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City of Clark mandates resident address numbers

The hour-long November meeting of the Clark City Council moved along in orderly fashion, with several items of interest.

An ordinance was approved by the city council mandating that all residences and business places have visible address numbers.

The council has been wanting to do this for some time, as everyone has an address, it just needs to be made visible, so deliveries, etc. can be done in a timely fashion.

All residences and businesses have 30 days to comply with this ordinance.

The 2016 salary ordinance was also approved. The salary ordinance will appear, as a public notice within the city minutes in next week's Courier edition.

Mayor Larry Dreher then talked about annexation into the city limits of out lying areas. What brought this item to the agenda is the fact that Justin Bowers, on the west edge of Clark is looking at expanding his business to include a used

car lot. Proper highway commercial zoning would be looked at for this property.

The city council voted to do an annexation study, done by First Planning District, Watertown. No specifics are known, by the city at this time, as to what directions, etc., that this annexation study would include and Dreher stated that it's not one of those things that would happen immediately, but an annexation study will happen in the near future.

On Oct. 15, clubhouse/event center bids were opened. Dreher commented, "These bids came in relatively high," in the \$1.2 million range. "This is a starting point for us," said the mayor, and he said that, in talking to contractors, that this bid number could be gotten to come down. The council rejected any and all bids, as the major recommended.

Dreher, when asked if a com-
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This is what the Community Room looks like on the last Monday of each month. Dave Adam, who has been part of this group for the five years, took this photo. Area groups and clubs provide home cooking to

those who gather at the Ulyot Building community room. Clark Community Meals are celebrating five years of community camaradery.

Five years of fellowship celebrated at Clark Community Meals

For the past five years plus in Clark at the Ulyot Building on the last Monday night of the month, area residents have gathered for fellowship, food and fun together.

"The Clark Community Meals have been very successful and residents look forward to catching up with one another," say members of the community fellowship committee, Deb Schlager and Sandy Luke. Tina Warkentien of Watertown, formerly of Clark is also on the committee.

The idea started with members of St. Paul Lutheran Church visiting about 'the banquet' served in Watertown at the Grace Lutheran Church. St. Paul ladies would take

their turn serving the group.

"We thought why not bring a community meal like this to Clark?" said Schlager representing her group. They contacted Sandy Luke and the ball started rolling, notifying various groups in the area to be a part of the project.

Added Luke, "We started writing down names of groups and organizations and filled up our year's calendar in no time. Everyone was great and willing to help and also thought it was a good idea. We really appreciate that."

St. Paul started with a Thanksgiving meal in November of 2009. Month by month as different organizations came on board it was

decided to organize a committee to make it a permanent event.

The committee was formed in 2010, making it the five year anniversary this year for the event.

"It's just unreal how the group has grown. We usually serve between 70 and 80 and sometimes even 90," continued Luke. "What stands out about coming here is the fellowship. It's eating a meal with someone else, which is especially appreciated when you live alone. It is good food - home cooking and you see people you may not normally see. Good food and good fellowship, you can't beat that."

"It's always been free to everyone. Some wanted to give donations,

so we now have a basket for that," stated Schlager. "From that money we take a portion of it for the plates, cups, napkins, coffee and silverware and what's left we give back to the club or organization that served. They just bring the food."

The first couple years they were getting organized and the schedule changed. Currently they have a set schedule with the same groups serving 'their month'.

"The 4-H kids came in last year, they've been great to help, too. We welcome anyone's help," said Schlager of the monthly meal for the com-

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One of the prettier trees in her yard is the bright red and orange - red maple tree of Carolyn Harding's in Clark.

Located in the 300 block of South Cloud Street it is especially vibrant this year states Harding.

Red maple trees are gorgeous in the fall

"I get so many compliments on this tree and this year it's especially gorgeous," stated Carolyn Harding of Clark. Located in the 300 block of South Cloud Street, this red maple tree holds on to its leaves a little longer than most trees says Luena Hendrickson who planted the tree in the early 1980s. "I planted seven trees in the yard and wondered if I'd ever see them when they're full grown in my lifetime," confides Hendrickson. "It was only about three or four feet tall when I planted it. Back then Dutch Elm Disease was getting my old trees, so I planted some different varieties. I watered them a lot and when my brother Bob and his wife Carolyn

bought our house - they took good care of them, too."

The tree has more red shades in its leaves on the left side of the tree, in kind of a 'C' shape, possibly because it's shaded from the sun by the other trees notices Harding looking out her window to the west. "It's just a beautiful sight in the fall."

High winds recently downed a few leaves, but as one can see, it had a lot left to spare last week.

Hendrickson recalled, "I would get my yard all cleared up of the leaves from the other trees in the yard and then much later in the fall, here come the maple leaves."

Newspaper will be a day late next week

Veterans Day is next Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015. Federal offices, including the United States Postal Service offices will also be closed on Veterans Day.

The Clark County Courier will go to press at the usual time next Tuesday, but one will probably need to be patient, as with the post office closed, delivery won't take place until Thursday.

Clark Area Snow Queen Festival is November 14

The 47th annual Clark County Snow Queen Festival will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School gym. Seven girls from the Clark County area will be vying for a chance to be named Miss Clark County Snow Queen 2016. Seven girls will be competing for the Junior Snow Queen title.

The Roaring 20's is the theme for the 47th annual Clark County Area Snow Queen festival. The winners will go on to the State Snow Queen Contest in Aberdeen in January.

Snow Queen Brooke Reidburn and Junior Snow Queen Laney Ulschmid will make their final walks across the stage as reigning

royalty and will speak on the last year's experiences.

Various talent acts will again be competing for berths in either the junior or senior divisions.

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Mystery Snowman Clue
 47th Annual
 Snow Queen Festival
 Mystery Snowperson Contest

"Lions, Tigers and Wolverines. Oh My."

Send guesses to Janene Gehrke, 209 1st Ave. W., Clark, SD 57225.

Kaufman ties for second on LPGA China course

The SDHAA Achieve to Believe poster needs updating. This poster recently printed to promote athletics in South Dakota by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, featured Clark's own Kim Kaufman. What needs updating is the 'two-time LPGA Top-5 finishes' segment.

Kaufman shot a 69 last Sunday, giving her a second place tie in the Blue Bay LPGA at Hainan Island, China.

She shot a 2-over 74 on Saturday but came back with a 3-under 69 on Sunday to close the tournament with a 1-under 287. She finished in a three-way tie for second and pocketed \$140,103. Her tour earnings for the season are now \$358,113.

Sei Young Kim made a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th for a one-stroke victory. The 22-year-old South Korean player won for the third time in her rookie season on



Kim Kaufman

the LPGA Tour, closing with a 2-under 70 at windy Jian Lake Blue Bay for a 2-under 286 total.

The TOTO Japan Classic begins Thursday at Shima-Shi, Mie, Japan.

Kim is the daughter of Terry and Teresa Kaufman of Clark.



Bob Koistinen, who lives near Lake Norden is Clark's full-time paramedic with the Clark County Ambulance service as of last Monday. Koistinen is shown above in the front half of the new Clark County Ambulance with Ambulance Administrator/EMT Pam Grensberg in the driver's seat.

Bob Koistinen is new Clark County paramedic

Working 15 twenty-four-hour shifts a month for the Clark County Ambulance service will be newly-hired paramedic Bob Koistinen.

A 1982 graduate from Hamlin High School, Koistinen has 25 years experience in Emergency Medical Services. He's been a paramedic since December of 2007 and formerly worked with the Lake Norden Ambulance service.

"I'm very grateful to Clark for giving me this opportunity," stated Koistinen who's been an EMT-Basic since 1991 with the Lake Norden service. "There's a lot of nice people in Clark, I've found."

Koistinen has also been a diesel mechanic since graduating from Lake Area Technical School in 1984. He's been the owner and diesel mechanic in his own business B & E Repair in Hayti since 1993. He is in the process of slowly phasing out of his mechanic business focusing

on being a full-time paramedic in Clark.

"It will be nice having someone here," added Grensberg. "Sometimes people are brought in to us at the shed (ambulance building). With Bob living 40 miles away from

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Ryan Eggleston - Official
 Weather Observer

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Oct. 28	35	29	tr
Oct. 29	41	27	0
Oct. 30	48	30	0
Oct. 31	60	32	0
Nov. 1	59	33	0
Nov. 2	66	46	0
2015 precipitation to date 20.23"			
2014 precipitation to date 15.23"			

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