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day morning as Clark Elementary principal Brian Heupel made good on his promise. He took eleven pies of whipped cream to the face. In November, he challenged the school to read 14,660 books from November 1 to April 30. The elementary students met that challenge with 1,448 books to spare for a total of ment of the student assembly.

earned the honor of mushing a pie into their principals face. Above, Cyrus Bjerke does the honors for the fourth grade class. In addition a student's name was chosen from a drawing and secretary Tina Petersen also had a turn just for fun at the encourage-

## Clark Elementary students read 16,108 books!

The long awaited day finally to April 30. came. The day eleven Clark elementary students earned the chance to mush a whipped cream pie plate into the face of their principal, Brian Heupel, as they met his reading challenge. The Clark students surpassed their goal of reading 14,660 books by 1,448 for a grand total of

"Wear something to cover yourself, Mr. Heupel," said Emma Mitchell with a smile on her face as the elementary gathered in the gym.

He may have had a rain poncho on, but from the neck up, he was fair game as student after student gave him a pie to the face. He was a

up after each pie, so the next student had a fresh clean face to mess up. Each pie in the face came with a gym full of laughter. School secretary, Tina Petersen, also had her turn at the end, pouring what was left of the cream on top of Mr. Heu-

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# **Bruns and Wicks** truly are lifesavers!

When Willow Lake High School graduating senior Ben Albers walks across the stage in a week and a half, he will be happy to receive his

This graduation will be the celebration it should be, thanks to a couple of guardian angels also in attendance at the WLHS graduation. 2012 classmate Bailey Bruns

with help from sophomore Ty Wicks saved Ben's life! The heroic event unfolded on

Monday, April 30, in an Oklahoma City hotel. The Willow Lake FFA team was in Oklahoma City competing in the FFA National Land Judging event. Around 2:00 in the afternoon, the students were going for a swim in the hotel swimming

"We were all swimming and when we got to Ben he was laying at the bottom of the pool," said Bailey.

Ty pulled Ben out of the pool after Bailey went to the bottom and got him. "He had no pulse. He was purple. We did CPR and it took three cycles of 30 to 2 CPR before he revived."

"He was coughing up blood, dry heaving and a minute later we rolled him on his side as he was coughing," Bailey stated.

Bailey said she has been a lifeguard for four years but this is the



Hometown Heroes! Willow Lake School superintendent Terry Winegar, left, expresses his appreciation and thankfulness to Bailey Bruns, center and Ty Wicks, right. Winegar had just finished showing the pair the news video telling about their heroic, life-saving event. It can be seen at http://kfor.com/2012/04/30/teens-save-drowning-friend/.

Brenda Reyes also helped in this life saving event. She wasn't in school Tuesday when the interview took place.

first time she's ever had to save anyone. "Due to her training as a lifeguard she knew what to do. Both sink in until Tuesday, the day after the young people didn't panic. They took quick action and they saved a student's life," said an Oklahoma police officer.

"The ambulance showed up really fast," said Ty. It was Wicks who

gave Ben breaths during the CPR. Ben is supposed to be in school today (Wednesday), but hasn't been to

"What happened didn't really this happened," said Ty. "We visited him at the hospital and his folks and grandparents were there."

"I got really great hugs all around," said Bailey.

You won't have to tell Ben Albers that Bailey, Ty and company saved his life. He's living, walking proof!

# Clark citywide clean-up is set for this Saturday

Weather permitting and it looks positive at this point, the word is "go" for the Clark citywide clean-up for Saturday, May 12, sponsored by the Clark Rotary Club.

Rotarians and others available to help are asked to meet at 9:00 a.m. to the rear of the Playhouse Fam-

ers will be assigned to the various zones of the city and zone chairmen will be announced.

Free day at the dump is May 12. Rotarians urge residents to do their raking this week and take advantage of the free day at the rubble site. This is also the last day that ily Restaurant. At this time work- trees and branches will be accept-

ed for free. Rotarians are offerin their service to those unable to d their own work.

Regulations at the rubble site ar that no tires, batteries or cardboar are to be deposited and this regula tion will be adhered to.

# May is the month for mayoral Mother's Day is a time for Mom and maybe a little horsin' around

"I love being a mother," says Tresa Hemmingson of Bradley. "As you watch them grow and see their accomplishments, it just puts a smile on your face."

Tresa and her husband Todd have four daughters, Morgan and Megan are 18, Kayla is 16 and Sara is 11.

Normally the kids ask their mother what she wants to do for Mother's Day and her answer usually is 'Let's just stay home and do something together.' "It doesn't really matter what we do as long as we're doing it together. Some years we've planted flowers or a garden or watched a movie together. Or, they will go out and ride horses and I'll take pictures," says Tresa, "I love taking pictures of them."

Last year they went to the horse races in Aberdeen for Mother's Day. The three older girls are active in 4-H and high school rodeo. Their summer weekends are often spent going to various rodeos in the area. They've built living quarters in part of their horse trailer, so they are pretty close all summer staying together. They often take the horses 'Billy', 'Night' and 'Princess'. The girls compete in breakaway roping and team roping. All the girls have participated in goat tying in the past and Sara will start breakaway roping this year. Kayla and her fa-

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Doing something together as a family. That is Tresa Hemmingson's request for Mother's Day. The mother of four, Tresa and her husband Todd live southwest of Bradley where they have raised their daughters on a horse ranch, since 1995. The girls all enjoy 4-H and

high school rodeo and the entire family goes to watch them many weekends in the summer. Shown above on the fence are left to right, Morgan, Kayla and Megan. Standing are Tresa and Sara.

# 16,108 books read from November 1 good sport about it too, and cleaned appointments at City Hall

▲ Louann Streff elected council president May is the month when city coun-

cils begin anew and the Clark City Council had four members sworn in at Monday night's meeting, two new members and two incumbent council members. The two incumbents included

Louann Streff and Kerry Kline, both in Ward II. The new council members include Belinda Hanson in Ward I and Anthony Woodland in Ward III. Woodland replaces John Pollock who resigned after 14 years on the council, so Woodland will have a one-year term while the remaining three will serve three-year terms. Hanson replaces Roberta Heim in Ward I, who chose not to

Streff was elected president of the city council and Terry Binger vice president, both on unanimous

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher made and approved the 2012 mayoral ap-

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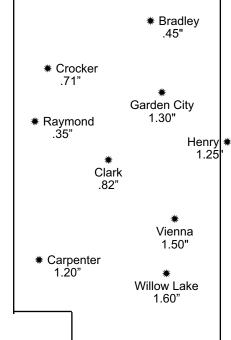
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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| May 2            |               | 48     | 0             |
| May 3            | 71            | 52     | 0             |
| May 4            |               | 53     | .22           |
| May 5            | 62            | 51     | .58           |
| May 6            |               | 39     | .02           |
| May 7            |               | 40     | 0             |
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pointments. 2012 Mayoral appointments include: streets, alleys, sidewalks -Terry Binger; American Disabilities Act - Belinda Hanson; pool - Larry Dreher; rubble site - Lon Reidburn; city parks - Terry Binger; water and sewer - Larry Dreher; fire dept. and emergency management - Tony

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#### Clark County Rainfall Week of 5/1-5/7



## **Public Radio for Clark County!**

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