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Senior Features of 2013

"Being a conservative, don't buy unless really a necessity," says Delmar Tobey



Delmar Tobey of Willow Lake has enjoyed archery since he and his wife took up the sport in the late 1950's. The pair has harvested many deer over the years including this one he had mounted. Farming within miles of Willow Lake his entire life, Delmar and his wife Grace, raised three daughters and worked in the fields together during their 63 years of married life.

"I couldn't have done it all without her help" acknowledged Delmar Tobey of his wife's contribution to their farm life. They were married for nearly 63 years when she died in 2006.

Delmar Andrew Tobey was born on May 4, 1922 to Charles and Clara (Peterson) Tobey. He was the baby of the family with older siblings being Ethel, Merlin, Charlotte and Carrol. When only 37 years old, Delmar's mother died of a heart attack. Delmar was 23 months old at the time. His older sisters kept house and watched over him. Later his father remarried and he gained

one half brother Richard and a half sister Georgia.

Orphaned early in Life

The family's time together was short however as his father died when Delmar was only six years old. He then went to stay with his grandparents for a while. His father's parents were William and Lettie (Clement) Tobey and they farmed near Bancroft.

"They were big farmers. I remember seeing Grampa's steam engine tractor. It pulled a twelve bottom plow with a drag behind it and there was a steam lift on the plow. That

was something you didn't see very often," stated Tobey. "My grandparents had seven boys and four girls. I lived with my grandmother for a couple years after my dad died. She was a widow by then. I didn't know my Peterson grandparents as well, but I did know he was from Sweden and she was from Denmark. They lived between DeSmet and Bancroft and were also farmers. They retired in DeSmet. Their names were Andrew and Wilhemina Peterson.

Living with Family

When he was about seven years old, he went to live with his uncle Earl and Aunt Edith and cousin Alton. Alton was ten years older than Delmar. "We got along pretty good. I remember making and flying toy airplanes together. Alton was a good basketball player. When I went to my first basketball game in Huron to watch him play, we took the Model A Pickup. A blizzard happened and we didn't make it back for three days," recalls Tobey.

Delmar started school in Melham. "I only walked a mile or two to school. I always brought my lunch.

The Orny Buck

When herding cattle at his uncles farm, moving them over to Willow Lake during the drier years, he remembers his run in with an unruly buck sheep. "He came at me and I put my arm up to protect myself. He rammed into my arm and broke two bones, close to my wrist. Doc Fleeger fixed me right up, but I had to wear a cast for a while. It was really itchy I remember," declared Tobey.

Living with Edith

When he was about nine years

Tobey
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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 5	27	12	0
Feb. 6	33	20	0
Feb. 7	22	15	0
Feb. 8	28	15	0
Feb. 9	32	34	.50
Feb. 10	27	17	.55
Feb. 11	18	9	0
2013 precipitation to date			1.15"
2012 precipitation to date			0.43"

Cracker Barrel is February 18

The Legislative Cracker Barrel is set for Monday, February 18 in Clark, starting at 11:00 a.m. This legislative coffee will be held in the Community Room of the Ulyot Building.

All District VI legislators, Rep.

Brock Greenfield, Rep. Burt Tullson and Sen. Chuck Welke have indicated they will be in attendance.

The question and answer session is expected to run an hour or better.



Sioux Falls Tower and Communications were on the job last week fixing the antenna the Clark County Ambulance and local Fire Departments use. On the left are crewmen taking down the old tower on Thursday. On the right, left to right, are Josh Sieverding, Kenny Reed and Ben



Geppert, shown by 'the whip' on the fiberglass antenna's base they replaced. They returned to Clark on Friday to troubleshoot the antenna they replaced on the water tower.

Antenna repaired on city water tower

If one has noticed more activity than usual at the Clark water tower this past week, it is because some antenna repair needed to be accomplished.

According to Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw, the antenna that is attached to the water tower broke over the Feb. 2 and 3 weekend.

"Weather conditions were likely the culprit," said Sheriff McGraw. "Probably a combination of ice and wind. According to the owner of the antenna tower, it was attached to

the water tower in the 1970s."

McGraw reported that three of these antennas were for radios that local farmers had used and were not being used any more. However, one of the antennas was for the Clark County Ambulance.

"This ambulance radio is also used to page the Clark Ambulance and the Clark Fire Dept. and all county fire departments," stated the sheriff.

Repair work was done by a "tower crew" from Sioux Falls. On Thurs-

day of last week, the damaged section was taken down and repaired and the ambulance antenna was replaced.

This repair work is ongoing and hopefully will be finished by the time one reads this.

"We are still working on getting the radio up and operational," said McGraw. "We thought we could use the old antenna, but we are finding that it may have been damaged when the tower broke."

McGraw noted that this repair



City of Clark street employee John Pickerel removes snow on S. Commercial Street in Clark on Monday afternoon. Prior to snapping this picture a long, three-foot ruler was used in Flat Iron Park, in three locations, to see how much snow was there. The result was 13.5 inches. Whether or not this is a weekend record amount is not known, but things were shut down in the area on Sunday, into Monday, as everyone needed time to clean out.

Weekend storm brings a foot of snow!

The much anticipated weekend snow storm seemed as if it took forever to get here, but as of Monday morning, a wintry grip by Mother Nature was felt by the entire area.

Over a foot of heavy snow fell in much of Clark County and as the wind picked up on Sunday afternoon, blizzard and white out areas made any type of movement almost impossible.

Church and all activities were shut down on Sunday and all area schools called off Monday classes. The Henry and Clark School boards postponed their Monday meeting and Willow Lake held their board meeting.

By Tuesday, most businesses are open, schools are in session, and hardy souls have moved snow so things are moving again, at somewhat a snails pace, to get around all the huge piles of snow.

Temperatures remained fairly mild throughout the weekend, which didn't hurt the snow event situation, and as the Courier goes to press Tuesday afternoon, the temperature is 25 degrees.

Both Interstates, I-29 and I-90

were closed in eastern South Dakota on Sunday, and reopened Monday morning.

The National Weather Service said the blizzard watch and warning ended on Monday, and some communities set single day snow fall records on Sunday. Clark County communities most likely fell into that category.

Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw noted that the storm was

fairly quiet from his end. "We had ample forewarning and it seemed as if one and all heeded the call and hunkered down over the weekend. We did have one call Monday, due to slick roads, but the storm weekend was fairly quiet as the roads had a lot of snow on them."

Municipal, county and townships are now getting all roads cleared out, so business can get back to normal, and then get ready for the next Mother Nature offering.



Mary Filipek shows a couple of her "Go Green" projects. Both in her second grade classroom and her Raymond 4-H Club, she teaches the three Rs: reduce, recycle and re-use.

Reduce, re-use and recycle are important to 'Go Green'

The more society changes with new inventions and technologies, it is equally important to keep our earth ecologically sound. 'Go Green' is the buzz phrase to re-use or recycle. This story is one on the local level of doing this, and having fun doing it.

Creative Recycling

Mary Filipek of Raymond, a 17 year 4-H leader has been recycling creatively with her 4-H youth for many, many years. "Reduce, recycle and reuse", otherwise known as "the three R,s" is an important lesson that we teach in 4-H", said Filipek. "A lot of our crafts involve recycling. It's important to try to reuse items if you can to reduce our trash.

"Use your imagination and be creative. Check out Pinterest, there are a lot of ideas on there," she continued.

For one 4-H project of her clubs, they made a snowman pair out of coffee creamer jars and an old sock. As they created the snowman pair, first they washed out the jars thoroughly and slid the plastic sleeve or label off of the jar. Then they cut down four inches from the band of the stocking. The band was put at the top of the jar for the stocking hat and glued on. Not far from the top, yarn was tied to make it look like a stocking hat. A strip of the stocking was cut and folded around the jar's indentation. This became the scarf

for the snowman. Movable eyes were added and craft foam made the nose and mouth. Pom pom balls were used for buttons.

Another idea to help with a recycling craft was to make a marker board out of an old picture frame. Students decorated an old frame to their liking with whatever backing they wanted and then decorated the frame, too. An expo erasable marker was then tied to the frame with ribbon, so it could be used anytime for a message board. Filipek used this idea for a Mother's Day gift for her second grade students. It should be noted that Filipek teaches second grade at Clark.

Using old text books at school, a centerpiece was made by painting and gluing three books together. The books were then tied and decorated with artificial flowers and candle holders for a unique look. The books were painted gold.

"Another idea our 4-H kids did was to make wall hangings that look like wrought iron. They made them out of strips of cereal boxes painted black and some were curled for scroll-type look. They were unique and looked like metal on the wall," said Filipek.

"Another green project we do is to walk the ditch along a mile area on U.S. Highway 212. We pick up garbage in the ditch every spring and fall."