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Valentine's Day is Tuesday

SUPER BOWL IS SUNDAY!

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The hometown newspaper of Laura Conzet, Little Canada, Minn.

Municipal nominating petitions may begin being circulated

▲ Henry School Board, also

Nominating petitions for city government offices which are becoming vacant due to term expirations may now be circulated. Petitions for Henry School Board are also permitted to be circulated. Those petitions are available from the respective city finance offices or the Henry business manager for the Henry School Board position. The petitions can be filed with the local finance officer/business manager, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 24.

Clark: Mayor and three council positions will become vacant in

Clark due to the expiration of the present terms of office. The position of mayor is a three-year term. In Ward I, there is one, three-year term open. In Ward II, there is one three-year term open, and in Ward III, there is one three-year term open. The finance officer in Clark is Alaina Wellnitz.

Willow Lake: Two positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward I - a two-year term and Ward II - a

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11th annual Lee Schlagel memorial basketball tournament is Feb. 18

Sunday, February 18 will mark the 11th anniversary of the Lee Schlagel Memorial Basketball Tournament, held annually on the third Saturday in February.

"Lee was a kind person with a laugh that could bring a smile to your face. He was a team player and loved sports. Lee's unexpected death in 2011, at the age of 25, was absolutely heartbreaking but it is events like this that help us keep his memory alive." Lee's mother Deb, father Terry, and sister Cassi describe him as a lot of fun and an all around good athlete and feel the basketball tournament is a fitting way to keep his memory alive.

The basketball tournament has a boys and girls division involving junior varsity players. Each year, there is a lunch counter and silent auction in which proceeds raised go to provide scholarships for senior athletes at Clark High School and the surrounding area.

In years past, the Lee Schlagel memorial has helped raise donations over \$90,000 to area organizations and projects such as Clark County 4-H, Clark Area Baseball and Softball, Potato Days events, youth sports, Clark Lions and Rotary projects, Clark Area Rec Center, Raymond Park improvements and many others.

February's Clark City Council meeting saw discussion of planning and zoning in Clark and a five-year capital outlay plan

The February Clark City Council meeting saw a full house Monday night. The meeting went on for two hours. Luke Muller, senior planner from First District Association of Local Governments, was present to begin discussion of planning and zoning in the city of Clark.

Muller and the council will begin meeting monthly in March and will tentatively complete new plans sometime in July.

Darin Lewis Clark Conservation District Officer was also present to speak about the Emerald Ash Borer, a beetle that feeds on ash species. Lewis is concerned that the area will likely begin seeing these insects over the next several years.

He provided information on the pests and their damages in southeastern South Dakota currently and some of the preventative measures other cities and towns are taking

to keep the damage as minimal as possible. Look for more information about the Emerald Ash Borer in Clark County on page 3.

Kristin Vandersnick with Choose Clark County was present at the meeting to present the council with a grant possibility to help create a five-year capital outlay plan. The grant asks that cities who are chosen to participate, match a \$15,000 price tag.

The council agreed that a good capital outlay plan is beneficial but feel there are options that would be more cost effective as some of the areas including water and broadband are already part of quality capital outlay plans.

Vandersnick also presented a study done recently on hotel feasibility in the city of Clark. She stated that they are exploring options for hotels to come in to the area and

locations where a hotel could potentially be built.

Choose Clark County and Vandersnick stated that two new businesses will be announced soon, one in Clark and one in Raymond. The businesses acquired funding and loans from Choose Clark County from a budget that still has \$28,000 to help local businesses, existing or new.

In Other Business

* Hooker's Bait and Tackle in Clark were awarded a Malt Beverage License. The owners of the business were present.

* Dala Albright spoke on behalf of Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center, who applied for a variance for expanded storage needed for the facility. The variance was approved by all board members.

* Clark City Finance Officer

Alaina Wellnitz stated that the weekend of February 16, new flooring will be worked on in the Ulyot Building and hopefully be completed as well.

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
January 31.....	9	-2	0
February 1.....	9	-7	0
February 2.....	20	2	0
February 3.....	10	-9	0
February 4.....	27	-3	0
February 5.....	34	19	0
February 6.....	34	19	0
2023 precipitation to date		0.52	
2022 precipitation to date		0.30	



Above, the Clark ambulance staff and first responders are making their first call to the telemed company, Avel eCare during training that took place last month. Pictured from left to right are Clark Ambulance EMT, John Birnell; Avel eCare emergency room nurse, Katie Good; Clark Ambulance supervisor and EMT, Randy Angermeier; Clark County Sheriff Tad Heaton; and Clark Ambulance EMT's, Justin Bowers and Drey Reihe.

Clark ambulance receives EMS Telemedicine in Motion grant

January saw a busy and exciting month for the Clark Ambulance service with the implementation of an ambulance telemedicine support. The South Dakota EMS Telemedicine in Motion is a new program that was designed to support first responders throughout the state.

Governor Kristi Noem called for increased funding to support local EMS agencies and the communities in which they serve. For the Clark area, this means patients are able to have almost instant access to a

qualified care team during emergency care and transport of patients.

The South Dakota Department of Health has partnered with Avel eCare EMS, a company providing iPads for ambulances and access to team board certified emergency physicians and nurses. During a call, the doctors and nurses will be able to see and hear everything that

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Four Clark students receive Superior Acting awards at the State One Act Festival Saturday

The State One Act Festival was held February 2-4 at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. The One Act play cast and crew from Clark performed *How to Kill a Mockingbird* by Bradley Walton. Aleisha Naze, Olivia Fuller, Brianna Dale and Leah Nelson received Superior Acting awards for their performances.

"We were the last school to perform at the three-day festival, where forty-eight high schools competed," said director Jill Rathe. "In memory of Zack Weber, the cast and crew wore their 'One Act for Zack' t-shirts; a project spearheaded by Tammy Rusher, Janet Gehrke, Val Flatten and Erin Brenden."

Sixteen students made the trip to Sioux Falls. Kristen Janisch, Tammy Rusher and Becki Dale chaperoned, and Greg Janisch drove the bus. Dave Fuller was also a huge contributor to the One Act play this year as he drove his trailer with the set both to Wattertown for Regionals and to Sioux Falls for the State competition.

Rathe expressed, "the Clark community should be very proud of these kids. During rehearsals, they

were always attentive, enthusiastic and cooperative. They stuck together after the tragic loss of their dear friend. In Sioux Falls, I witnessed kindness and maturity not often seen in teenagers."

Jill Rathe directed the one act play. The cast included: Maddy Pickrel, Neveah Rusher, Olivia Fuller, Leah Nelson, Aleisha Naze, Kaden Janish, Alivia Gehrke, Raigan Flatten, Marlee Bowers, Brianna Dale and Lily Ingraham. The crew included: Abigail Reil, Logan Parker, Waylan Olson, Cooper Rahm and Matthew Batchelor.

Pictured top left, from left to right, are: Leah Nelson, Olivia Fuller, Brianna Dale, Aleisha Naze and Maddy Pickrel. At top right, from left to right, are: Leah Nelson, Olivia Fuller, Neveah Rusher, Maddy Pickrel and Aleisha Naze. On the bottom left, from left to right, are: Neveah Rusher, Lily Ingraham and Maddy Pickrel. Pictured at bottom right is Marlee Bowers.

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CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LEAVING A LEGACY

Here's a couple of projects we gave grants to in 2022!

We donated \$1,500 to the All School Reunion and \$3,000 for scholarships.

If you are a nonprofit organization in need of a grant, contact Gayle Wookey at fwookey@jctel.com