

## Multiple municipal matters handled at November meeting

### ▲ Clark employees to receive 3% pay raise

Water, handling variances and 2020 salaries, among other items, were handled by the mayor and city council at the November meeting, in Clark, Monday.

Council members present were Harvey Spieker, Kerry Kline, Belinda Hanson and Terry Schlager. Absent were Dennis Larson and Andrew Zemlicka.

The mayor and council should be commended for handling the 2020 salary discussions and decisions in public session. The Clark City Council has been openly transparent under Mayor John Pollock.

The first reading of the 2020 salary ordinance was read, with Pollock proposing a three percent raise across the board, excluding employees Darin Altfillisch and Tyler Silkman who received raises in September.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell, as being questioned about the tax mill levy by councilman Schlager, reiterated what she has been saying about the proposed 2020 budget for some time, that it is the goal of the city to reduce the mill levy heading into 2020.

The council then talked golf course management/greenskeeper

wages, at \$15.45 and mayor Pollock then spoke of his plan for 2020, with Luttrell's input, as to pool manager goals and expectations, along with the offered wage.

### Code enforcement

David Miller of the S.D. Municipal League Code of Enforcement has been communicating with businesses and residences not in line with city ordinances and variances.

Pollock stated that five individuals of those contacted by Miller have done nothing and now is 'where the rubber meets the road' as the city now needs to act.

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### Mystery Snowperson Clue 51st Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

"A life-long Clark County resident - I make a right turn to go to work and a right turn to go home."

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

## "I don't plan on quitting anytime soon"

### ▲ Beving's love of flat track racing continues

"It would take away his spirit to quit," stated Holly Beving of her husband Chuck and his love of flat track racing with motorcycles.

"It's been quite a year!" stated Chuck Beving of racing this past season.

This was the season where flooding in the south combined with a snow weekend in early October made for a schedule of racing that enabled Beving to attend more races and therefore earn more points.

"If it snows, I'm going to Texas," said Beving before the weekend of October 12 and 13. A snow would have halted combining making for more 'free time' for Beving as work comes first and farming is his life's work and income. It snowed, he went to Corpus Christi, Texas and won races on Saturday and Sunday.

When it was all said and done, Chuck won three series national championships - The VDTRA (Vintage Dirt Track Racing Association), Pro Vintage Twins, 60+ class and 80s singles or 'super singles'.

"He was Mr. Famous that day," added Holly Beving. "Especially with the younger guys as he's 65 racing against 20 year olds."

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Chuck and Holly Beving of Garden City are shown standing on the back door of their motorhome/garage vehicle that they take when Chuck - competes in flat track racing. This year Chuck won the 2019 Xtrem Flat Track racing championships in three different

races/classes - the Pro Vintage Twins, 60+ class and 80s singles. Beving's been racing since he was 14 years old and over the years their children CJ, Jen and Danielle and now their grandchildren Chas and Everett enjoy the sport and compete on the track.

## Terhark gives presentation on vaping



Willow Lake city police chief Melissa Terhark gave presentations throughout the day last week at the Willow Lake School on vaping. "We don't have any idea on the long term effects of vaping," stated Terhark.

**Vape:** Verb - Inhale and exhale the vapor produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device. Noun - An electronic cigarette or similar device.

According to statistics - vaping is up since 2018 although tobacco (cigarette and chewing) has gone down. "Vaping statistics with high school seniors has gone from 11 percent to 21 percent and with sophomores, 8.2 to 16.1 percent. This is not good," explained officer Melissa Terhark, Willow Lake Police Chief, at a Willow Lake School assembly last week.

"People are vaping and ending up in the hospital," the WL police chief continued. "Right now we don't

know how bad vaping is with long term effects. It's just too soon to tell.

She repeated that, "What we do know is that people are ending up in the hospital and people are dying from vaping."

Terhark told of the facts that 400,000 people die each year from smoking (tobacco) and that it is the number one preventable death in the country.

In Terhark's presentation, she reported that when cigarettes became popular in the 1940s, it wasn't until the 1950s that a link was made to cancer from smoking. This research has continued to show how harmful nicotine is to the system.

She continued that the surgeon general's warning didn't come out until 1965 and it wasn't until 1993 that the EPA reported second hand smoke risks.

"The SD Quits program is fantastic in South Dakota," stated Terhark. "It can help with (nicotine) gum, patches or whatever is needed to help one quit, if they have already started. Until age 25, the human brain is still growing and one can get addicted quicker because of it."

Nothing has proven that vaping is safer (than tobacco) so far. It's just substituting one nicotine source for another. "It's not just flavored water and safe," said Terhark.

She explained how the vaping industry is putting out studies showing that there is no harm in vaping. "They want to make money just like the tobacco companies years ago, before all of the research was in on its effects," said Terhark.

Terhark went on to work with the group on how protective layers or defenses can help reduce one's risks if vulnerable when it comes to trying drugs or nicotine.

"It's hard to tell who will become addicted. A lot of things come into play. Like one's genetics or whether a parent or peer uses nicotine products. A good support system at home, peer pressure, one's goals in life, even one's diet can all play a role in being a layer of protection

### Vaping (continued on page 8)

## Veterans Day programs at area schools



Governor Kristi Noem 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 Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 Veterans Day, Monday, November 11.

### Clark

On Monday, all veterans and spouses will be treated to rolls and coffee at 9:00 a.m. in the CHS commons area. The program will start in the CHS gym at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Many musical numbers will be provided by various Clark School classes and musicians. The junior high and high school band will perform the 'Star Spangled Banner'. Kindergarten through sixth grade students will sing 'This is America', with individual actions. The high school choir will sing 'Blades of Grass' and 'Pure White Stones'.

The 'White Table Setting', done

by jr/high school student council members has become a Veteran's Day tradition. Also high school students will do a Readers Theater.

A video presentation of all Clark military members and all branches of the U.S military will give one and all a great patriotic feeling. The Clark American Legion will serve all veterans and their wives a lunch at 11:30 a.m.

At 2:00 p.m., at the Charters of Freedom, the vault will be sealed, with a brief program.

### Willow Lake

On Monday, November 11, Willow Lake School will be presenting the Veterans Day program in the Willow Lake gym, at 10:00 a.m. The high school students will be in charge of the 'White Table Ceremony'. The public is invited to attend.

Willow Lake Johnny Fonken Legion Post #113 member Robert Syring has lined up a Vietnam veteran, from Canada, to be the Willow Lake Veteran's Day speaker. Over 10,000 Canadians served in the Vietnam War and residents will learn the perspective of a Canadian Vietnam War Veteran.

Veteran registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the 10:00 a.m. program starting with the Willow Lake American Legion Color Guard.

Patriotic music will include: The sixth through eighth grade band will play 'Union March' and the high school band will play 'Afterburn' and 'Armed Forces on Pa-

rade'. The sixth through eighth grade choir will sing 'Let Freedom Ring', the high school choir will sing 'Blowing in the Wind' and the combined sixth through 12th grade choir will perform 'God Bless the USA'.

After the program there will be a reception for Veterans. Veterans are invited to stay for lunch, provided by the school faculty, if they so choose.

### Henry

The Veterans Day program at Henry will be held in the Henry School gymnasium on Monday, November 11. It is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. and will feature musical numbers presented by the band, choir and elementary students.

The program theme is 'American Heart'.

The fourth grade will lead the singing of the 'National Anthem'; preschool and kindergarten will sing 'Thank You Veterans' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle 50 States'; second through fourth grades will sing the 'Veteran's March'; fourth - sixth grades will sing 'We Share America'; fifth and sixth will sing 'American Heart' and 'Bells of Liberty'; the seventh and eighth chorus will sing 'Thank You Soldiers'; and the high school choir will sing 'Song for the Unsung Hero'. The seventh-12th grade band will perform, 'Star Spangled Banner' and 'Legacy of Heroes'.

Collin Fuller and Rachel Blue will be playing 'Taps'.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude greater than we can ever pay back."

Greg Whitlock, Sec. of the S. D. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

## Clark Playhouse to be inducted into 2020 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

The South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame announced its 2020 inductees during a press conference Thursday at the SDRRMA Exhibit in the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls. Induction events will be held April 17-18, 2020 at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls. The Clark Playhouse is being inducted in the ballrooms/venues category.

Nine bands and nearly a dozen South Dakota Rock and Roll supporters will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Additionally, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be

presented to Chris Gage and Gordy Zens.

The bands to be inducted are: Indigenous, The Rumbles, ROX, Trees, Midwest Coast, Cokeley, Felix, Blue Things, Rich Show.

Ballrooms/Venues: Clark Playhouse; The Barbarian.

Sound/Production: Scott Nesbit. Promoter: John Steever with Downtown Promotions.

Spirit of the Music: Dennis Cokeley, Kevin Newcomb, and Tony Johnson.

Music Store: Haggerty's Musicworks, Rapid City.

DJs: Ben Davis and Patty Dee with the "Ben & Patty Show" (Mix 97.3)

Lifetime Achievement: Chris Gage; Gordy Zens

More information can be found at [www.sdrmma.com](http://www.sdrmma.com).

The South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association was started in late 2008 to promote and recognize those who've made South Dakota's live music scene what it is. The SDRRMA non-profit board volunteers their time and energy into championing this mission.



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