



Looks as if retention pond will not be up and running until 2018

Getting ready for winter as well as preparing to finalize fiscal year 2018 were two broad areas of discussion and action at the November meeting of the Clark City Council.

Two items that will not be finished before winter will be the retention pond located southeast of the city and also the road repairs on North Smith St. between Wookley's Assisted Living Center and the Clark United Methodist Church.

Regarding the retention pond which was to be completed in October and still is not ready for use, Mayor John Pollock commented, "This project will not be completed until 2018. We will know more at our December council meeting. I'm getting less and less happy (about the retention pond project)."

The city still owes Foothills Contracting \$350,000, after approving the \$132,395.62 pay request at Monday's meeting.

After the city agreed to pay the change order for gravel on township roads by the retention pond, \$17,612.40 the council also approved turning over this matter to city attorney Chad Fjelland so he could get more information and likely pursue an 'error of omission' situation from Clark Engineering.

The road improvements on N. Smith and 7th Ave. NW will also be finalized in 2018.

Councilman Brian Cook thought this drainage issue could be handled 'in house' with water being split into two culverts with a grate over the culvert and fabric tubes for water control.

"We will look at pursuing this in the spring," said Pollock.

2018 liquor rates

After a healthy and fairly lengthy discussion, the city council set 2018 liquor license rates. The 2018 fees will be: Dakota Butcher, \$9,000; The Lookout, \$4,500; Sportsman,

\$4,500 and Clark Lanes, (\$375 per month) \$4,500.

In other business:

▲ A 17 minute executive session was held for personnel reasons, to discuss 2018 employee salaries.

▲ The Clark Fire Department will be burning cattails between the Clark County Fairgrounds and Nature's Deli.

▲ The city payload is being hauled to Huron for repairs. It will be down for two days.

▲ Corey Hallstrom's bid of \$250 was the lone bid of the surplused 2001 Ford Expedition.

▲ The October police report indicated 48 calls for service with 1,981 miles traveled. The majority of the calls were traffic stops at nine. Six citations were issued in October, two for possession of marijuana, one intentional damage to property, one possession of drug paraphernalia and two speeding. The police department issued five warnings in October.

▲ Golf Club co-managers Melissa Nesheim and Tammy Rusher attended Monday's meeting, sharing winter activities on the calendar at the golf club. The golf course is now closed for the winter, except for special events.

▲ The 2018 appropriations budget was approved and will be published in next week's Courier edition.

▲ Attorney Fjelland will be writing water and sewer easements for N. Smith St. residents, where needed.

▲ All council members were present, including; Louann Streff, Dennis Larson, Brian Cook, Kerry Kline, Belinda Hanson and Andrew Zemlicka. Also present were Mayor Pollock finance officer Jackie Luttrell and city attorney Fjelland.

▲ The next meeting of the city council is Monday, December 4.

Jenny, from Seoul, South Korea is exchange student staying with the Springer family

Jee Yea Jang, or Jenny, as she prefers, is a sophomore foreign exchange student, staying with the Roger and Lorie Springer family of Bradley. Sierra Springer, a junior at Clark High School is Jenny's foreign exchange sister and is really enjoying the companionship and hostess role.

Jenny, from Seoul, South Korea, landed in Watertown on August 20, three days before school started. "The two and a half months have gone by really fast," said Sierra, as she likes to be by Jenny's side as much as possible to help her with the English language.

Speaking English and learning the language are two important parts of the foreign exchange program experience, and Jenny said she can tell she has gained much confidence with 'English'. "Now, if we could do something about it always being so cold," she said softly, with that shy smile she possesses.

"Pizza", was the answer to what is her favorite American food, and Sierra told of the huge 'care package' Jenny received from her parents last month. "It was a lot of food, spicy food," said Jenny, and when asked what made it so spicy, she replied, "ramen". Ramen is an Oriental noodle soup, with various flavors, spices and recipes.

"My mom sent many ramen snacks and sticky rice. She knew that is my favorite and I would be missing these foods," said Jenny.

Jenny said she is enjoying life in rural America and is involved in some of the same activities Sierra is in such as basketball cheerleader and competitive dance.

"I'm really enjoying Jenny," said Sierra, as she added that her older sister ShyAnn is in her second year

at Northern State University. "So we had a spare bedroom," said Sierra. "When ShyAnn has been gone, I was lonely. It is fun to hang out with Jenny. We play a lot of games. She's a whiz at Crazy - 8's."

One of the first things Jenny did with the Springers was to tour the Black Hills. "Crazy Horse was visible, but when we got to Mt. Rushmore, you could barely see it because of the fog," said Jenny.

Jenny's mom is Sul A. Lim and she is a corporate C.E.O. Her dad, Hyun Jin Jang is an accountant. She has a younger brother, U Chan Jang, two years old.

At the end of November, all of the foreign exchange students in northeast South Dakota will be taking a retreat trip to the Twin Cities.

"I want to continue mastering the English language, because on this upcoming trip, we will be encouraged to speak English with everyone, from all different countries."

As the interview was finishing up, Jenny said time is going by a little quicker now, as it was sort of a 'culture-shock' to start, but her last comment was, "How cold does it get in the winter!?"



Jee Yea Jang, or Jenny, on the right, is a foreign exchange student staying with the Roger and Lorie Springer family, Bradley. She is attending Clark High School, as is foreign exchange student host Sierra Springer, left.

Jenny is looking forward to basketball cheering and she really enjoys the friendliness of the school's students and teachers.

Mystery Snowman Clue 49th Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

"I come from a neighboring county, but now spend my time on the beach and 'who' can bank on that."

Send guesses to: The Clarkettes, 400 3rd Ave. NE Clark, SD 57225.

Mail no later than Nov. 9

Wish Clara Heer a 'Happy 100th' tomorrow

Born on November 9, 1917, Clara Heer joins the Century Club this week.

When asked about when she was born, Clara answered, "I was anxious to work, so I came two weeks early." Born on a farm south and east of Doland, she was the second of nine children born to Ollie and Mary Heer. Many people know Clara's brother Francis who still lives on the family farm.

When recalling her youth, Clara said, "I'm an outside girl so I was 'the hired man' on our farm. My dad depended on me and knew I could do the work. I started in the field at 11 years old behind a team of four horses pulling a disc. My dad and I worked together in the field.



Longevity runs deep in the Clara Heer family. This Thursday, November 9, Clara turns 100 years old.

"Watch how I do this' he would say and I later learned how to collar and hook up the team myself in my teen years. Four horses would be needed for the smaller plow and five horses for the bigger one. Both were two bottom plows and you'd have to walk behind the horses and the equipment.

"I never had a run away in my life," said Heer of her horse teams. She remembers making loose hay-stacks in the field and bringing them in to be put up in the barn. "I was usually up in the haymow with a pitch fork, moving the loose hay to the side, so more hay could be dropped in. A big sling brought the hay up and pulled it back into the barn. In later years we had square

bales and I hauled and stacked a lot of them too, by hand."

The family had a diversified farm and raised corn, wheat, oats, barley, sorghum and cane (which was like sorghum). They planted rye in the fall which saved time in the spring she said.

Working with horses changed to working with tractors starting in 1947 or so says Heer. For a while, they shared a Farmall tractor with their neighbors, keeping it going around the clock. Combining on an old Oliver combine was also something Heer learned on her own.

She would often help the neighbors too, whether it be in the field, Heer

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Brian Seim will be the new Discipleship Pastor at Clark United Methodist and Garden City United Methodist Churches, supporting Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy. He is pictured with his wife Laura.

Brian Seim is the Discipleship Pastor at local Methodist churches

"Helping people grow in their faith" is how Brian Seim describes his role as Discipleship Pastor, supporting Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy at Clark, Garden City, Henry and Kellerton (Hazel) United Methodist Churches.

If one goes to the Clark, South Dakota United Methodist Church website the opening Mission Statement reads: "Creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Seim's role will be carrying out this mission, specifically in small group sessions and one-on-one fellowship sessions. Brian's wife Laura will be part of the Discipleship Pastor team and they are excited, thankful and appreciative of this opportunity to serve alongside Pastor Mark and Pastor Joy Tracy on a personal level. "We look forward to getting to know and working with these four churches," said Seim.

Brian Seim's experience is limitless in this field, as he has a lifetime of sharing in small group ministry relationships. "As Discipleship Pastor, I will have the role of looking for leaders within the church, while championing different age groups and people/areas of need," he said.

Laura will be helping Brian with sound/media/technical support, and her forte is expressive worship, whereby putting sign language and dance together to enhance worship. Brian stated that he looked forward to nursing home visits and Laura said she has a real interest in the ministry of helping young girls with their relationship with Christ.

By vocation, Seim is a woodworker, having owned 'The Wood Shop' for 22 years. He originally is from Los Angeles, Calif. Laura grew up in Minnesota. They have five chil-

Seim

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What effect will La Niña have on our winter!



At noon on Friday, it snowed. Two inches later it stopped. This photo was taken shortly after noon, looking north to south on Commercial Street, in Clark.

After a brief coating of snow Monday, it is to be dry throughout the remainder of the week, but chilly. Highs will be in the 30's and lows in the teens.

What will the winter of 2017-2018 be like in Clark County? That hard prediction has been made even more difficult by predicting the winter will be affected by a weak La Niña pattern.

La Niña is the periodic cooling of the equatorial eastern and central Pacific Ocean. When sea-surface temperatures are cooler than average by at least 0.5 degrees Celsius for at least three consecutive months, along with consistent atmospheric indications, a La Niña is considered to be in place.

While there was a La Niña last autumn, it weakened early during the winter of 2016-17 and much of that winter was neutral. The last time that there was a La Niña winter was 2011-12 which was also a weak La Niña.

In researching the 2011-12 La Niña outlook for northeastern South Dakota, here is NWS meteorologist Dan Mohr's forecast that fall: "In summary, we're quite confident here at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Aberdeen that north-central and northeast

La Niña

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