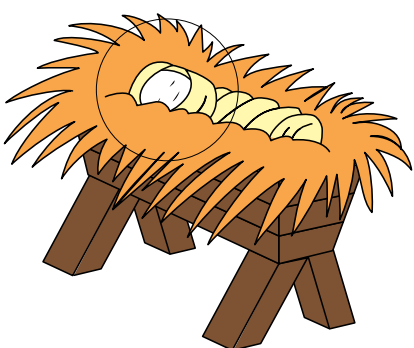


Special services are planned for Christmas

Through all of the hub-bub about Santa, his elves on their shelves and all that goes with him - we must remember and make sure and tell the young ones among us - it's not Santa's holiday, it belongs to Jesus. It's his birthday not Santa's. Santa may be bringing presents to show love as God is love and it is God's son Jesus who is the reason for the season.



Jesus is our gift from God and that is huge, the biggest and best gift we will all ever receive. Through him and the Grace of God, we could have a wonderful future ahead when our short life on earth is done. When giving gifts this year, remember to give your heart to Jesus and use your faith in action towards others. Faith can be compared to a muscle - in that it should be used not just talked about. Show love to your friends and family and even strangers this Christmas season and at-

tend the church of your choice to find out more about being on 'Team Jesus'.

Worship services in our area include: In Clark, at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

In Raymond, Pastor Donna Nickels will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m.

At Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond, Pastor Mark Guthmiller will lead the Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. at Bethlehem. On December 25 at Peace, the Word and Song service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

At St. Paul Lutheran, their Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service with communion will be held at 8:00 p.m. The service will be led by Pastor Gary Anderson.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy invite members to the Christmas Eve Candlelight service and children's program held on the 24th at 3:00 p.m.

At St. Michael's Church in Clark, a Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. with Father John Short.

In Garden City, Pastors Mark

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Toys musical presented by elementary

The Clark Elementary students, under the direction of Stacy Andersen-Mjoun, presented *Toys - The Night the Toys come to Life*, last Tuesday, at the Clark High School gym for their Christmas Concert. The Toys musical featured: *Toy's Opening, Glee Under the Tree,*

We're Alive, The Teddy Bear Tango, Rag Doll Rock, Christmas Dreams and Bows.

Above are third graders, back, left to right Drew Hoeke, Nevaeh Rusher and Conner Mudgett. In front is second grader Randy Torres.

Clark Field House adds memberships for workout availability

▲ Supervised hours will remain unchanged



It's hard to believe that the Clark School Fieldhouse has been in existence since 1998, so it's going on almost 17 years.

Starting next month, the school is allowing Field House memberships, to go along with the supervised

opening times.

Shown in the exercise room section of the Clark School Field House are school administrators, principal Jerry Hartley, left, and superintendent Luanne Warren, right.

Beginning with the new year, 2015, the Clark School is expanding Field House access.

Since the Clark School Field House was built in 1998, supervised hours of activity have been available at no charge to area residents. That advantageous feature will remain!

What the Clark School is now offering is expanded hours through a Clark Field House annual membership. (See ad on page 6.)

These memberships are available now, having to be picked up at the administrative offices at the high school. The key-less entry (FOB) allows access to the Field House. Security doors will prevent entrance to the school itself.

"We are very excited to make this available," said Clark superintendent Luanne Warren. "People will be able to access this facility whenever they want and we will still have free supervised hours for the community." The FOB hours will be 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Members under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian at all times while in the

(unsupervised) Field House.

The Clark School Board along with administration have been attempting to make this (FOB membership) a reality for some time and deserve a 'tip of the cap' for making this a reality.

"Concerning the hours now available, we're not changing anything," Clark High School principal Jerry Hartley reiterated. "People wanted this added time element and we worked through the liability issue, as this has been in the works for several years."

Hartley was alluding to the liability issue of using free weights while working out. Any time free weights are being used a supervisor needs to be on duty. Also, free weights cannot be brought in by anyone to use while a supervisor is not on duty.

Warren and Hartley feel that this membership move is a positive. "We're proud of this facility and we need to take care of it," said Warren.

Hartley added that security cameras are numerous and the rules and regulations are very enforce-

able. Listing all the rules and regulations are too numerous for this news article, but sections contain: dress code, locker room, waiver and release, exercise room, exercise equipment, personal conduct, member's responsibility and additional rules and regulations.

The (FOB's) memberships are individual or family and cannot be shared with anyone outside the

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	HI	LO	PR
Dec. 9	23	13	0
Dec. 10	35	20	0
Dec. 11	36	28	0
Dec. 12	42	28	0
Dec. 13	50	37	0
Dec. 14	49	29	0
Dec. 15	29	11	.22
2014 precipitation to date	16.00"		
2013 precipitation to date	25.56"		

Giving recognition can benefit communities as well as recipients

A story by **Dakotafire**
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By Heidi Marttila-Losure, *Dakotafire Media Reporting* by Doug Card, *Britton Journal*; and Ken Schmierer

As we come into the season of giving, communities might consider one powerful present that they can give: recognition. Many Dakota communities honor their leaders, though the form and criteria of the recognition varies. In Ellendale, N.D., a Walk of Fame honors people with roots in Ellendale who have gone on to lead successful lives. Star-shaped plaques are placed on Main Street to as permanent recognition of their accomplishments; plaques in Brandenburger Park tell the stories of the people named on the stars. New recipients are chosen at every all-school reunion. In Britton, S.D., Heart of Dakota awards are given to people who have shown excellence in the categories of Customer Service, Com-

munity Involvement, Agri-business and People's Choice. Honorees are recognized at a dinner at the Britton Area Chamber of Commerce



An example of one of the stars in Ellendale's Walk of Fame.

Courtesy Ken Schmierer

Fall Social, and their accomplishments are described in *The Britton Journal* and the *Langford Bugle*. "It was an honor, obviously," said Karen Mikkelson, South Dakota Extension employee and former Heart of

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Tis the season...to decorate and decorate

▲ Daytime dazzling and twilight twinkling

With dinner over and the dishes done, families might want to bundle up and head out for an evening tour of the Christmas lights and decorations.

Downtown city windows twinkle and display the many colorful gifts and Christmas decorations available. Lining the streets and city light posts are the hanging bells, wreaths and candles and Christ-

Tis the season
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To really appreciate the Christmas lights in Clark, one needs to see them in person, after dark. That's when this picture was taken, but it was early enough after sunset that it looks pretty 'light'. Nice weather is now history, but most Christmas lights have been put up and decorated.

The Seasons Greetings decoration is on US Highway 212, on the south side, just east of Flat Iron Park.

