



Top of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 31	30	12	0
Feb. 1	13	3	0
Feb. 2	11	0	0
Feb. 3	21	-2	0
Feb. 4	29	9	0
Feb. 5	20	6	0
Feb. 6	22	14	0
2017 precipitation to date	.17		
2016 precipitation to date	.40		

Cracker Barrel set for February 20

The Legislative Cracker Barrel will be held on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20 starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Ulyot Building in Clark.

All District II legislators—Sen. Brock Greenfield, Rep. Burt Tulsion and Rep. Lana Greenfield—have indicated that they plan to be available for discussion and questions.

The session is expected to last an hour or more.

Lee Schlagel Tournney is February 18

Area junior varsity boys and girls basketball players will take to the court Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. for the sixth annual Lee Schlagel Memorial Basketball Tournament in Clark. The boys teams participating are Clark-Willow Lake, Hitchcock-Tulare, Redfield-Doland, Sioux Valley, Milbank Area and Groton. Girls teams from Clark-Willow Lake, Hitchcock-Tulare, Redfield-Doland, Sioux Valley, Milbank Area and Florence-Henry are scheduled to play.

Participation by teams and by sports fans over the first five years of the tournament has resulted in over \$36,000 raised for scholarship use and \$48,000 in donations to area organizations and projects, such as the school track and field construction, playground equipment for city parks, the 4-H shooting sports program, Clark Boy Scouts, Potato Day, youth sports, the school playground fund and S.D. Special Olympics.

Jury trial set for Monday

A petit jury trial will begin on Monday, February 13, at the Clark County Courthouse.

William Hasler has been charged with three counts of Rape—First Degree and three counts of Rape—Fourth Degree.

The presiding judge in the Third Circuit Court of South Dakota is Judge Carmen Means.

Jurors will be selected and the trial is scheduled to run from February 13 through 16.

eRecording will be done at Register of Deeds office

South Dakota Registers of Deeds now have the choice to electronically record (eRecording) real estate documents. What this means is that documents can now be delivered electronically through a qualified delivery agent's secure and convenient system to the Register of Deeds office. South Dakota joins 45 other states that have authorized eRecording. Currently, 12 Registers of Deeds are participating and several more are in the process. This service will be available in Clark County.

In 2014 the South Dakota Legislature passed the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA). The electronic recording commission established by URPERA has worked since 2014 to establish standards for the e-recording

City looking to purchase street sweeper

The City of Clark is looking at replacing the street sweeper. City street superintendent Roger Collins introduced Randy Schmidt of Sanitation Products, Inc. of Sioux Falls. Schmidt had prepared the financing package for a new 2017 Pelican NP street sweeper, with a purchase price of \$206,930.00.

This project does not have to go to bid, according to finance officer Jackie Luttrell, "because through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) it basically can be bid off of other schools, cities' and counties' sites. All documentation and specs are there. It is totally legal."

After a half-hour discussion, talking the merits of new versus used, the life expectancy of a street sweeper and the weekly hours of use, the consensus of the council was to think on this purchase for a month, taking official action at the March meeting.

Discussion on annexation into the City of Clark of the Big C Travel Plaza, the convenience store owned by Community Oil, on the east edge of Clark, continued. The Council adopted resolution # 829, a resolution of annexation of contiguous property and gave second reading to and adopted ordinance #544, an ordinance designating zoning and placement of map. After Monday's hearing of this annexation proposal, it will become effective March 1, 2017.

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Friday was Vienna Black Panthers Night

Friday was Vienna Black Panthers Night at the Clark High School gym. The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones have been honoring the four former schools in Clark County at respective games. During the half-time of Clark-Willow Lake versus Deuel boys basketball, the orange and black of Vienna was honored. Those representing the Vienna school include, left to right, Rog-

er Chapin, Jeanette (Jensen) Chapin, Delores (Bossen) Ness, Art Frysle, Sandy (Six) Peterson, Greta (Hjelm) Anderson, Basil Englert, Larry Buck, RoseAnn (Froke) Buck, Rhonda (Janssen) Laube and Bonnie (Bossen) Vrondran. This Friday, at the Cyclones versus Aberdeen Roncalli game, it will be Garden City Green Dragons Night.

Hearing held for concerned citizens on wind tower project

On the agenda at Tuesday's Clark County Commissioners' meeting was Dave Adam, leading the 'concerned citizens' on the wind tower project.

Geronimo Energy is proposing a 75- to 125-tower wind turbine farm northwest of Clark. (This 75 to 125 number was said to have moved to over 200 according to opponents of the Crocker Wind Farm on Tuesday.)

The hearing Tuesday was an opportunity to voice concerns, by the citizens of this proposed area, to the commissioners in an hour-long forum. Approximately 22 people were in the commissioners' chambers, with both proponents and opponents in attendance. Dave Adam is the concerned citizens group leader and he introduced Shad Stevens, who took a seat at the commissioners' table.

Stevens, speaking in opposition to

this wind farm project, passed out a paper package outline to the commissioners with their concerns.

"There is an obvious bias by our government for wind energy," said Stevens.

His two basic points of contention were the setback regulations and the decommissioning regulations.

Throughout the hour-long forum, the major point of contention was the 1,000 foot setback regulation.

Said Stevens, "Please think of our interests. Please consider a reasonable setback. Respect the landowner who isn't participating in this project."

Several who spoke stated that this wind project has pitted friends against friends, neighbors against neighbors and family against family.

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Furness Bermuda cruise line is being researched by Clark's own Greg Furness

When one hears the name Furness in Clark County, it is usually affiliated with the local funeral home. However, if one were in New York in the early 1930s, the name Furness was associated with the Furness Bermuda Line, a cruise line known as the 'millionaires' or 'honeymoon' ships, that sailed from New York to Bermuda.

Greg Furness of Clark has been collecting memorabilia for the last ten years of the elite cruise line bearing his name since he found out about it by happenstance on a trip to California with one of his foreign exchange sons.

While about to board a harbor cruise going from San Francisco to Alcatraz, he noticed an older white building with big black letters that read 'Furness Lines.' Upon returning home he started to do more research on the Furness Lines on the internet. What he discovered is that the shipping company Furness Lines on the west coast also had a luxury cruise line business on the east coast. Furness Bermuda Line ran two large steam-powered ships from New York to Bermuda. "It was a cruise line for the wealthier and famous; that's how they came to be dubbed the 'millionaires' ships," noted Furness.

"The Queen of Bermuda and the Monarch of Bermuda were their two big luxury liners that were built in the early/mid 1930s."

The ships resemble the Titanic or Queen Mary in their look, being 580 feet long and weighing 22,500 tons. They served elegant meals on Royal Doulton porcelain china with a bird of paradise design. Teacups, creamers, demitasse and coffee cups, wine glasses and many extra serving pieces were all etched with the Furness logo.

Over time, Greg Furness has acquired many items and his goal is to collect a complete service for four from the ships. The dinner plates are the hardest to locate, he says. So far he has three.

Small binoculars, personal diaries for the passengers, playing cards in leather-bound covers, matchbooks and other trinkets from the luxury cruise line have been found by Furness online as his collection grows. He has also found postcards of the ships, as well as maps, menus, pas-



The Furness Bermuda Line research done by local resident Greg Furness of Clark has uncovered many interesting artifacts of the elite cruise line that began in the 1930s. Two big steamships named the Queen of Bermuda and Monarch of Bermuda were their main ships that resembled the Queen Mary in their appearance. Sometimes dubbed the 'millionaires' ships, they offered cruises from New York to Bermuda. Dishes, glassware, menus and items offered at the time on the ships with the Furness namesake are now in Furness' collection. Note the wine bottles on the wall, also with the Furness Bermuda Line labels.

senger lists, luggage tags and drawings of the ships' layouts. The floor plans included cafés, beauty shops, a library and gymnasium, as well as several pools and lounges for the passengers to enjoy.

"Every room had a private bath which was usually unheard of on cruise ships back then," noted Furness.

"I have many menus from the ships that were brought home as souvenirs, evidently, back then. They ate well on the ships with prime rib, baked smoked ham and oysters in the half shell being some of the entrees."

In 1938, according to some of his memorabilia, the price for an inside room was \$60, for a room on the sundeck, \$160, and a suite went for \$275.

In 1957 the price for a suite was \$500.

The two main ships resembled the Queen Mary in their looks, thought some, with the three funnels. The two main ships, the Monarch of Bermuda and the Queen of Bermuda, were built by Vickers Armstrong Ltd., Walker at Barrow-in-Furness in England, according to sources.

In 1939 when the second world war broke out, the two luxury liners were requisitioned for war duties. The Monarch of Bermuda served as a troopship, while the Queen of Bermuda became an armed merchant cruiser and, later, a troopship.

The Queen returned to civilian service in 1949 and continued until 1966. In 1961 the ship's three funnels became only one funnel, and the ship was more modernized. It was later buried at sea, noted Furness, so most of his collection has

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Flora gains legislative experience

Michaela Flora of Clark served as a legislative page during the current session in Pierre. Her sponsor was Sen. Brock Greenfield, R-Clark. Flora said she enjoyed meeting legislators, lobbyists and other pages. Flora is the daughter of Mike and Rae Jean Flora of Clark. She plans on attending South Dakota State University to study wildlife biology.