

2016 tax assessments reflect a continuing increase in Clark County ag land values

The 2016 Clark County assessment valuations are being mailed out this week. The value of your property is dependent upon what type of property you own and where it is located.

"The SD Department of Revenue wants change to property values in Clark County," said Clark County Director of Equalization Jarvis Reidburn.

Reidburn said that assessment valuations will be increased and he explained that in July of 2014, the State of South Dakota did away with 150 percent rule (10-6-76).

The Clark County Director of Equalization went on to explain that this statute (see insert) has had a significant bearing on the increase of property values. "Rule 10-6-76 was repealed effective July 1, 2014

and states that any sale that sold for 150% or more than the assessed

Rule 10-6-76
Use of arms-length sales of nonagricultural and owner-occupied property to value other real property. If any nonagricultural or owner-occupied property sells for more than one hundred fifty percent of its assessed value after November 1, 2008, the sale of such property shall be used to value other real property if the sale is an arms-length transaction. However, for the taxable valuation for the taxes payable in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, no nonagricultural or owner-occupied property's valuation may increase more than five percent per year because of such sales. The sales of nonagricultural and owner-occupied property may only be used in a sales ratio study as allowed by this section.

value of the property could not be used in the counties sales analysis," said Reidburn. "Since this rule has

been abolished it has led to more qualified sales, which show the current values in Clark County are lower than the required state level of assessment, therefore you can expect urban residential values to increase which will reflect a value more closely to its full and true market value based on the most recent recorded sales in Clark County."

Clark County is in the unenviable position of 'catching up' this year, as Reidburn noted that property lots will be raised this year, not structures. "This will be a three year process, this year being mostly adjustments to land values, next year the assessor's office will conduct cost study

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This was the scene somewhere around 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning at the Dakota Style production building, seven miles northeast of Clark. The photo, taken by David Dale, a neighbor to the east, shows that the facility is a total loss.

Early Sunday fire destroys Dakota Style facility

A fire has destroyed the Dakota Style chip production facility, located seven miles northeast of Clark.

Dakota Style's sunflower seed production located on the east edge of Clark at the Clark Industrial Park was not affected.

According to Clark Fire Chief Tyler Lamb, a nearby resident noticed flames and called the Clark Fire Department around 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

The building which is used to produce the company's Dakota Style potato chips, was already engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. Fire crews also responded from Bradley, Henry and Garden City, fighting the flames for about 5 1/2 hours.

The plant was shut down over the weekend, so no one was on site at the time. Eight full-time employees work in the kettle chip division.

In a visit Monday morning with Dakota Style owner/representative Kevin Dandurand, he said the future plans are to rebuild, in Clark.

"The depth of the rebuild is unknown at this time," he said, as the company is now going through the insurance channels.

"We are going to get up and going

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Five wrestling Cyclones State 'B' bound

These five Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestlers qualified for the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament this weekend in Rapid City.

In order to qualify for the State 'B', the wrestler had to place in the top four in his division at Region 1B, in Britton, Saturday.

Three Cyclones won Region 1B championships; Josh Weisbrod at 126; Jess Karber at 145 and Wyatt

Burke at 152. Caleb Orris was third at 160 and Jordyn Temple was fourth at 172.

The Clark-Willow Lake wrestlers who qualified for the trip to Rapid City include, left to right, Weisbrod, Karber, Burke, Orris and Temple.

Both South Dakota Class A and Class B wrestlers will be wrestling at the same time in the Rapid City Convention Center arena.

Leap Day is Monday, February 29

Leap Day on February 29 which appears on one's calendar next Monday has long been a day of traditions, folklore and superstitions ever since Leap Years were first introduced by Julius Caesar over 2,000 years ago.

When Caesar came into power,

he ordered his astronomer Sosigenes to simplify things with the former 355 day calendar having extra days. Sosigenes came up with a 365 day calendar with a day added every four years. This is how February 29 was born.

One well known folklore is the

tradition of women proposing to men in a Leap Year. According to Irish legend, St. Bridget struck a deal with St. Patrick back in the fifth century. St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that women

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Clark's blood drive is Monday, February 29

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark School National Honor Society will be Monday, February 29, at the Clark High School, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tammie Paulson is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling her or a National Honor Society member at 532-3605 or go to: www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: clark.

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Feb. 22	34	21	0
2016 precipitation to date			1.32
2015 precipitation to date			.47



Justin Dale, left and Kyle Kangas are the Hamlin Building Center management team when the store officially opens its doors on Tuesday, March 1. Clark has been without a lumber yard since Pro Build shut down in March of 2014.

Hamlin Building Center to open in Clark, March 1

A new lumberyard is opening in Clark. Next Tuesday, March 1, the Hamlin Building Center, in Clark, will be open for business.

"Really, we're open right now, but that is our official date," said Justin Dale, project manager for Hamlin Building Center.

Kyle Kangas will be the store manager and he currently is the operations manager for the company, as Hamlin Building Center has stores in Lake Norden, Brookings and now Clark.

The Clark location will be the third Hamlin Building Center location since its inception, in Hayti, in 1992. In 2001 the move was made to the present site in Lake Norden and in 2007 the Brookings store opened.

The Hamlin Building Center, Clark will also have a yard employee and office employee.

Located at 101 S. Cloud Street, this property is owned by Jarvis and

Alissa Reidburn and Jeff and Lindsey Reidburn and will be leased by Hamlin Building Center, Clark.

Said Hamlin Building Center, Lake Norden manager Cameron Larson, "In order for us to make this lumberyard work, we need the support of the entire community. And we do also know, that we need to do our part in this, provide a good service for a fair price. We're very excited about this opportunity."

Justin Dale is not a stranger to Clark. The 1996 CHS grad received a degree in ag business from the University of Wyoming. He spent the next 14 years in a managerial role with Bloedorn Lumber of Gillette, Wyo. until wanting to get back closer to family a couple of years ago.

"I'm glad to be back home," he said and in his free time he does farming on the side. He and wife

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Gruenwald, Paulson serve as legislative pages

Senator Brock Greenfield sponsored Hannah Gruenwald, left and Kathryn Paulson, right, as pages during the current legislative session. Gruenwald is a senior at Clark High School and the daughter of Rodney Gruenwald and Sandi Gruenwald. Paulson is a senior at Clark High School. She is the daughter of Bruce



and Lisa Paulson. Pages have many duties, including, answering phones and running and delivering materials and messages within the senate chambers while the legislature is in session.