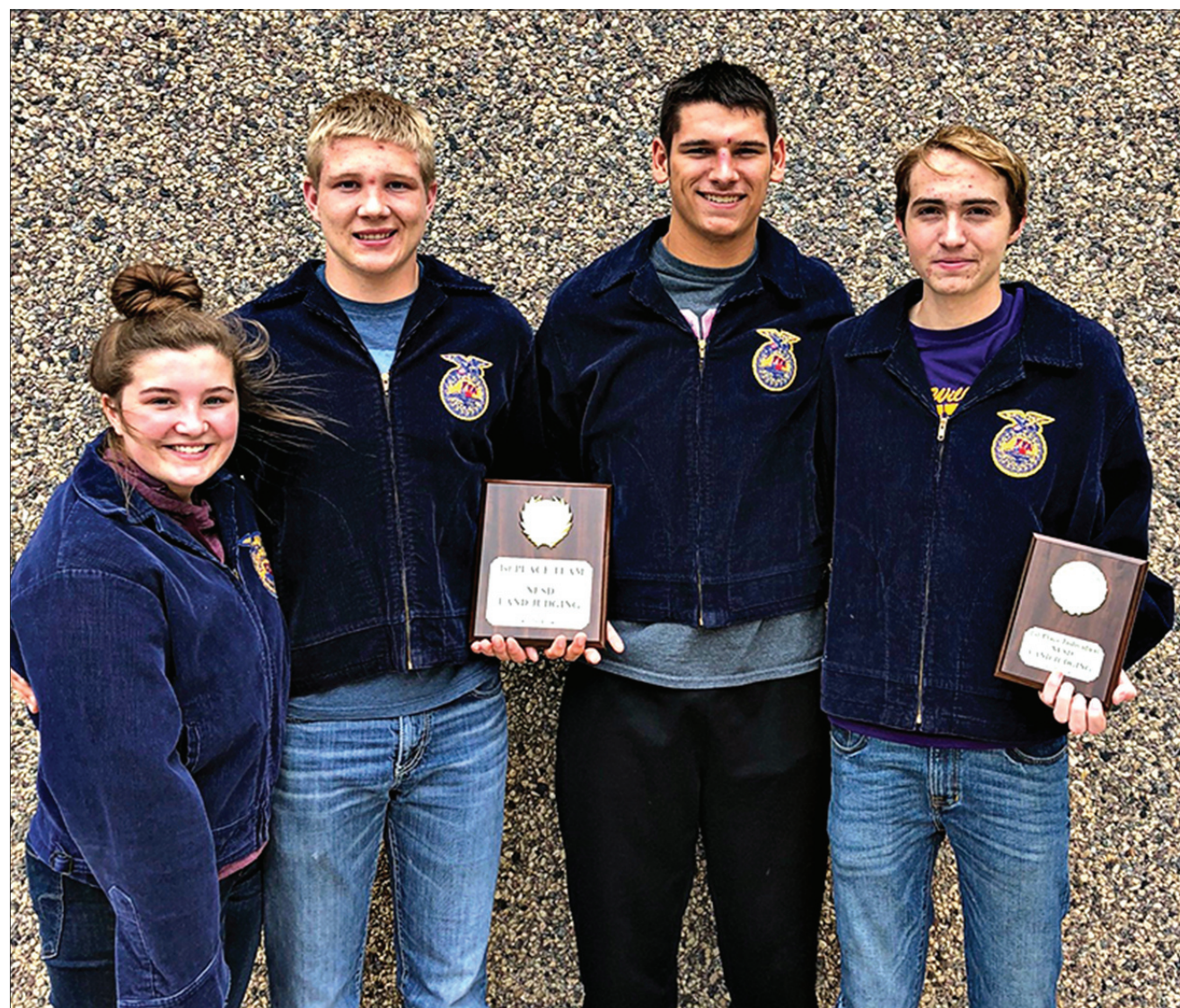
The South Dakota North Area Honor Band was created when area

band directors began expressing an interest in providing a regional opportunity for their experienced instrumental musicians. It remains the goal of the directors to increase the interest in instrumental performance and to provide a top-level learning experience for the more advanced high school band students of this area.

Freshman Chad Kolden and senior Katlyn Maynard will be per-

forming with the band representing Clark High School. This is Maynard's fourth year performing in the concert and Kolden's first year.

Kolden plays tenor saxophone and is the son of Gary and Betsy Kolden. Maynard is the daughter of Jory and Shawna Maynard and will play alto saxophone in this year's performance. Lola Bartels is the CHS band instructor.



Willow Lake FFA wins Northeast South Dakota Land Evaluation Championship

Willow Lake FFA members, from left to right, Morgan Burke, Stone Burke, Micah Burke and Garrett Warkentien, recently won the Northeast South Dakota FFA Land Evaluation competition in Webster. There were 13 schools at this event. This team of four will now go on to compete at the National Land Evaluation event in Oklahoma during the first week of May 2019.

Garrett Warkentien was the individual champion with Micah Burke placing second, Stone Burke, third and Morgan Burke, fourth.

Other Willow Lake members earning gold medals were Caleb Bratland, Sam Hovde, Chayla Vig, Saylor Burke, Gwyneth Warkentien and Trinity Peter-

son. Silver medalists were Shane Wicks and Mitchell Schmidt. Bronze medalists included Maggie Hovde, Dusty Kretschmar and Jaycie Forbes.

Other participants were Hunter Bratland, Jack Bratland, Gage Burke, Lucas Kannegieter, Tate Burke, Wyatt Anderson, Kasey Michalski and Grace Peterson. Willow Lake had 10 of the top 12 individuals in the land judging event. In the range judging event, Abbie Bratland and Cutler Michalski earned gold medals. Jacob Prouty also earned a bronze medal. The range judging team placed fourth overall.

Dan Tonak is the Willow Lake School FFA adviser.