



Clark County Courier

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Hometown Newspaper of Julie Dreher Sparta, MI

Vol. 132, No. 19

www.clarkcountypublishing.com

\$1.00 Includes Tax Clark, South Dakota 57225

Veterans Day is Nov. 11: Thank You U.S. Veterans

Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11 and observed on Monday, Nov. 12. Take a moment on Monday to thank a Veteran for making the United States of America the greatest nation on earth. Or better yet, go to the Clark School Veterans Day Program at 2:30 p.m. at the high school gym.

low comrades we served with and are now serving and who took our place when we retired." Paschen served 20 years as a Seabee and construction mechanic chief, E7 with the United States Navy. Also a coxswain and having worked for the Navy Seals, Paschen has since retired in Clark.

1945 and suffered some hearing loss due to being around the loud airplane engines back before they used ear protection. Raymond was one of five brothers serving in the war at the same time. His brother Gerhardt lost his life to a sniper in Africa. Raymond served in Africa and Italy during his four years in the Air Force.

Paschen is Veterans Day speaker

CMC Bob Paschen of Clark who retired in 2006 as Chief E7 will be the speaker at the Veterans Day program in Clark on Monday.



CMC Robert Paschen - Retired

Construction Mechanic Chief (CMC) Paschen joined the U.S. Navy in November of 1986 and had 20 years in the service when he retired.

His career started at the Gulf Port in Mississippi with the Navy Construction Battalion #74. As a construction mechanic he worked on trucks and bulldozers.

For a time he spent two months on the Guam, a helicopter pad in the Atlantic. Assigned with the helicopter squadron, he did mine counter measures - detecting mines in front of the ship.

Trained also as a coxswain, he would drive and train other operators on Rigid Hull Inflatable boats or RIB boats. For three years he was with a Naval special warfare group in Rota, Spain. With them he spent time in Kosovo for three or four months. He was attached with the Navy Seals doing construction mechanic work for them.

Closer to retirement, he was stationed at Columbus, Ohio and Wil-

iamsburg, Va. Living in Virginia he was with a cargo handling unit out of Ohio.

After retirement, Bob and his wife Janelle and son Christopher moved to Clark and he worked at the bird seed plant in Doland before most recently being in maintenance at the Golden Living Center in Clark. Janelle works in Watertown at Dacotah Bank with insurance and Christopher is currently attending DSU in Madison majoring in computer security.

Walt Anderson also served in North Africa and Italy from 1940 to 1944. He worked as a radio operator and spent a lot of time in a jeep serving with the U.S. Army. "Some parts I'd like to forget about," he said. "But it's nice to honor the veterans on that day. I just got a card in the mail from my daughter in honor of Veterans Day."

Owen Birkholtz said, "The veterans have contributed so much, there should be a day to honor them." Owen served from July of 1955 to May of 1957 in the U.S. Army. He was a track vehicle inspector with the Third Armored Division out of Fort Knox, Kentucky. He also went to Germany which he said was a good experience. Agriculture in Germany was getting started again after recuperating from the war. He spent the winter of 1955 at the Aberdeen Proving grounds in Baltimore, Md. where the Army tested track vehicles.

John Audus was drafted into the Army in 1944. He was trained with the Army's infantry for combat duty. He was planning on being

Veterans Day
(continued on page 2)

Mystery Snowman Clue
44th Annual Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest
"I feed for my job at the elevator."
Send guesses to Janene Gehrke, 209 1st Ave. W., Clark, SD 57225.



Steady traffic at the polls

Kenneth and Harriet Nordhus begin the voting process on Election Day 2012, Tuesday, Nov. 6. They voted in Precinct II, Clark Ward I in the Community Center of the Ulylot Building. Poll workers to the left include Carolyn Harding and Bernice Halling and Susan Bowers, not pictured.

begins and workers finish around 8:00 p.m. taking the ballots to the courthouse to be counted by the Auto-Mark machine. Thirty-one absentee ballots were received before the voting began on Tuesday for Ward I in Clark.

Secretary of State Jason Gant says no irregularities have been reported across the state mid-morning. And he says the polls in South Dakota seem to have steady traffic despite many voters who cast their ballots early. Gant says he's hearing that turnout is good and things are going smoothly.

"Slow" describes pheasant hunting season to this point

'Real slow' is how Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzer describes the pheasant season to this point.

"The July 17, 2010 hailstorm, along with the bird killing winter of 2010-11, was really hard on the birds and it is a long recovery process," said Lenzer. "We are up numbers wise from a year ago, but we're still down."

Lenzer speculated that during the opening weekend of the pheasant season hunters averaged a bird a day. "Hunters tell me that they just haven't seen a lot of birds," stated Lenzer.

"The opening weekend was quite busy, with more hunting pressure and more birds taken on the western edge of the county," he continued.

The biggest complaints the game warden has been seeing deal with road hunting laws and the 660' law. "With all the raccoons and coyotes, it should be a good year for trackers and maybe that will help the pheasant population in years to come, as well," Lenzer stated.

Elsewhere in the northeastern part of the state, pheasant hunters found birds in a mixed bag of areas. "People were hunting shelterbelts and cattail sloughs as well as in the grass," said Region I game manager Jacqui Ermer. "The CREP areas in Marshall County were extremely busy," she said.

Ermer estimates that hunters were averaging a bird apiece, but were seeing good numbers. "Hunters in Faulk, McPherson and Edmunds counties were having a little

more success, with about two birds each," she added. Early week rains were a blessing as they reduced fire dangers in the area and hunters were glad to see it, she said.

Pheasant season
(continued on page 2)

WEATHER
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 30.....	46	29	0
Oct. 31.....	58	28	0
Nov. 1.....	40	26	0
Nov. 2.....	34	27	0
Nov. 3.....	39	29	0
Nov. 4.....	33	30	.25
Nov. 5.....	38	30	0
2012 precipitation to date	17.57"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.16"		



Cyclones come to closure with semifinal playoff loss

The scoreboard at Dickinson Field doesn't tell it all, as the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones were defeated in the semifinal round of the 9AA SD High School Football Playoffs, Saturday, in Clark.

Howard defeated the Cyclones, 50-0, and now will play Deubrook Thursday afternoon for the state 9AA title.

"We had a great year," said Clark head football coach Joel Huber, center. Assistant coach Todd Jenkins is to the left. "I do not think many people thought we would make it this far. You have to give a lot of credit to our players. We had some injuries early in the year and we had to make some changes.

Our players responded with a lot of determination. They battled throughout the season and really made some great strides on both offense and defense. It was also really nice to play all three playoff games at home in front of our fans. I know the coaches and players appreciate all of our fans and their support throughout the season."

The Cyclones ran off seven consecutive victories and finish one of the top four teams in 9AA in the state.

For more on this Clark-Willow Lake game information, turn to page six.

Clark City Council has a full agenda at November meeting

With the inevitable cold weather of winter on its way, the Clark City Council discussed various matters which go hand in hand with winter maintenance and winter routine, at the November meeting, Monday, at City Hall.

Getting the city police department upgraded to where it wants to be is a priority of the council and Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz talked about purchasing equipment through the Highway Safety Grant, which is through both the federal government and the state of South Dakota.

Wellnitz has been measured for a bullet proof vest and requested

speed boards (for US Highway 212), upgrades in radar and breath testing for alcohol and an in-car camera. The cost of these items would be \$18,341, with the cost to the city at \$5,471, according to Wellnitz's report.

The council also agreed to fix the back up police car, the 2001 Ford Crown Vic. The cost was expected to be around \$1,500 to make the car road worthy.

In other business:
▲ Whether or not to have chickens (goats weren't mentioned this time) in the Clark city limits will be on the December meeting agenda. Resident John Boyko requested this

during the Public Input portion of the council meeting.

▲ Only four of the six council members were present, Louann Streff, Terry Binger, Kerry Kline and Belinda Hanson. Absent were Tony Woodland and Lon Reidburn.

▲ There will only be one December council meeting. Finance officer Jackie Luttrell thought a Tuesday, Dec. 11 meeting would suffice for both the general meeting and to handle year-end bills.

▲ Christmas Eve day, Monday, Dec. 24 will be a full day, rather than a half day vacation day.

City council
(continued on page 3)

We give thanks for our customers

Best Seat
Premium Home Entertainment
ITC

Don't have ITC TV? Call 1-800-417-8667 to see how you can get 2 or 3 months FREE!

1-800-417-8667