



Chilly night for the Fourth Annual Parade of Lights on Saturday

Saturday, December 10 was Christmas in Clark. For many, the afternoon was spent at the Legion Hall for kids' activities and games. At 6:00 p.m., the Parade of Lights started. If there's one thing for sure, holiday spirit was not in short supply on Saturday.

The fourth annual Parade of Lights in Clark was Saturday, December 10. The parade was sponsored by the Clark Chamber of Commerce. It was a clear, but chilly night for the parade. Most people were bundled up as temperatures were in the 20s. Fires were set up for people to gather around to stay warm.

Starting at 6:00 p.m., floats lit up the streets. The theme of the parade was "Favorite Christmas Movies." The common parade route was used, starting from N. Idaho St., down to U.S. Highway 212, turning north on

Commercial Street.

Many businesses were represented during the parade. There were three categories in which the floats were judged, Most Lit, Most Jolly and Best Overall Theme. Winners of the categories were: Most Lit - Westside Implement, Most Jolly - Duenwald Transportation and Best Overall Theme - Clark Family Dental Center.

Pictured above, left, is the Molar Express parade float put together by the Clark Family Dental Center. Their float was a spoof on the 2004 Christmas film *The Polar Express*, which was based on the book of the same name by Chris Van Allsburg. At right, is Westside Implement's lighted float, or tractor rather, driven by Santa. Snow flew through the air as they went down the street. It was quite a sight to see.



This isn't a spectacular ice picture, until one realizes that the Bill of Rights is completely covered, and 'frozen over,' unable to be seen.

As the Clark County Courier goes to press, a nationwide winter storm event is crossing the contiguous 48 states.

South Dakota, on Tuesday had a blizzard West Riv-

Massive winter storm bearing down on the area

A major winter storm is forecast to be bearing down on the Clark County area. As the *Clark County Courier* goes to press late Tuesday morning, the temperature is hovering around 32° number, and the ground is one huge ice skating rink. This winter storm event is scheduled to last multiple days, and we

could get up to a foot of snow within the next 24 to 36 hours.

Schools are shut down, Governor Kristi Noem shut down state offices on Tuesday, and a blizzard is streaming west to east across the state, shutting down Interstate 90 in the middle and western parts of the state.

er, two-feet of snow over the middle part of the state and an ice storm brewing on the eastern side.

What expects to be a four-day storm, we will have to wait and see what the weather does in Clark County. Here's hoping you receive your paper in a timely fashion.

Clark School board discusses 2023-24 calendar and return to school plan

The Clark school board braved the icy roads to meet Monday night and discuss the 2023-24 school year calendar among other things. There were two drafts presented, the one that looks the same as this year's and another option with a few tweaks based on school staff suggestions.

The main suggestion was to move the December inservice back to the month of November. The reasoning behind the suggestion was that the month of December is already short on days due to Christmas break. The staff see the need for the December days to remain instruction days.

Another suggestion was to change the ending date of the first quarter to October 19. Changing the quarter end date would allow almost as many days in the first quarter as the other quarters of the school year.

Board member Todd Fjelland asked if staff would have enough time to have grades ready by par-

ent-teacher conferences if the date was changed to the 19th, to which superintendent Travis Ahrens replied that grades would be ready at parent-teacher conferences. For those who are unable to attend, the report cards would be mailed out to those families.

Other matters discussed at the

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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December 6	24	10	0
December 7	28	4	0.04
December 8	15	2	0
December 9	34	12	0
December 10	31	23	0
December 11	28	14	0
December 12	37	19	0
2022 precipitation to date	20.37		
2021 precipitation to date	24.33		

Clark City Council reviews the 2016 Annexation Study

The December meeting of the Clark City Council was held Wednesday, December 7. The meeting saw discussion leading to the decision to revisit the 2016 Annexation study. The study proposes annexing a portion of county property off South Smith Street at the south end of Clark city limits.

Terry Schlagel was present at the meeting to say how he has had people express interest in purchasing a portion of his land to build a home. The property in question does have city water but not city sewer, which has proven to be a deterrent to interested parties.

Schlagel was there to speak with the board about options, such as an easement to get city sewer accessible to the area. Schlagel suggested making 7th Avenue a legal street with legal access. He added that he has about four blocks of undeveloped street right now.

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.

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At the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

At St. Paul Lutheran, Preacher Jody Peterson will lead 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24.

The Assembly of God Church will have a 10:00 a.m. Christmas morning service on December 25 lead by Pastor Mark Cronauer.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastor Rob Salmonson invites all to Christmas morning worship services at 10:00 a.m. This will be a joint service, and everyone is encouraged to come as you are, pajamas and all.

St. Michael's Catholic Church will hold Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve mass on December 25, lead by Father Dan Smith, at 9:00 a.m.

At Peace Lutheran of Clark, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the Christmas Day Festival service, beginning at 9:00 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 5:00 p.m. on December 24 and the Christmas Day Festival Service at 10:45 a.m. Christmas morning.



Lake Gospel Church in Willow Lake will hold their Sunday School Christmas program on December 21 at 6:00 p.m. and will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

on December 24 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Steven Johnson welcomes all to come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m.

The Carpenter United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. on December 25.

The Prairie Star Lutheran parish served by Pastor LeRoy Boender and synodically authorized minister Colin Beveridge have scheduled their Christmas Eve services on December 24: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant at 4:00 p.m., Good Hope Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran

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Clark High School students Marlee Bowers, left, Matthew Batchelor and Elija Tarbox, right, are pictured playing foosball at the Clark Area Rec Center last week.

Clark Area Rec Center a year later

Students have been engaging in activities at the Clark Area Rec Center for a full year now. The rec center is located in the basement at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Clark.

The rec center offers a place for students to spend time with friends and engage in positive activities

during the evening hours.

Foosball, pool, air hockey and arcade games are just some of the activities offered at the Rec Center. Openings are usually planned after sporting events in the area to encourage attendance.

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