

Clark Elementary School Winter concert is Monday

The Clark Elementary School Winter concert, preschool through fifth grade, will be Monday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

The fifth grade band will open the program with "Good King Wenceslas," "Dreydl, Dreydl" and "Merry Kisimusi." Then, the preschool, kindergarten and first grade classes will sing "A Hat for My Snowman," "What's in That Stocking?," "If I could Fly Like a Snowflake" and "Sparkly."

"This Magic Season," "For the

Winter," "Snow Snow Snow" and "I Feel Like Fa La La La" will be sung by the fourth and fifth grade classes.

Next, the second and third grade classes will sing "Snowman Choir," "Snowman, Where'd You Go?," "Here Comes the Snow" and "Winter Again."

To close out the concert, the preschool through fifth grade classes will come together and sing "Peaceful Night."

Clark Elementary School's music instructor is Alicia Turnquist.



Christmas services celebrate 'The Reason for the Season'

The Christmas holiday is fast approaching with many area church services being held to honor the Savior Jesus Christ's birthday.

Clark

At the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, Christmas Eve morning worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

At St. Paul Lutheran, Preacher Jody Peterson will lead a Christmas Eve morning service at 9:00 a.m. on December 24. That afternoon, a 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service will take place.

The Assembly of God Church will have a 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve morning service on December 24 led by Pastor Mark Cronauer.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastor Rob Salmonson invites all to Christmas Eve morning worship services at 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Catholic Church will hold Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day mass on December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Willow Lake Area

Pastor Randy Bader invites all to the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Christmas Eve and Children's Christmas service at 4:00 p.m. on December 24.

Lake Gospel Church in Willow Lake will hold their Sunday School Christmas program on December 17 at 9:30 a.m. and will have a Christmas Eve morning service with Communion on December 24 at 9:30 a.m. led by Pastor Steven Johnson.

The Carpenter United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve

Service on December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve services at Good Hope Lutheran Church will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna will hold a 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

A Christmas Eve service at Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake will be at 6:00 p.m.



Other Area Services

In Raymond, the First Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Raymond will have a 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve service led by Pastor Randy Bader.

In Crocker, a Christmas Eve morning worship service on December 24 will be held at 10:00 a.m. led by Pastor Michael Jacobson.

In Henry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pastor Randy Bader will lead a Quad Parish Christmas Day song service at 9:00 a.m.

Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve mass on December 24 at St. Henry Catholic Church will begin at 6:30 p.m.



The photos above captured many students during their performances of the Clark Middle School/High School Christmas concert last Monday, December 4.

Top left: In the foreground, Jordyn Repp, left and Riley Pickrel (right) are playing clarinet. Middle, Caitlyn Mudgett and Talyn Ortberg on their trumpets, and back, Kamryn Nesheim plays percussion.

Top right: Back row, left to right: Logan Parker, Elijah Tarbox and Bo Begeman. Front row, left to right are Logan Foster, Jakob Steen and

Clark High/Middle School Christmas concert was last Monday

By Carolynn Olson

Clark Middle School and high school students had their 2023 Christmas Concert in the Clark High School Gym on Monday, December 4. The students were under the direction of Amy Nelson, Clark Middle School/High School band and vocal director.

The sixth grade choir started off the night singing two songs, "An African Celebration" and "Shepherds, Go Tell!" Next, the seventh

and eighth grade choir sang two songs, including "Winterlight" and "Angels and Shepherds," with CHS sophomore Aleisha Naze playing the trumpet.

The freshman through senior choir sang three Christmas songs, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Lullaby for a King" and "Song for a Winter's Night".

The sixth and seventh grade band played two songs, including "King of Angels" and "Calypso



Parker Schmidt.

Bottom left: Back row, left to right: Jayla Easthouse and Lucy Christian. Middle row, left to right: McKinley Dunbar and Chloe Hagstrom. Front row, left to right: Marley Wray, Grady Huber and Alayna Arthur.

Bottom right, from left to right are Eduardo Villages, Kayla Arthur and Jayla Easthouse.

Photos by Carolynn Olson & Trudi Gaiowski

Unified judicial system warns about jury duty phone scams

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System is warning the public about a nationwide telephone scam threatening arrest for missing jury duty.

During the call, the scammer impersonates a law enforcement officer or court official and claims the victim has failed to report for jury duty. The scammer tells the victim they can avoid arrest or other repercussions by making a payment or purchasing a pre-paid card.

If someone receives such a call or email, they should not provide any personal information or payment and should hang up. South Dakota courts do not call prospective jurors and ask for money or personal identifying information over the telephone. If someone summoned for jury duty fails to appear, that person will receive correspondence by U.S. mail, not by phone or email.

Here are some tips to avoid becoming the victim of this type of scam:

- Always be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls.
- Never give money or personal information to someone with whom you don't have ties and did not initiate

contact.

• Trust your instincts. If an unknown caller pressures you or says things that don't sound right, hang up.

• If concerns remain about the caller's claims, verify the information with the appropriate law enforcement agency or court officials.

For more information about jury duty in South Dakota, visit <https://ujjurors.sd.gov/>.



Johnson Trucking has been in business for 60 years this month. Lucas Johnson, left, is standing next to his 1992 International 9400. At center, Jim Johnson stands next to his 1995 Freightliner Classic Model. On

the right is Dennis Johnson next to his 1985 International. Photo by Tara Knutson

Johnson Trucking has been in business for 60 years

By Tara Knutson

"This is all I've wanted to do. It's my dream job," Lucas Johnson recalls, standing in the family farm yard beside his father Jim and uncle Dennis Johnson.

Lucas is a third generation owner/operator within the Johnson Trucking business. "I remember

standing in the alleyway at the elevator working the year after my high school graduation when Dad called and said, 'You want to start trucking? Now is your time'. Those were the busiest two weeks of my life, getting my truck, CDL license and insurance, but it was the beginning of my dream job," he said.

Lucas was only three years old when his father brought a semi truck home; now, he is 23. "Lucas was as tall as the shifter," Jim recalled. With the passage of time, that little boy has grown up and drives his own big rig.

For 60 years this December, Clark County residents have seen

the Johnson semi trucks rolling down the highways, hauling agricultural commodities. "I can't imagine how many loads we've done or how many head of cattle we've hauled. It's been a lot," Jim said.

Each driver has had their favor-

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Dec. 8.....	64	34	0
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2023 precipitation to date	19.16"		
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