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Winter weather is here - Temperatures in the teens with gusty winds and below zero wind chills



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## TOP of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Nov. 29	-	-	.22
Nov. 30	-	-	0
Dec. 1	-	-	0
Dec. 2	33	17	0
Dec. 3	33	24	0
Dec. 4	33	22	0
Dec. 5	37	11	0
2016 precipitation to date	20.03		
2015 precipitation to date	21.99		

### CHS Christmas concert is Monday

Monday, December 12 is the middle school and high school band and choir concert at Clark School. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The concert band will perform *Mele Kalikimaka* and *A Christmas Festival*. The final selection for the concert band will be a *Marshmallow World*. *Sleigh Ride* will be performed by the Jazz Band. *Frosty the Snowman* and *Holly Jolly Christmas* will be performed by the sixth grade band. The fifth grade band will play *Jingle Bells* and *Up on the Housetop*. The High School Choir will sing *Mistletoe*, *Hot Chocolate* and *Twelve Days After Christmas*. The Junior High Chorus will sing *Jingle Bell Dash* and *Candy Cane Twist*. Lola Bartels is the band director and Tera McDonnell is choir director.

### Blizzard conditions exist Tuesday

Tuesday was supposed to be a decent winter weather day, with wind and colder than normal temperatures. In reality, it snowed for much of the daylight hours, bringing about a full-fledged blizzard, with mounting snow drifts and zero visibility. School was canceled at Clark shortly after sunrise. Here's hoping you get your paper on time!?!?

### Bradley sales tax rate to 2 percent

Three South Dakota communities are making updates to their current municipal tax rates beginning January 1, 2017. The municipal tax changes taking effect include: Bradley, imposing a 2 percent general sales and use tax rate. Lake Norden, increasing its 1 percent general sales and use tax rate to 2 percent.

### Jackley issues Marsy's opinion

Attorney General Marty Jackley has issued an Official Opinion on the implementation of Marsy's Law as it relates to release of auto accident reports to the public, the release of street addresses where crimes occur, and the names of victims in crime report logs or law enforcement radio traffic requested. "While there is more work being done, this opinion is intended to help victims and those assisting victims in carrying out our new law," said Jackley. "I would like to thank the individual Task Force members for their willingness to serve and for their assistance on these issues that have affected law enforcement and the public statewide," said Jackley.

"A date that will live in infamy" - December 7, 1941, is now 75 years ago today.

It is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Japanese attack on the U.S. Navy's Pacific fleet while anchored at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on an early Sunday morning. This event changed the United States from an isolationist nation to the world super power it is today.

The chief targets were eight American battleships among the 92 naval vessels anchored in the harbor. The U.S. military had 18 ships sunk or severely damaged, about 170 planes destroyed and about 3,700 casualties according to the World Book Encyclopedia.

Forcing the United States into war "Remember Pearl Harbor" became the rallying cry for the United States in World War II.

The sunken battleship - the U.S.S. Arizona remains at the bottom of Pearl Harbor and above it has been built a memorial to honor those who perished in the surprise attack. More than a thousand men are entombed aboard the Arizona.

Clark residents remember where they were on December 7, 1941.

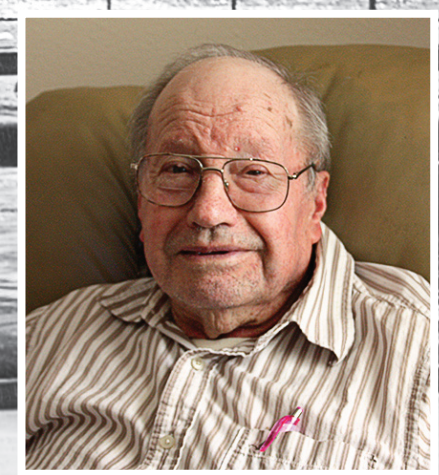
#### Ron Hinman

"I was in our shop working with my dad, Ralph on our McCormick-Deering 2236 (IH) tractor putting new rings on when my older sister Donna came running out to the barn and told us that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. We only had one six volt radio at the time and the rest of the day it had all of our attention as we heard the news. I was 11 years old at the time but I

#### Pearl Harbor (continued on page 3)

USS Shaw exploding after her forward magazine was detonated by the raging fire.

A Navy photographer snapped this photograph of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, just as the USS Shaw exploded.



Ron Hinman



Jeanette Bobzien



Jim Arthur



Dorothy Shirk

## Seventy-five years ago today Pearl Harbor was attacked



Unknown Navy photographer - US Archives



Ken's Food Fair in Clark hosted their annual Christmas Open House last Friday afternoon. "We were steady throughout," said Ken's manager Kim Nelson. The weather cooperated nicely on Friday. Nelson also stated that the grocery store is changing service providers, going from Affiliated Foods to AWG. AWG, of Norfolk, Neb. bought out Affiliated. Nelson said this transfer, Best Choice replacing Shurfine, will take place in the immediate future, maybe by February at the latest.

### Retailers looking for a good holiday season

With snow on the ground and a recent frigid chill in the air, the county has taken on the feeling of Christmas as Thanksgiving and November are both history. With less than three weeks of shopping days left until Christmas, area merchants are thinking that sales are on pace to equal last year, or at least that is the hope this holiday season. Local retailers are looking for a good holiday season this year and most comments have been favorable and positive concerning buying locally. Pam Dekker at Dekker Hardware said that because of the lovely late fall weather there were early sales on Christmas trees, yard decorations and Christmas lights. "Now with winter weather - snow shovels,

ice melt, ice scrapers and gloves have been going out the door." Dekker said a big seller this holiday season is the Nuwave Bio-air Fryer. "It is a healthy, deep fry with no oil," said Dekker. At Ken's Food Fair, baking goods and baking needs are Christmas mainstays. "We have many cooking items and even candy making supplies," said Ken's manager Kim Nelson. Nelson also explained that starting early in 2017 one will see Best Choice products at Ken's, rather than the Shurfine brand. "It will give everyone a larger selection," she said. AWG of Norfolk, Neb. purchased Affiliated Foods, also of Norfolk, Neb. This will be the first Christmas that Ken's has beer and wine sales.

Melanie Smith of the Clark Flower and Gift Shop stated, "We had a good Open House, despite the weather." In recent years Clark Flower and Gift has been hosting the open house the week prior to Thanksgiving. "I really think this will be a good year for Care Packages. Our framed prints and home decor have also been doing well. I look for a good Christmas!" she said. Floral bouquets are a staple at the store, along with scarves and jewelry. Randy Gruenwald at Dakota Butcher said he has been busy processing deer seven days a week and his store is really looking forward to this Christmas season.

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### Several significant decisions made by city council, Monday

The December meeting of the Clark City Council was an hour long meeting - with several significant decisions being made. Clark Mayor Larry Dreher, during the Mayor's comments segment, wanted to explain about the land purchase of property, by the city on the north side of US Highway 212 on the east side of town. "It wasn't to help a business coming to Clark," said Dreher. "There is a certain entity that is quite concerned why we purchased it. I'm always trying to 'beautify' our community. It potentially could house a new fire hall and everyone knows we could use a new motel." Operating Agreements The city council renewed operating agreements with the liquor establishments in Clark, for 2017. It is a one-year license agreement. The council approved, Dakota Butcher: Off-sale package liquor, \$8,500 for one license; Lookout:

On-sale liquor, \$4,500; Sportsman: On-sale liquor, \$4,500; Clark Lanes: On-sale liquor, \$1,800; Ken's Food Fair: Off-sale malt beverage, \$1,500 + \$100 state fee; Dollar General: Off-sale malt beverage, \$1,500 + \$100 state fee; Ken's Food Fair: On/off sale wine, \$250; Dollar General: On/off sale wine, \$250; Heather's Bistro: On/off sale malt beverage, \$1,500 + \$150 state fee. Prior to this new operating agreement, the city had been at 10 percent of invoices. In order to make this work, the city felt a monetary compromise was made and also 'grandfathered in' Clark Lanes at \$1,800, while other bars are at \$4,500. Clark Lanes owner Mike Woodland was at Monday's meeting and commented that this \$1,800 works out to be an average of 10 percent.

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### Sunday School programs are being held in the area

Many children's Christmas programs in individual churches will be held this holiday season. Christmas celebrations will continue as Christians in the community and around the world recognize the birth of the Savior and the new life he brought to the world. Clark services At the Clark United Methodist Church a children's program will be held on December 18 during worship at 11:00 a.m. At St. Paul Lutheran, 10:30 a.m. on December 18, the Sunday School program will be held during worship. The Assembly of God will have their church Christmas program with children and adults on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

At the Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC) their children's Sunday School program will be held on the 11th at 9:30 a.m. during the church service. The Baptist Church of Clark is planning on a Christmas program with refreshments to follow on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. Willow Lake area On Sunday, December 18, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna, the Sunday School will start their live nativity presentation at 6:30 p.m. Good Hope's Sunday School children will be joining them in their presentation. Sunday School (continued on page 3)

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