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VETERANS DAY IS FRIDAY



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Renae Mudgett is moving to the elementary

The teachers and students of Clark High School and Middle School organized a farewell event for Renae Mudgett, last Tuesday, to express their gratitude for her dedication as an administrative assistant over the years. There were many hugs and well wishes exchanged as Mudgett moved on to the elementary school.

Mudgett has been a constant friendly face as stu-

dents and teachers head to class, 26 years to be exact. She recently took a position at Clark Elementary School to free up her summers. Alissa Reidburn was hired as the new high school and middle school administrative assistant.

Pictured left to right in front of the assembly are Renae and her granddaughters, Peyton Lee, Caitlyn Mudgett and Avery Mudgett.

Furness inducted into S.D. Umpire Hall of Fame

▲ Don Greenfield is a Honorary Member

The South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet was held Saturday, in Tabor.

Two with Clark County ties were inducted into the 2022 S.D. Umpire Association Hall of Fame - Geoff Furness and Don Greenfield as an Honorary Member.

Geoff Furness gives much credit to his dad Gene, who was inducted into the S.D. Umpire Hall of Fame, in 1991 for generating interest and knowledge in umpiring baseball.

Geoff is the son of Joan and the late Gene Furness and his brothers, Greg and Brad (Marsha), still live in Clark.

Geoff Furness' acceptance response Saturday, "I first started umpiring when I was in high school with my dad, Gene Furness, who also is a member of the Umpires Hall of Fame, and I really enjoyed



Geoff Furness umpired baseball for over 32 years. The retired Colome/Clark/Garretson science teacher was inducted into the S.D. umpires Hall of Fame, Saturday, in Tabor.

it. I did some games during my college summers and eventually

became a certified umpire for 32 years. That was the same number of years as my dad, and I always told myself that I wouldn't umpire longer than him. I umpired 5-12

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
November 1.....	66	36	0
November 2.....	70	35	0
November 3.....	68	46	0
November 4.....	46	29	0.05
November 5.....	41	21	0
November 6.....	48	18	0
November 7.....	43	16	0
2022 precipitation to date	18.46		
2021 precipitation to date	23.54		

Winter weather will be noticeable by Veterans Day

Expect big weather changes this week, as snow and cold are in the forecast.

Meteorologists from the National Weather Service, Aberdeen, forecast the brunt of the wind, snow and cold to be west and north of Clark County, but the weather will be the story in South Dakota this week.

"North central South Dakota into North Dakota is the bull's eye for a blizzard event on Veterans Day, Fri-

day. At this time, it looks like Clark County will get a wintry mix of precipitation; rain on Wednesday and snow on Thursday into Friday."

"The northwest wind, with gusts in the 20 mph range, will determine what conditions exist, depending on where the snow is located."

"From Friday through next week, the high temperature each day will be in the mid-20s with lows in the single digits every night next

week."

"On Thursday this week, it will be mostly cloudy, temperatures near freezing, windy; with a northeast wind between 24 and 31 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph. It will remain windy throughout the night with temperatures in the lower teens."

Ready or not, winter is upon us this week!



Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day 2022!

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 was Election Day all across the United States of America. The race for South Dakota Governor, U.S. Senator and U.S. House of Representatives highlighted this year's ballot, along with a full slate of 'statehouse' elections and one seat on the Clark County Board of Commissioners - District 5.

Milo Kolden, Ward III in Clark, is shown putting his ballot in the box, with Ward III election worker Joan Furness, left, observing.

Election results are available on our website clarkcountypublishing.com and will be available in next week's edition of the *Clark County Courier*.



Veterans Day programs at area schools

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served the United States of America. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. Veterans Day is Friday, November 11, 2022.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on November 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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, Friday, November 11.

On Friday, November 11, all veterans and spouses will be treated to rolls and coffee starting at 9:00 a.m. in the CHS commons area. The program will start in the CHS gym at 10:00 a.m.

Clark High School Student Body President Summer Seefeldt will welcome one and all, and then the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited followed by the C.H.S.

7-12 choir singing the 'Star Spangled Banner'.

The 'White Table Setting' done by the Clark High School Student Council members, has become a Veterans Day tradition. 'In Flanders Fields' will be performed by the choir.

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.

K-5 students will then sing 'The Brave'. The high school concert band will then perform 'Armed Forces on Parade'. Veteran Darin Lewis will be the speaker. Then, 'Taps' will be played as the Colors are retired by the Clark Boy Scouts. Student Council President Summer Seefeldt will close the Veterans Day ceremony.

Henry

The Henry Veterans Day program will be Thursday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

The elementary classes will be singing various songs in tribute to the veterans. The high school band will also be performing a selection of songs.

At 2:00 p.m., the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054 are giving a video presentation on the

Vietnam War for the students and the public. There will be a question and answer session to follow.

Willow Lake

On Friday, November 11, Willow Lake School will be presenting the Veterans Day program in the Willow Lake gym, at 10:00 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be served starting at 9:30 a.m. and after the program. The public is invited to attend. Veteran registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. Jalen Hohm, junior class president, will welcome those attending followed by the Johnnie Fenken American Legion Post 113 Color Guard.

Patriotic music will include: the high school choir octet performing the 'National Anthem'; kindergarten through second grade will be singing 'My Country Tis of Thee'; third through fifth grades will sing 'America the Beautiful'; the middle school choir will perform 'Let Freedom Ring'; and the high school choir will perform 'God Bless the USA'.

The speaker at the Willow Lake Veterans Day program will be SFC Rorie Gregor. Colin and Dane Beveridge will give the Invocation and Benediction.

"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

The November council meeting is quite lengthy due to Board of Adjustment variances

The November meeting of the Clark City Council was on Monday, it began with discussion on 2023 salaries and progression of the raising of water rates, both in ordinance form. Council members heard the first reading of the 2023 salaries with little discussion.

The second reading of ordinance #578, regarding the water rate increase, was approved. The increase will raise water rates by 50¢ per 1,000 gallons from \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons, beginning in January 2023, for December 2022 billing. The rate increase is congruent with the Rural Water rate increase of 50¢. The board discussed the potential of yearly small increases to avoid a larger rate increase down the road.

Board of Adjustments

Jim Zeck was present requesting a variance to build a structure on his property that would violate the current setbacks. The potentially affected neighbor, Mario Guzman, was also present, requesting the setbacks that are currently in place remain in place. The board agreed that setbacks should remain as they are and Zeck will look at restructuring the size of his proposed build.

SGR Distributing owners Ray and Sara Gjerde were present to request variances for two potential properties. The first property located at the corner lot of 2nd Avenue Northwest and Clinton Street, is a proposed structure addition for personal use that would potential-

ly be more than the allotted square footage for the property. Potentially affected neighbors, Tyler Helkenn and Chelsi Paulson, were present and expressed concern for water damage that could be caused by taking away too much of the ground and trees that currently pull the water from neighboring basements. This will be reapproached at a later date as the SGR Distributing will return to the drawing board with concerns in mind.

The second variance requested by SGR Distributing is for a duplex they will potentially build located on the corner lot of Dakota Street across from the elementary school and the ITC building. The lot size is small and the variance requested would allow more of the property to contain the dwelling. Neighbor to the east, Todd Fiedler, was present to express concern about the water run off and where it will be directed so as to not cause potential water damage on his neighboring property. This will also be reapproached at a later date, as SGR Properties will return to the drawing board again with concerns in mind.

Brandi Foster was present in request to open and operate a daycare in her home. Foster completed all requirements, including getting eight signatures from neighbors. All members approved her opening and operating the in-home daycare.

In Other Business:

* Board members discussed possible dates for this year's Christ-

mas party which is to be held at the Clark Golf Course.

* Tara Thomas was present in regards to due accreditation for the library, which is to be completed December 2, 2022. In order to achieve accreditation, the library must have hours of operation that reflect an evening or weekend. At this time, the library will begin extended open hours on Thursday evenings. The hours will change from a 5:00 p.m. closing to a 7:00 p.m. closing.

* Darrin Alltfisch was present and spoke about the need for a new roof on Sanford Clinic Clark. The shingles were patched the last couple of times there was damage or leaking. Alltfisch proposed seeking bids for a tin roof with hopes to have the roof replaced this coming spring.

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Mystery Snowperson Clue
54th Annual
Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest
Frosty says: "Starting with school activities shortly after the new century with the oldest child, I still cheer on the Cyclones, even though the youngest child has graduated."

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

CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LEAVING A LEGACY

Bake sale and burger feed at Plymouth Congregational Church on November 23 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to Clark Day of Giving, November 29.