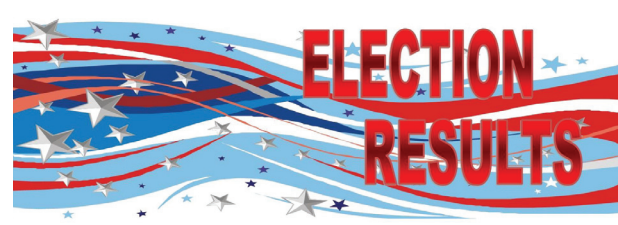


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Garden City Post #199 has disbanded

▲ Darwin Clyde is a proud veteran



Darwin Clyde, the last commander of the Heath Headley Legion Post #199, is shown with the framed original charter membership roll of the Garden City Legion Post. As of September 1, 2014, state mandated rules have forced the post to lose its charter as they fell under the minimum of 15 members. The Legion Auxiliary will still keep going however as they number 40 plus.

"We kept it going as long as we could," stated Darwin Clyde. "We did all that we could to."

"It's a state mandated thing," said Clyde of the September 1, taking of the charter of the Heath Headley Post #199 which was located in Garden City. They were down to 12 members and state rules mandate a minimum of 15 members, so the Legion Post #199 has disbanded.

"Some of the older ones can't do it anymore and it was down to just a few of us trying to do it all," said the former commander.

Poultry parties at the old Tin Hall in Garden City over the years and pancake feeds were the most recent fund raisers for the Post. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day

programs were also held over the years.

Post beginnings

The Garden City Legion Post with 15 members made application for a charter on August 13, 1920. The American Legion was only one year old at the time. The Post was named after Fred Heath #199 Dept. of South Dakota. Mr. Heath was a local resident who was killed during WWI in France in 1918.

In 1925 Phil Feldmeyer asked the state department how to form a Post Drum and Bugle Corp. A Corp was formed with 14 members and they called themselves the world's smallest post with a drum and bugle corp. They performed at area parades and conventions and in

1929 went to the national convention for the Legion in Kentucky.

The early years found the Legion Post aiding in running Gala Days entertainment and sponsoring youth baseball. In 1942, a phonograph record drive was held collecting 600 records to send to service clubs. In July of 1943, the former Wagner building became the first Legion Hall for the Post. Fire destroyed this building 16 years later and a new post was remodeled out of the Bud Kahl garage.

This post survived the depression years and after WWII, many returning service members added to the membership with 50+ members in 1949. This year the Post re-chartered as Health Headley Post #199 in respect to Lawren Headley. He was a local man who was killed in England in 1944.

Auxiliary

The Garden City American Legion Auxiliary was organized in 1946 with 13 ladies present and 23 charter members. Service to the veterans, sending donations and gifts over the years and helping in fund raising efforts at the poultry parties for example will continue as the Garden City Legion Auxiliary will keep its charter. They have 40+ members. Wanda Clyde is the current president of the Ladies Auxiliary and JoAnn Fletcher is the secretary for the group. Residents in Garden City will have a poultry party again this year at the Tin Hall and the Auxiliary ladies will be serving the lunch as they have for many years.

"It will be business as usual for Garden City (continued on page 12)

Area schools to host Veterans Day programs

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a proclamation recognizing the service of South Dakota's veterans. The proclamation encourages South Dakotans to remember the service and sacrifice of the nation's veterans and military personnel during Veterans Day observances.

"Those who have worn the uniform of the United States have been prepared to sacrifice life and limb for the sake of our people and our values," said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "We owe them a debt of gratitude greater than we can ever pay back."

"This year, the Department and our partners have been contacting veterans to thank them for their service and brief them on benefits available to them," said Zimmerman. "I encourage all of you to ask the veterans in your life to contact the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs if they have not received a call regarding Operation RAV. Have them call 605-773-3269."

Veterans Day presents an opportunity for Americans to recognize, honor and thank active and retired military service personnel. Observances have been

organized and will be hosted by area schools on Tuesday, November 11.

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All veterans will be treated to rolls and coffee at 9 a.m. in the CHS commons area. The program will start in the CHS gym at 10:00 a.m. (this is a change from afternoon, as in previous years.) The Boy Scouts, the CHS Student Council, the Clark School band and chorus and the American Legion will all be involved in the program. The public is encouraged to attend.

Henry

The Veterans Day program at Henry will be held in the Henry School gymnasium. It is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. and will feature musical numbers presented by the band, choir and elementary students.

Willow Lake

Willow Lake Elementary will be presenting the program to be held in the Willow Lake gym at 10:00 a.m. Veterans are invited to stay for a paid meal (school lunch) provided by the school.

"Whenever they've been needed, members of America's armed forces have risen to the challenge of protecting our nation. This is a day that is intended for giving thanks and reflecting on what has been sacrificed for our freedom."

—Gov. Dennis Daugaard



City discusses several significant ordinances

Several significant ordinances were on the agenda at the November meeting of the Clark City Council, Monday.

Of the four ordinances discussed, only the 2015 salaries was at the second reading stage, as all other ordinances were given first reading.

The 2015 salaries include: Mayor - \$5,150.00 salary; City Council members - \$70.00 per meeting; Finance Officer, Jackie Luttrell - \$45,000.00 year; Deputy Finance Officer, Rae Jean Flora - \$31,410.00 salary; Finance Office Assistant - \$8.50 per hour; Police Chief, Jeremy Wellnitz - \$42,500.00 salary; Street Superintendent, Roger Collins - \$43,743.00 salary; Water & Sewer Superintendent, Darin Altfillisch - \$43,321.00 salary; Golf Course Clubhouse manager, Nichole Sandve - \$26,000 salary; Clubhouse workers - \$7.50-8.00 per hour; Golf Course greens keeper, Michael Johnson - \$25,000 salary; Greens keeper assistance - \$8.00 per hour; City Maintenance worker, Tyler Silkman - \$34,000.00 salary; Librarian, Katherine Taylor - \$10.50 per hour; Librarian assistant (sub only) - \$7.50 per hour; Landfill attendant, primary - \$9.55 per hour; Landfill attendant, assistant - \$8.05 per hour; Water & Sewer PT attendant, John Howardson - \$50.00 per weekend; City janitor, Marsha Bakken - \$10.55 per hour; Med Van drivers - \$10.55 per hour.

The salary ordinance was approved unanimously by the council, after coming out of a 20-minute executive session discussing personnel and contractual matters.

Given first reading was a supplemental appropriations ordinance of approximately \$110,000, to supplement the 2014 budget. This item dealt with: General fund - highway & streets, \$40,000 and golf course, \$40,000; Library - libraries, \$500;

TIF District #2 - Debt services, \$32,724. Finance officer Luttrell said that much of this appropriations supplement was a movement of money from one fund to another.

An ordinance to prohibit the use of dynamic braking devices, often called 'Jake Brakes' was also given first reading.

The third ordinance given a first reading had to do with chickens being allowed within the city limits. This ordinance is quite lengthy and detailed. It allows a conditional use permit, allows up to five chickens, no roosters and will be voted on at the December 1, 2014 meeting, after discussion.

In other business:

▲ The council approved the process by the city to clean up abandoned motor vehicles.

▲ Police chief Jeremy Wellnitz' monthly report included: total miles - 980; calls for service - 70; accidents - three; citations - six speeding, 11 warnings, possession of controlled substance - methamphetamine, ingesting, possession of drug paraphernalia.

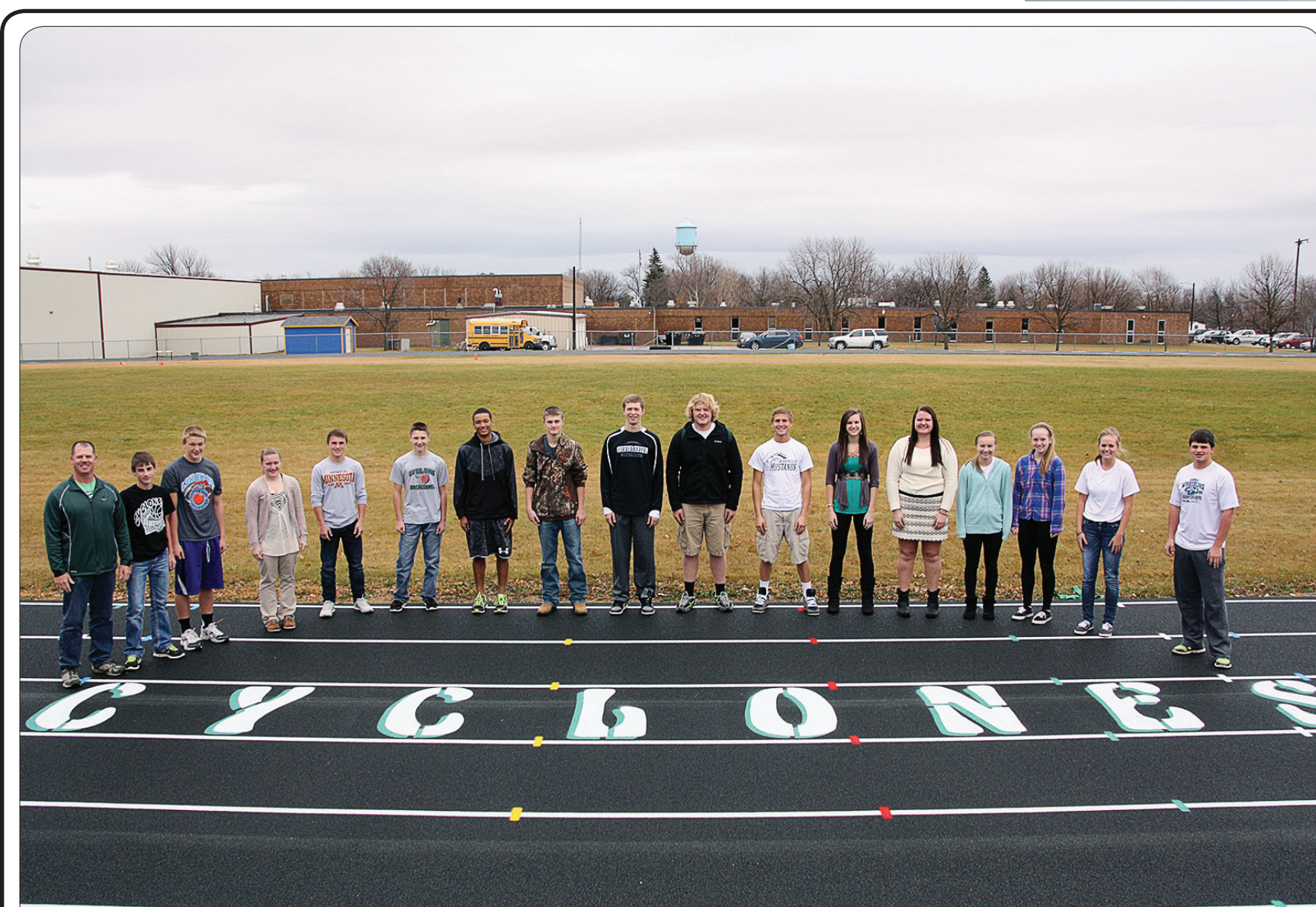
▲ In the ongoing effort to come up with funding for the proposed

City council (continued on page 3)

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 28.....	41	29	0
Oct. 29.....	49	27	0
Oct. 30.....	40	17	0
Oct. 31.....	38	15	0
Nov. 1.....	46	15	0
Nov. 2.....	54	38	0
Nov. 3.....	40	27	.06
2014 precipitation to date	15.23"		
2013 precipitation to date	25.19"		



Rubberized track surface is now striped and painted

The Clark High School track, located directly west of the high school, now has a freshly striped and painted rubberized mat.

Track and field meets will now be able to be held here and it is the hope and dreams of Bob Bjerke and the CHS track improvement committee that conference and region meets will be a thing of the future, in Clark, as upgrades continue to be made. "With our eight-lane, rubberized track we can have qualifying meets in Clark and that's a good thing," said Bjerke.

Rubberizing the track, along with the painting and striping, is just another improvement along the way to a finished product. Some cement work needs to be done yet this fall in the long and triple jump areas, he noted.

Next to be done at the track and field complex will be an emphasis

on the concession/bathroom area. "We need to find a starting point for the wiring so all wiring can go to the right places as we piece things together," said Bjerke.

Bjerke said that fundraising efforts for this community project continue and he is the contact person for any volunteer work or donations.

Available tracksters, in the form of a 'C' pictured last week behind the CYCLONES, include: left to right: coach Kevin Petersen, Jeffrey Paulson, Ntai Stevens, Jen Hurlbert, Josh Weisbrod, Grayson Florey, Bradyn Rusher, Justus Reidburn, Rory Forest, Noah Huber, Rawson Yost, Angela Young, Mackenzie Huber, Taylor Hartley, Janae Kolden, Kandace Kolden and Nick Weisbrod.

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