



## Marijuana discussion is lit up at Clark Cracker Barrel



President's Day has become the traditional date of the Clark Cracker Barrel. With double-digit below zero weather outside, a nice group of 20 or so gathered inside to hear District 2 Rep. Lana Greenfield, left and Kaleb Weis talk legislature issues. Sen. Brock Greenfield is pictured on the computer, as he attended by way of ZOOM. Sen. Greenfield is in Clark, but

because eight members of the state legislature have COVID-19 and he was deemed in close contact with several of those with the coronavirus, he was in quarantine.

A healthy two-hour question and answer session allowed constituents a chance to talk and listen to the legislators, (with Brock one had to talk to the screen).

Marijuana was the hot topic on a cold day, Monday, at the Clark Cracker Barrel, held at the Ullyot Building.

Last November, South Dakota voters passed both medical marijuana laws, IM 26 and recreational marijuana laws, Constitution Amendment A, in South Dakota.

A week ago, an appellate judge in Hughes County, struck down this voter-approved ballot measure legalizing adult-use marijuana.

District 2 State Senator Brock Greenfield, Clark, one of eight members of a legislative cannabis committee, said legislators are planning ahead for any circumstances regarding marijuana and are meeting with lobbyists and lawmakers on both sides, not knowing the true future of marijuana legislation in South Dakota, but readying if necessary.

Defendants in the legal challenge to Constitutional Amendment A are expected to appeal the ruling to the

South Dakota Supreme Court.

Should it be upheld and Amendment A remains void, Greenfield told the crowd at the Cracker Barrel, sponsored by the Clark County Farm Bureau, that this won't go away and the legislature has to make statutes and policy to govern recreational marijuana.

With the state legislature winding down, Greenfield said that he has what's called a vehicle bill with a generic title stating that the bill pertains to marijuana. Essentially, it's an empty shell that can be used to carry any marijuana related legislation not recorded by the Legislative Research Council by the filing deadline.

Sen. Greenfield made these comments by way of ZOOM. He was in Clark, Monday, but because of COVID-19 close contact protocol, he was quarantining at home.

District 2 Representatives Lana Greenfield and Kaleb Weis were in attendance at the Clark Cracker

Barrel and after Clark, the District 2 legislators were heading to Redfield for an afternoon legislative session.

Clark Mayor Kerry Kline had recreational marijuana regulations on her mind when she asked, "Will cities be able to regulate (the selling of) marijuana?"

Lana Greenfield answered that it will be regulated probably to population and she and Sen. Brock Greenfield both said that proposed legislation would most likely mirror alcohol regulation.

Mayor Kline then compared Wattertown and Clark alcohol policy differences and questioned details for fairness and consistency, not allowing any 'corrupt, bad actions'.

Rep. Lana Greenfield mentioned a phone call from an irate Washington state resident, who wanted to know why South Dakota is holding up this law voted on by the people. She said that marijuana laws in South Dakota are of interest to the

entire country and we don't want 'bad actions' to get a foothold in S.D.

Said Rep. L. Greenfield, "We want to get this right. Not just slap it together." She then commented that there is a real need for medical marijuana. "People fail to understand all the considerations and variables/factors involved," she said.

South Dakota's cost and biggest challenges, concerning marijuana, were then discussed and comparisons were made to marijuana laws, permits and policies in Oklahoma, Oregon and North Dakota.

Dave Dohmann who has a hemp business in Willow Lake was very interested in annual fees for recreational marijuana and compared them to the hemp industry. Dohmann reported that hemp fees are \$2,000 a year and when Sen. Greenfield mirrored malt beverage fees to marijuana, he didn't see much fairness in the correlation.

Sen. Greenfield closed the marijuana discussion, saying, "Quite frankly, I don't know if anything will get done this session. The court decision could get overturned and make recreational marijuana legal and that is why we want to continue this discussion this year. The Governor wouldn't sign anything this year. This will be on the

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| WEATHER                                 |     |     |      |
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| Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer |     |     |      |
|   | HI  | LO  | PR   |
| Feb. 9.....                             | 1   | -19 | .01  |
| Feb. 10.....                            | 2   | -11 | 0    |
| Feb. 11.....                            | 2   | -8  | 0    |
| Feb. 12.....                            | -5  | -24 | .01  |
| Feb. 13.....                            | -6  | -23 | 0    |
| Feb. 14.....                            | -5  | -28 | 0    |
| Feb. 15.....                            | -13 | -26 | 0    |
| 2021 precipitation to date              |     |     | 0.62 |
| 2020 precipitation to date              |     |     | 1.04 |



## Quadruplets born in northwest Clark County

These quadruplet lambs were born last Tuesday, February 9. Two-year-old Callie Orris tightly clutches one of the lambs in their pen a day after the birth. Callie is the daughter of Rob Orris and Baylee Shult. Little brother Austin is also a member of the family.

"Mom and babies are doing great," said Robbie Orris after the Suffolk/Polypay sheep quadruplets were born Tuesday, Feb. 9, at his farm, 12 miles northwest of Clark in the Round Lake area.

Two females, Kisses and Smalls and two males, Fatty and Klutzy arrived around 9:00 a.m. "The birth was a fairly easy one, but I had to pull the last one as I think the ewe was super tired from pushing the first three," said Orris.

Baylee commented that the couple has ended up bottle feeding the lambs as mama only has so much milk!

On February 9, the doors to the barn were kept closed and a heat lamp was used (right side of the picture), for the lambs.

## Gardening in the summer and hitting the Field House in the winter help occupy these pandemic times

It's been a long year at home staying more isolated than usual for many due to the COVID-19 pandemic that hit the country mid-March of last year.

The fact that it happened in the spring when it did, gardening for many was a saving grace when staying home as it was for Kenneth and Harriet Nordhus of Clark. They both enjoy a garden and its produce and this year 'Kenny' did most of the gardening while Harriet kept busy with the canning and the freezing. She also makes her favorite sauerkraut recipe every year.

"Kenny planted radishes all summer long this year and we had them up until nearly Thanksgiving," stated H. Nordhus.

Liking to tinker and fix things versus just sitting and watching the idiot box (television - to put it in his words), Kenny has made his own seed tape dispenser for the smaller seeds like carrot and radishes using plain old masking tape. Placing the seeds on the tape is a good winter activity he says. Wheels on his rolling tape dispenser help things along. "You learn something every year when you garden," admits K. Nordhus.

"There's always room for learning if you really want to do something," he added.

Harriet enjoys her flowers and plants and even keeps a few things in their garage over the winter. She's had the same spikes for about seven years in addition to some asparagus ferns and geraniums.

The couple has seven children together, Lana, Chris, Marlin, Bruce and Marvine with Marcella and Cheryl now deceased, in their blended family. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren often are the recipients of many of their homemade projects. Kenny has also done a lot of woodworking over the years in his lifetime but has since passed on his woodwork-

ing tools. Many items still grace their home as well as their family's.

### Quilts

Quilts are Harriet's passion as she sews many for the Good Hope Church for their Memorial Day bazaar annually. Lately the smaller crib quilts which also double as lap quilts have been her favorites. With COVID-19 canceling this past year's bazaar, area assisted living residents and unfortunate house fire victims were the recipients in 2020.

"Everyone gives me material so I have a lot to work with. I appreciate when they are cut into squares already, that's the hardest part on your hands. Denim is fun to work with and makes a nice warm quilt. I never match up my seam lines however, the machine needle goes over them better when it's not such a thick area to sew."

She also hand ties all of her quilts with embroidery thread which she says holds up better than yarn tying. "The yarn kind of unravels itself and breaks down over time I've found. The double knotted embroidery thread does not."

She prefers hand quilting to machine quilting. All of their children and grandchildren have their own quilt made by Harriet.

### Pumpkin patch

Harriet's son Marlin Ness has a large garden and pumpkin patch and often plants squash and zucchini for his mother for her cooking and canning/freezing. Marlin also hosts a hayride and pumpkin picking event in October. The year 2020 would have been the 11th year for that.

Harriet and family friend Lori Elie have added some artistic talents to the Ness pumpkin patch the last several years. They go out to the patch in late September or

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The horseshoe cross on the wall put together by Kenneth Nordhus and the crib quilt made by Harriet Nordhus, are just two of the projects finished by the couple in 2020 when staying home was more 'the norm' due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both having grown up on a farm, keeping busy is not new to them. Sewing, reading, cooking together, household projects, gardening and exercising daily at the field house keeps them busy as the retired couple stay closer to home than usual.

## Time to file for local government positions

Local government is important. Many municipal openings are available throughout Clark County this spring as well as the Henry School Board. The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

2021 Municipal and Henry School Board openings include: Clark, Garden City, Bradley, Willow Lake, Vienna, Naples, Raymond and Henry School.

Petitions for any of these boards may be obtained from the town finance officer or in the case of the Henry School, from the business manager at the school office.

Petitions may be circulated beginning Friday, January 29 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

**Clark:** Five council positions will become vacant in Clark. Vacancies in Clark are: Ward I, three-year term currently held by Brandon Kottke; Ward II, a two year term held by Shane Hagstrom and a three-year term held by Derrick Dohmann and in Ward III, a two-year term held by Dennis Larson and a three-year term held by Andrew Zemlicka. Alaina Wellnitz is the finance officer in Clark.

**Henry School:** Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. Two three-year terms are open with the incumbents being Paul Johnson

and James Owen. There is also one open position for a two year term. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School.

Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

**Raymond:** One three-year term position currently held by incumbent Scott Drexler will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

**Garden City:** One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Joyce Hansen is the incumbent for this three-year council position. Andrea Helkenn is the finance officer for Garden City.

**Bradley:** One three-year term position presently held by Rebecca Caulfield will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warkenthien.

**Vienna:** One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Lue Regnier is the incumbent for this three-year council position. Nancy Roberts is the finance officer for Vienna.

**Willow Lake:** Three positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for a

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