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Jerry Olson and John Olson, left to right, are shown passing the keys of their business to Corey Hallstrom. Hallstrom will be the partner for Sturdevant's Auto Parts - Clark, who took over ownership this week. "It will be business as usual," said Hallstrom, "except it will be under new ownership."

Olson's Motors is now Sturdevant's Auto Parts

Since 1946, the northwest corner of US Highway 212 and Smith Street, in Clark, had been the home of Olson's Motor Co. As of this week, that has changed. Sturdevant's Auto Parts is the new owner, according to former owners, John Olson and Jerry Olson. Long-time Olson's Motor employee Corey Hallstrom will be the lead person for Sturdevant's, as the

partner. Jerry Olson will stay on and John Olson will retire and as Sturdevant's will do all of the billing out of Sioux Falls, Lisa Orris also will no longer be at the new Sturdevant's store. "Besides Lisa and I leaving, everybody else will be staying," said John Olson, that includes his aforementioned brother Jerry, along with counter man Alan Luckhurst and mechanic Scott Finstad

Olson continued that besides no used cars on the lot that one wouldn't even really notice the change until the new signs are up. "Except of course you won't be seeing me, and Corey will be the go-to guy." Sturdevant's Auto Parts owns 49 stores in the upper Midwest and Sturdevant's representatives from the company will be stocking shelves this week.



Clark's coffee shop is back open for business. Yet to be named, the shop opened on October 1 with Heather Johannsen being the new owner. Johannsen and former owner of the Double 'S' Presso, Sherri Daniels switched jobs as Daniels is now the dietary manager at the Golden Living Center, a job that Johannsen had for the last two years.

Heather Johannsen is the new Clark coffee shop owner

"We switched jobs is what we did," laughs Heather Johannsen, new owner of the coffee shop on the east corner of U.S. Highway 212 and North Commercial Street. "Only in a small town would that happen," says Johannsen who opened for business on October 1. Johannsen most recently worked as the dietary manager at the Golden Living Center in Clark. The person she bought the coffee shop from, Sherri Daniels, will take her place at the care center as her new replacement. "I heard talk around town how everyone was so disappointed that the coffee shop was facing possible closure. That was also how I felt. So I decided to go ahead and buy it. I have Sherri's daughter Tori working for me and she's been great in showing me the ropes," said Johannsen. Daniels and her family ran the business for six years. "It will be business as usual with

all of the teas, coffee drinks, lattes and smoothies that the public has come to love," says Johannsen. "I'm going with a little smaller lunch menu to start with, soups, sandwiches and salads but will expand as time goes on. I'm planning on being open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m." She is also going to be the drop off and pickup site for dry cleaning and will have the digital photo and printing machine from the variety store that recently closed in town. Angie Seefeldt will also be consigning some of her hair items and wax melts and warmers in the shop. Johannsen is a Clark High School graduate and worked for 20 years as a certified nursing assistant before being a dietary manager for the last two years at GLC. Now she will be Clark's new barista and is looking forward to her new venture.

Clark School Board votes to not sell school property

The featured item of interest at the October meeting of the Clark School Board dealt with the sale of school land to the Clark County Farmers Elevator. At the last two regular monthly meetings, the school board voted to pursue the sale of a 300' x 225' section of school property to the Elevator, southwest of the high school and to put the property up for public auction. Both votes to sell the school property were by 3-2 votes by the board and at Monday's meeting two delegations spoke against this school property land sale. Former long-time school board member John Arthur began, "It's our land, don't sell it, please." Arthur continued along those lines asking the board if it enhanced the student's educational opportunity or if it enhanced the school's financial situation. He closed by commenting, "It's not too late to rescind

this motion." Bob Bjerke, representing the track delegation, stated that this topic brought out much emotion from him and the goal of his group is to continue to make the track and field area west of the school a useable facility in the future and this sale of land would detract from future plans. Clark County Farmers Elevator manager Jeff Olson also was in attendance at this meeting and he reiterated, "The board knows the Elevator's position. We are looking at keeping our business growing efficiently. We are not looking to take anything away from the school in the future." Past school board president Julie Foster also voiced her displeasure with the board looking to sell school property. When it came time during the board agenda to discuss the land sale, the board voted to rescind this

motion, so therefore the board will not be selling this school property. Superintendent Brian Heupel informed the board prior to this vote that in order to rescind the land sale of school property at least four votes would be required to do this. The vote ended 4-1 with members Kim Seefeldt, Bob Steffen, Trudi Gaiowski and Amy Sass voting to rescind the motion. Board president Michelle Mehlberg voted against rescinding the motion. The board will however go ahead with selling the right of way area (which is the road area) west of the proposed land sale to the Clark County Farmers Elevator. **In other business:** ▲ No executive session was necessary. ▲ During his principal's report, Jerry Hartley stated that the music department is looking at changing **Clark School Board** (continued on page 2)

Water/sewer and new police officer are lead stories at Clark City Council

Water/sewer were important items at the Clark City Council October meeting, Wednesday. Water rates for city of Clark residents will be going up in November, payable in December. The current rate of \$3.85 per every 1,000 gallons will become \$4.25 per every thousand gallons. Water/sewer superintendent Darin Altfillisch visited with the council about cleaning sewers on S. Smith Street, and there are funds allotted to re-line five blocks of sewer lines on S. Smith Street. A-Tech of Watertown will be doing that work this fall. Altfillisch also commented that the water meters installation project could get finished this fall,

with at least one Saturday worth of work to compensate for those not able to be home Monday-Friday. Altfillisch also informed the city council, "that the smell on the northeast part of town was traced to Nature's Deli." Altfillisch also explained that the grease pit needs to be cleaned and the two stage separator needs to be used to dispose of grease and animal parts. Fines will be imposed if compliance is delayed. Clark Mayor Larry Dreher interjected, "We will have to get that taken care of," and Altfillisch agreed, as the city does not want to have the sewer plant flunk any more (State) tests. "We'll stay on top of it," said

the Mayor. **In other business:** ▲ The city of Clark is very aware of the existing dry conditions, no burning is allowed. ▲ The council met as a board of adjustment to decide whether or not to approve the variance requested by Brent Forest. The council, after acting as the board of adjustment, approved the building of a 24'x32' structure, by Forest on his property on N. Cloud St. Finance officer Jackie Luttrell did receive one letter in opposition to this request, from Anthony and **Clark City Council** (continued on page 2)

Residents only pheasant season starts Saturday

Pheasant season opens at noon this Saturday for residents on public land. "This is the ninth consecutive year that the pheasant season opens at noon on Saturday for residents on all public land and private land that is leased by the Game, Fish and Parks for walk-in hunting," said conservation officer Kyle Lenzner. Lenzner added that in Clark County the walk-in areas are down acres-wise from previous years, due to several factors. Some of these areas are crop land signed up for waterfowl hunting once the crop is harvested. The other areas are signed up designated for small game and big game hunting, he said. "For State Game Production Areas in the county, we have around 11,150 acres," he said. "Some of these acres include water. Most of these areas receive a good amount of hunting activity from the public. "The purpose for this residents only season is to give residents a place to hunt without being crowded out by non-residents and fee hunting," said game warden Lenzner. The season will run from noon to sunset on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 13, 14 and 15. The daily limit is three rooster pheasants. Hunters will be required to

Pheasant season
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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Oct. 2.....	73	37	0
Oct. 3.....	75	34	.06
Oct. 4.....	40	22	0
Oct. 5.....	42	22	0
Oct. 6.....	42	22	0
Oct. 7.....	55	25	0
Oct. 8.....	61	40	0
2012 precipitation to date	14.50"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.13"		



The Bradley Christian School across from St. John's Lutheran Church in Bradley is starting up their first year. The school follows the common core standards and has SAT 10 testing but also incorporates Christ and community into education with daily devotions and Bible study. The Bradley community and volun-

teers have done a lot to bring this idea to fruition and donations and tuition are what funds the school. Anna (Olson) Postal on the right with infant son Noah, spearheaded the project. Standing are teachers Ray Olson and Mrs. Beverly Schlotte and seated are students, left to right, Austin Finstad, Tyler Stormo and Damien Loglisci.

The Bradley Christian School started with the 2012-13 term

Incorporating Christ and community into education is the rationale behind the new Bradley Christian School which began their initial school year the Tuesday after Labor Day. The school is reminiscent of the bygone days of one room schoolhouse by the looks of the outside and is the former senior citizens center. Most recently the building was used for storage by the town. The school is located directly south of St. John's Church. This summer a lot of volunteer work and donations turned it into a school, complete with a

kitchen and bathroom. The students bring their own lunch unless they eat together as part of a home ec project. Kitchen appliances, furniture and even the computers were all donated by individuals. "The community has been amazing. We have had very generous donations and the different organizations in town who have helped it all come together," said Anna Postal, who spearheaded the idea of a Christian school in town. "I whole heartedly believe God should not be taken out of our schools. He can

offer so much help to our students, teachers and parents. The number of young children in the area, finding out other parents are also interested and the community support have all come together to make this happen. We kept plugging away and it all fell together to start this fall. Our two teachers have been an amazing gift, we really appreciate having such educated and amazing teachers." The teachers are Ray Olson and Mrs. Beverly Schlotte who each **Bradley Christian School** (continued on page 9)