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Now is the time to file for local boards

▲ Deadline is this Friday

If one has an inkling to serve on a local governing board, now is the time to file your petition. Petitions for town boards and the Henry School Board need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. this Friday, February 28.

Position openings include:

Clark: The mayor's position, a three-year term, held by incumbent Larry Dreher is open as well as council seats in Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

In Ward I, Vicki Orris is the incumbent, in Ward II, Kerry Kline is the incumbent and in Ward III Lon Reidburn is the incumbent, all are for three-year terms. Also in Ward III is a one-year term up for election, currently held by Tony Woodland.

The only petition filed to this point is Dennis Larson in Ward III. Jackie Luttrell is the City of Clark finance officer.

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 Adam Hart-

ley and Terry O'Neill.

Adam Hartley, an incumbent is the only one to file to this point. Dianne Easthouse is the business manager at Henry School. Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

Garden City: One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Doug Loomis is the incumbent for this three-year council position. Jeanette Warkentien is the finance officer for Garden City.

Bradley: One three-year term position presently held by Casey Olson will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warkentien.

Willow Lake: Four positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for a council member that will expire are: Ward I - a one-year term held by Mildred Saboe; Ward II - a one-year term held by Matt Kadinger and a two-year term held by Vivian Johnsen. The mayor's position, a two-year term held by Del Bratland

is up for election.

In Willow Lake, incumbent Mayor Del Bratland has filed his petition, as has Jeff Terhark in Ward I. Mildred Saboe, the incumbent in Ward I has not taken out a petition.

In Ward II there will be an election. Incumbents Matt Kadinger and Vivian Johnsen have filed, as has Duane Seefeldt. Three individuals will be running for two spots. Janet Denman is the finance officer for Willow Lake.

Raymond: One three-year term position currently held by incumbent Larry Brannan will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term.

Incumbent Larry Brannan has filed a petition for the three-year term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

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.

The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 8.

A look back at closed Clark County schools

Thorp and Raymond had proud pasts



Thorp Wolves



Raymond Redwings

When one goes to the Clark School gym for the games, they may notice the school banners hanging up on the east wall of the gym. These banners represent the schools of the past whose students and their descendants now attend the Clark School system.

The *Courier* thought it would be fun to briefly key on some of the history and activities associated with these schools. We start with Thorp and Raymond.

Thorp Wolves

The Thorp School was located five miles south and one mile west of Bradley. Built in 1918/1919, the large brick building was the consolidation of schools #1, #2, #3 and #4 in Thorp township. The school was finished in 1920 and school sessions began. The first full year was 1921/1922 and Mrs. Katie Sprague

was the first county superintendent of the school. Miss Constance Conner was the first principal of the school and later became the county superintendent after Mrs. Sprague.

Before the school was decided upon with an election, there was considerable opposition to the costly school at that time. Some thought there was no need for an education beyond the eighth grade for many of the farmer's children and if they did seek high school, Clark, Bradley and Garden City were nearby. However a majority of the parents wanted a high school education closer to home so their children would not have to stay in town over the week or drive over poor roads to school.

At first, the school building was lighted by pressure gas lamps that hung from the ceiling by ropes.

Later rural electrification brought electricity to the building. To save on expenses, materials from the former rural school houses were used and steam heat and indoor plumbing were installed. The school also had a living quarters in the building. The school board tried to hire married couples for janitor and cook. The last janitor and cook were Lloyd and Lenora Heiden.

The first graduating class of the smaller high school had only two people in 1922. They had three in 1923 and five in 1925. The last class to graduate had eight people in 1959, one of the larger classes. Sharon (Flatten) Bjerke of Clark was with this class in high school.

"It was a lot of fun. I have so many good memories of going there."

Thorp and Raymond
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FFA Week was February 17-21

The FFA members at Clark High School had many activities last week in celebration of FFA Week.

Tuesday was business and school appreciation day. These four FFA senior members, from left to

right, Jake Karber, Trevor Mudgett, Nicholas Young and Corey Janisch went around to the businesses in Clark showing their appreciation for support of the FFA.

New crops may have effects on neighbors

A story by **Dakotafire**
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By Heidi Marttila-Losure, Dakotafire Media
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"Good fences make good neighbors," the old saying goes. But what happens a fence line can't stop one neighbor's actions from harming another's crop?

Some agriculture groups are saying new crops resistant to herbicides 2,4-D and dicamba could lead to just those sorts of problems.

In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a draft of an environmental impact statement that gives the go-ahead to Dow Agri Science to product corn that is resistant to 2,4-D.

Advocates of the new technology say the new crops provide a vital weapon in the war against weed resistance to glyphosate, sold under the brand name Roundup, which is becoming a stubborn and costly problem for farmers across the country.

Unfortunately, stubborn weeds aren't the only thing that 2,4-D kills, and gardeners, vineyard owners and even conventional farmers who don't switch to the new technology could potentially be affected.

The weed crisis

Roundup technology is suffering

from its own success. After it was introduced in the mid 1990s, it became so easy to use Roundup, in combination with Roundup Ready seeds, that now about 90 percent of soybeans and 70 percent of corn grown in the United States uses the technology.

As fewer other herbicides were used, however, weeds started to develop resistance to it.

"We're noticing more and more happening with resistance to certain weed varieties," according to Paul Johnson, agronomy field specialist at the Watertown office of SDSU Extension.

Weed resistance has not been documented as a significant problem in the Dakotas yet. Joe Gustafson, agronomist with Full Circle Ag Co-op in Britton, said that a weed called koccia found around Britton and Aberdeen was believed to be resistant to glyphosate, but testing did not confirm that.

But for farmers in other parts of the country, weed resistance is becoming more than a nuisance. In a statement quoted in a New York Times story, Dow said that 25 states are now affected by glyphosate-resistant weeds, and the number of new acres affected in 2012 increased 50 percent over acres affected in 2011. Without a change in weed management strategies, the weed resistance problems are likely to spread to the Dakotas eventually, if they are not already here.

Which is what made ag scientists search their playbook for new weapons.

Not really 'Agent Orange'

Dow's new 2,4-D-resistant crop is called Enlist. The USDA says that the use of 2,4-D could increase as much as six-fold when Enlist crops are introduced.

The herbicide 2,4-D was first used in the 1940s, and later was included as part of the defoliation chemical used in Vietnam called Agent Orange. Although some critics of these new crops have called 2,4-D the "Agent Orange" herbicide, most studies have determined that 2,4-D was not the part of the Agent Orange formula that later caused severe health problems for Vietnam veterans.

Dicamba has also been around for decades, and neither it nor 2,4-D are considered especially toxic in themselves. Many Americans have likely used them in lawn care products, for example.

They have two characteristics that may cause problems, however. First, they are really good at killing broadleaf plants—basically, most plants that aren't trees or grasses. And some of those broadleaf plants, such as tomatoes or grapes, or even commodity crops that don't have that specific herbicide-resistant technology, we'd prefer not to kill.

Second, both 2,4-D and dicamba have a tendency to be volatile, or to turn to vapor. This vapor can then be carried far from where the herbicide was first applied.

New crops
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Hurtado to serve five years in state penitentiary

Justin Hurtado of Watertown, South Dakota, appeared before Circuit Judge Robert L. Timm in Clark on February 20, 2014, for sentencing in connection with his earlier plea of "no contest" to one count of Aiding and Abetting Third Degree Burglary. The charge arose out of a string of Clark County burglaries in late 2012.

According to Clark County State's Attorney Chad Fjelland, Judge Timm imposed a sentence of eight years in the state penitentiary with three years suspended. Additionally, Hurtado was ordered to pay restitution, a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and to repay his court-appointed attorney fees upon his release from the penitentiary.

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 18	35	25	0
Feb. 19	42	17	0
Feb. 20	33	4	tr
Feb. 21	19	2	0
Feb. 22	17	2	0
Feb. 23	18	0	0
Feb. 24	9	-10	0
2014 precipitation to date	.24"		
2013 precipitation to date	1.17"		



Eight wrestling Cyclones State 'B' bound!

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

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

The Cyclones had two Region 1B champions, Josh Weisbrod at 113 and Jakob Weisbrod at 145.

Cyclones who will wrestle Friday and Saturday at the NSU Barnett Center include: front row, left

to right, Brandon Gehrke, 106; Josh Weisbrod, 113; Caleb Orris, 120; and Jess Karber, 126. Back row, left to right, Wyatt Burke, 132; Jakob Weisbrod, 145; Kevin Schuelke, 152 and Harrison Wookey, 160.

Jakob Weisbrod was awarded the Gene Benthin Wrestling Scholarship and Cyclone head coach Chad Smidt was named the 2014 Region 1B Wrestling Coach of the Year.

For more on Region 1B results, turn to page 9.

Photo by Renae Burke