

## Nate Nickeson presented 'Life Saving Award'



Clark policeman Nate Nickeson, center, was presented the 'Lifesaving Award' by Clark police chief Jeremy Wellnitz, left and Clark Mayor Kerry Kline.

On July 24, 2020 officer Nickeson was dispatched to the home of Alan Forbragd, who was gasping for air with a weak pulse. With CPR and AED shock defibrillation, a life was saved.

Forbragd and his wife Marilyn go south for the winter, so they weren't in attendance, but he would be the first to tell you, it was a miracle, thanks to Nickeson.

The Clark February City Council meeting began with Clark Chief of Police Jeremy Wellnitz presenting fellow Clark police officer Nate Nickeson with the 'Lifesaving Award'. Wellnitz described the scene and the role Nickeson played in saving the life of Clark resident Alan Forbragd.

Nickeson arrived at the Forbragd residence within three minutes of taking the call and within three minutes had CPR and the AED defibrillator action started. These actions saved Forbragd's life.

The Clark Ambulance crew played a vital role as well and Ambulance Administrator Randy Angermeier and Nickeson's family were also in attendance as the

award was presented.

The bottom line was that Forbragd's heart was not in rhythm and these procedures saved the life. Mayor Kerry Kline then said some very sincere, applicable nice words of both the police and ambulance crews, saying, "It's great to live in a small town."

During the department update portion of the meeting lead maintenance employee Darin Altfillisch began by talking waterline bids for S. Smith Street. Altfillisch handed out estimates from Forest Excavating for a two-block stretch, with a \$76,614 price tag.

The talk then turned to advantages and disadvantages of going with an engineering firm and the

grant/loan process for infrastructure water main repair project.

If the project is under \$100,000, it doesn't have to be bid out and the consensus of the council was to continue with the \$76,614 route, foregoing raising water/sewer rates and foregoing engineering involvement.

The skating rink, because cold weather has not allowed an ice covering, will not be started up this winter, decided the council with Altfillisch's opinion.

Altfillisch also spoke of how snow is being placed back in the street by individuals after being removed by the city. City attorney Chad Fjelland will look into ordinance wording regarding this matter.

The dump will more than likely have reduced hours this upcoming summer, Wednesday and Saturday open, as the dump is full and dumpster options are being looked at, more than likely raising dump site rates. Burnable items like grass and trees will still be allowed.

An asphalt plant, six miles south of Clark will be in operation this summer and Altfillisch stated that the city can get asphalt at \$97 a ton.

Mayor Kline and the council then discussed the 2021 budget and want

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#### WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 26.....	18	8	0
Jan. 27.....	16	5	0
Jan. 28.....	18	4	0
Jan. 29.....	22	15	0
Jan. 30.....	--	--	--
Jan. 31.....	25	21	0
Feb. 1.....	24	19	0
2021 precipitation to date	0.55		
2020 precipitation to date	0.69		



Symbolizing strength, speed and the power to soar, a large wing motif in design was created by Clark High School senior Jordon Dessie who is becoming a part of the art for photo opportunities. Dessie's senior project is now on the library's outside wall in the hallway at Clark High School. "I hope it's up there for a while yet, so everybody gets a chance to have their picture taken," added Dessie.

## Jordon Dessie's wing motif design symbolizes strength, speed and power

"It made it easier having the rest of the high school and middle school help with this big project," stated Clark High School senior Jordon Dessie.

His senior project was a very large pair of wings put up by the library for interactive photo opportunities. With help from others, the project grew and grew to the point that steps had to be taken to adjust the plan. Tape was replaced with glue and the whole project ended up

on black paper being attached to a high jump bar.

"He planned it, made it happen and installed it," stated his senior project mentor, art instructor Kristin Janisch. "Jordon is in my yearbook class and we were throwing ideas around and he mentioned he wanted to do something meaningful that would involve the whole school. I saw Kelsey Montague's 'What Lifts You' mural in Nashville, Tenn. a few years ago when attend-

ing an art workshop and thought this would be perfect for Jordon's senior project."

All middle school and high school students made a feather to add to the project. "Even some teachers wanted to make feathers," said Dessie. "It got bigger and bigger until it was huge and I needed a lot of help to move it to the other end of the

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## February means athletic post season tournaments are in the future

January and February are very busy months on the winter high school athletic schedule. Knock on wood! The COVID-19 pandemic has changed who can attend games and now more people stay home and watch the games either on TV or on the Internet. But, no games or matches have been canceled or postponed to this point.

As February progresses, post season tournaments will be upon us.

This week is like all winter weeks, a very busy one on the sports calendar. This Friday, February 5, is the Lake Central Conference Wrestling Tournament, at Clark, beginning at 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, February 9, the wrestlers have a triangular at Deuel.

The girls basketball team is in action this Thursday, at Clark, in the Aberdeen Roncalli doubleheader. On Saturday, the girls play at Madison in the NEC/DAK 12 Challenge. Next Tuesday, February 9, is the Hamlin doubleheader, at Hamlin.

Cyclone boys basketball will also participate in the Roncalli doubleheader, Thursday and the Hamlin doubleheader, next Tuesday. This Saturday, Castlewood is the Clark-Willow Lake boys team opponent, at Willow Lake.

At left, Cyclone senior center Kalab Marx looks to get his balance and get around a West Central defender, at Madison, on Saturday.

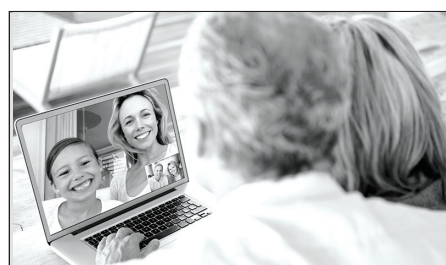
Top middle, 120 lb'er Gunnar Kvistad controls his opponent enroute to the championship, Saturday, at Groton.

Lower middle, Gage Burke also won the 182 championship at Groton, pinning his opponent in this photo.

At right, senior guard Charity Kabwe gets fouled against Deuel, Thursday, at Willow Lake.

Congratulations to all of the fine Cyclone programs!

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