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The Raymond Mosiac Lodge #175 disbands after 99 years

The Raymond Mosiac Lodge #175 was chartered on June 11, 1915. It was chartered by Phillip Schaller, James Foster and Charles Griffie.

Nearly one hundred years later, the Lodge will officially disband, once all of the paperwork is finished. This was the last Masonic lodge remaining in Clark County.

Three local residents, Keith Erickson, Roger Hurlbert and David Hink were initiated at the same time some 26 years ago. As the final paperwork is sent in, these three are the last officers of the organization with Erickson being the last 'Master', Hink the secretary and Hurlbert the treasurer.

Their final act of contribution was to give a scholarship fund to the Clark School. They will be giving two scholarships a year to the students for the next 10 years until the fund is used up.

Hurlbert is a third generation Mason and he still has his grandfather's membership card. Jess Mitchell paid his dues in December of 1931. Hurlbert's paternal grandfather Nathan and his son Lloyd, Roger's father, were also Masons. In keeping with tradition, Roger joined and so did his son Russ.

"I read about eight different Hurlberts in the records over the years," said Roger, who also served as Master of the Lodge (President) for a few years, taking his turn at the helm. His father Lloyd served as secretary for 15 years.

"In the 1930's, 40's and 50's, that was the social event of the month," stated Hink. His father, Floyd Hink, was also a Mason at the Raymond Lodge.

For a time, the Masonic Temple or meeting place of the group was over Andy's Bar in Raymond. While



One year short of 100 years is how long the Raymond Mosiac Lodge #175 was in existence. As of January, 2014, the lodge has officially disbanded. Third generation Mason Roger Hurlbert of Clark holds a certificate of recognition for the Washington monument that was on the wall of the Lodge and the Masonic emblem that was a sign for years on the edge of the town of Raymond. The south door of the former American Legion Hall building with the emblem above it, is shown in the background where the Masons held their meetings since the 1970's.

not knowing the exact date, it's estimated in the 1970's is when the Masons moved into the back half of the former American Legion building on Flower Street in Raymond.

Records show that in 1951, there were 32 members and the first 50 year pins awarded at the Lodge were to Charles Dripps, Lloyd Rieke and Irvin Herther. Dripps owned the lumber yard, Rieke was a farmer and Herther was a school teacher. All had been in other lodges out of state before joining the Raymond Mosiac Lodge.

"We gained a few members over time as the Garden City Lodge closed and the Clark Lodge closed in 2002. Then we had members too from Doland and Frankfort attending our Lodge meetings," continued Hurlbert.

"The state wide headquarters is in Sioux Falls, that is the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. In keeping up with our annual dues, we still are Masons and are still members. We just have a disbanded lodge.

Raymond Mosiac
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City of Clark is proposing Clubhouse/Community Center

With 2014 comes the Clark Municipal Golf Course, replacing the long standing, financially strapped Clark Golf Club.

At the February meeting of the Clark City Council, an additional step at the golf club is being pursued.

On the council's agenda at Monday's meeting was: Clubhouse/Community Center Project. Clark Mayor Larry Dreher and finance officer Jackie Luttrell then explained the preliminary plans and it all will begin with a Community Meeting, held Wednesday, February 12, at the Clark Golf Course Clubhouse.

The proposal entails a new clubhouse/community center to be located farther west of the current clubhouse.

Mayor Dreher stated that this

public meeting is being proposed to see whether or not enough positive interest exists, to talk about grant funding and to talk community needs.

"I'm hoping a lot of people show up," said Dreher, "and I want to ask them 'what do we need as a community?', and want to hear from one and all if it is something we should pursue."

Finance officer Luttrell then spoke of attainable grants which would be applied for, to help make this become a reality (Please see the meeting notice on page 4).

"This is a big meeting for our community," said Luttrell, and she's hoping one and all will take a positive spin from this. "We need to know: should we do it?; what will the building encompass?; what will

it cost?; and how will we pay for it?" It's more than just a city thing and a golf thing, the duo stressed. "It will be for the entire area! We need to see if this is something the Greater Clark Area needs?"

Many options were tossed out for this new facility, including fitness area, lodging, wedding receptions, etc. If one has interest, one way or the other, the Clark City Council is hoping for a nice turnout at this meeting.

In other business:

▲ The council approved raising water rates 25¢ per thousand gallons. This will be effective for February usage, to be billed in March.

▲ The council voted to remove the snow removal fee which had been in City of Clark
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Clark's blood drive is Thursday, February 13

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lions and Lionesses will be Thursday, February 13, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and

in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Jan. 29	30	0	0
Jan. 30	11	-10	.07
Jan. 31	17	-7	0
Feb. 1	6	-2	0
Feb. 2	18	-6	0
Feb. 3	13	-3	tr
2014 precipitation to date	.24"		
2013 precipitation to date	.10"		

County positions are now open

The time is now to take out nominating petitions if one is interested in running for county office in 2014.

Offices up for election to 4-year terms in 2014 include commissioners in Districts 1, 3 and 5, auditor, sheriff and register of deeds.

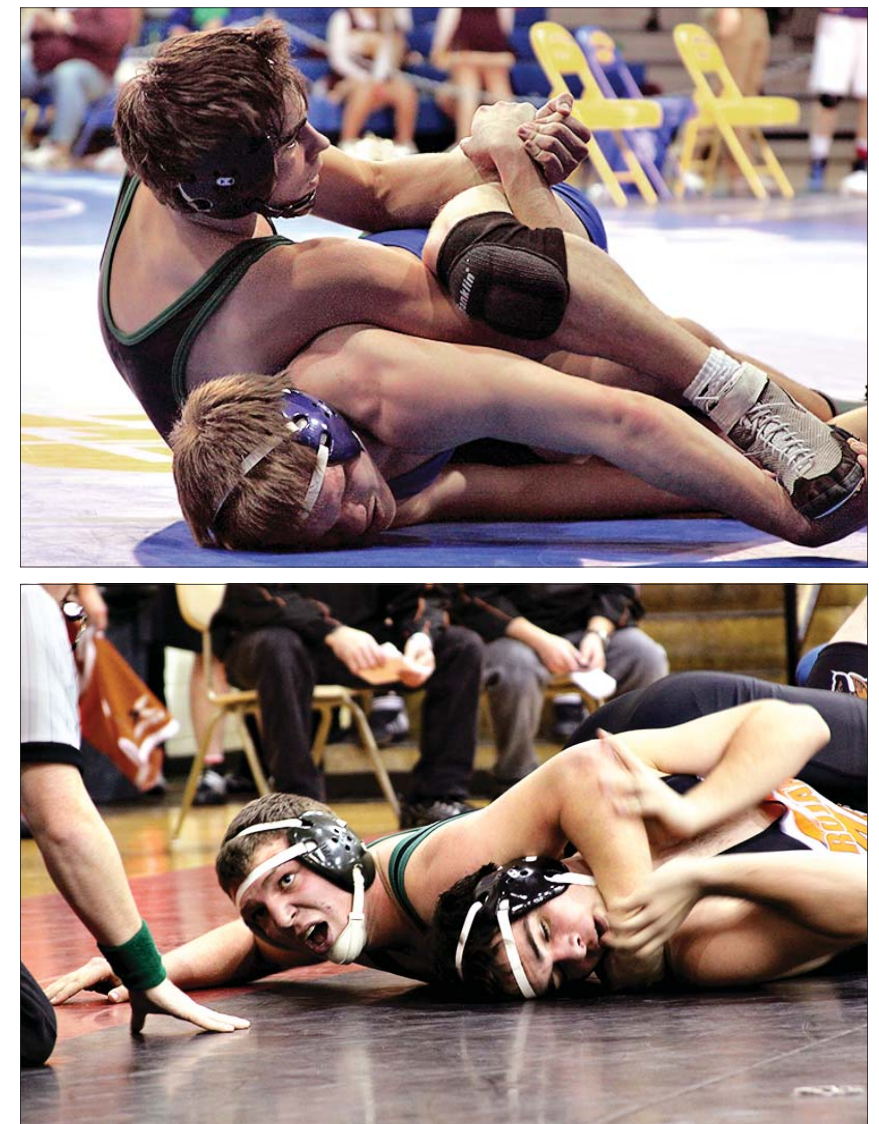
No nominating petitions have gone out to this point.

The incumbents for these positions include, board of commissioners; District 1, Violet Wicks; District 3, Francis Hass and District 5, Richard Reints. The Clark Coun-

ty Sheriff is Rob McGraw, Janet Hurlbut is the register of deeds and Chris Tarbox is the auditor.

Candidates have until March 25 to file the required number of petition signatures with the auditor's office to be eligible for 2014 elections.

Also municipal vacancies are now open, as well as Henry School Board (two positions). Individuals have to turn these in to the respective officers during the month of February.



February means athletic post season tourneys are in the near future

January and February have to be good for something in the frozen tundra we call paradise. Winter sports draw a huge following and Cyclone wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball are having very successful 2013-14 campaigns. 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 Saturday is the Big East/LCC wrestling tournament in Volga. On Friday, both girls and boys basketball teams are in action at the Clark High School gym, against Britton-Hecla. On Saturday, both Cyclone basketball teams are in Castlewood for the Castlewood doubleheader. On Monday, the Lady Cyclones travel to Dell Rapids to battle the Quarriers and on Tuesday, the Cyclone boys basketball team plays Great Plains Lutheran, at Willow Lake.

At left, Mackenzie Huber goes strong to the basket against the Deuel Cardinals. Clark-Willow Lake defeated Sisseton, Great Plains Lutheran and Deuel on the week.

Top middle, Jakob Weisbrod was crowned 145 lb. champion at the Lee Wolf Tournament in Aberdeen on Saturday. The wrestling Cyclones placed six grapplers at this tourney, including Jake Karber, bottom middle. The Cyclones also went 3-0 at the Sisseton Quadrangular on Thursday.

At right, Cyclone center Tyson Jenkins scores two points against De Smet on Saturday, at Willow Lake. The Cyclone boys basketball team defeated Deuel and De Smet last week.

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