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With 70 plus inches of snowfall as of April 13 in 2011, this was just one of the results last spring in Clark County. Snow melt nearly covered up the front two ford LTDs in 'The Parade' of cars located in the pasture of Ken Bell west of Clark in his field of sculptures.



a small pond as Clark County precipitation was only 3.31" from October of 2011 to April 1 of 2012. Last year the precipitation amount was double during that time measuring 7.82" and the snow remained deep throughout the winter. Nine cars are in 'The Parade' this year. Were nine cars there last year in the parade - maybe? maybe not.

From April, 2011 to April 2012 - what a difference a year makes!

Last year Clark prom goers dealt with snowy, sloppy and wet conditions on April 15. The high was 32° that day.

This year on March 13, it was 70° and it reached 82° on March 18.

What a difference a year makes! Those who predicted last fall that this winter was to be as bad as last

winter, were way off on their predictions.

From October to January in 2010/2011, Clark measured 7.82" in precipitation. In the same months in 2011/2012, Clark measured 3.31" with a majority of it coming in rainfall.

Record high temps in March in-

cluded seven days over 70° with 82° being the high on March 18. Seven days were between 60° and 70° and eight days between 50° and 60°. April 1 came in at 86°. We'll take it!

In March of 2011, the high on March 16 was 50° after which it went back down to the lower 40's

and upper 30's and 20's for the rest of the month. It was -11° on March 1 and March 2 of 2011 with highs of 26° and 10°.

The trees are budding with some leaves appearing and some tulips and daffodils are blooming, so hopes are to hold off with a killing frost with the early growing season.

That may be only wishful thinking as lows in the upper 20's are predicted for early in the week.

"This year has been a blessing. We've been able to add a lot of gravel to the roads," stated county highway superintendent Ryan Eggleston.

"The roads seem to be in pretty

good condition for the most part. Some are worse with the early frost coming out, but we haven't had to build any grades up due to high water problems like we had last spring.

"Comparing this winter to last
April 2011 to April 2012
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Skyler Flatten, shown with the ball in this file photo from Region 2A, had an outstanding 2011-12 campaign, gaining South Dakota Class A All-State first team honors. The junior guard/forward is the son of Michelle Flatten Kabwe and Mofya Kabwe.

Flatten named first team All-State

Skyler Flatten was named last week to the South Dakota Class A All-State Boys Basketball first team. The 6'5" junior forward/guard averaged 23.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks per game.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones were 17-8 on the season, were District 3A champions, Region 2A

champions and finished sixth at the SD Class A State Tournament.

Said Cyclone head coach Jerome Nesheim of Flatten: "Skyler is one of the most athletic basketball players in the state. He has very good quickness and jumping ability to get to the rim to score, plus he has

Flatten

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Clark County Courier e-edition available starting next week

In this digital age, e-edition newspapers are gaining in popularity as an option to the weekly paper. The community newspaper has proven that there is a vital role to be played by the local paper and that role continues to be changing.

As social networking, with Twitter and Facebook, is appealing to more and more individuals all the time, the *Clark County Courier* continues to change with the times. Twitter and Facebook are down the road, but starting next week, an e-edition to the *Clark County Courier*

will be available for one and all.

The e-edition has many positives and advantages, especially for readers outside of South Dakota.

With some color pictures and instant availability, the *Clark County Courier* e-edition will be on the website, exactly like the hard copy edition.

There could be some learning curves and baby steps will be necessary, but starting next week, we will go to press and to the internet at the same time.

Chamber to host informal, informative get together

Mark April 23 on your calendar. The Clark Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an 'After Five' type get together at the Clark Gold Club. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and on the docket will be Randy Gruenwald talking about Dakota Butcher and hopefully Riley Dandurand talking about Dakota Style Chips' new buildings, an ITC representative talking about Clark's new fiber optics and Brock Greenfield talking about everything legislative.

The informal gathering will allow the chance to network with your local businesses and neighbors about what is new in Clark and the surrounding area.

Clark Chamber president Greg Furness urges one and all, Cham-

ber member or not, to come on up to the golf club to see and hear about Dakota Butcher, ITC, Dakota Style Chips and legislative issues.

WEATHER

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Weather Observer

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April 3.....	59	35	0
April 4.....	60	37	0
April 5.....	63	40	0
April 6.....	62	38	0
April 7.....	54	36	0
April 8.....	60	29	0
April 9.....	48	23	0
2012 precipitation to date	-2.45"		
2011 precipitation to date	-4.30"		

School board approves 2012-13 certified negotiated package

Business manager Kari Thonvold's contract not renewed

The Clark School Board chose not to renew business manager Kari Thonvold's contract, Monday, at the April meeting.

This unanimous vote was taken after a 45-minute executive session to discuss this matter along with administrative salaries.

Clark superintendent Brian He-

upel had no further comments on this termination, as it was an executive session discussion. Thonvold has been the Clark School business manager the past two years.

Earlier in the evening the Clark School Board approved the certified staff negotiated policy for the 2012-13 school year. The certified staff

will receive a raise of \$850.00 as the salary base went from \$31,950.00 to \$32,800.00. The total negotiated package will be a raise of 2.3 percent. This is also what the administrators received in salary increase.

Classified staff salaries were also increased by 25¢ an hour, which would equal a 2.3 percent increase.

Capital Outlay Projects

Superintendent Heupel discussed capital outlay projects for 2012-13. The proposed projects and the costs include: Carpet high school music room/elem. room - \$8,911.92; Athletic uniform replacement - \$2,700.00; Copier re-

placement high school - \$14,820.00; Technology upgrade/replacement - \$70,000.00 - Crows nest football field - \$6,493.00; Landscaping field house - \$3,016.27; Classroom desk replacement - \$6,420.00; Roof Maintenance - \$3,460.00; Floor scrubber, elementary - \$5,891.51; Swipe key fieldhouse - \$1,750.00 with a total

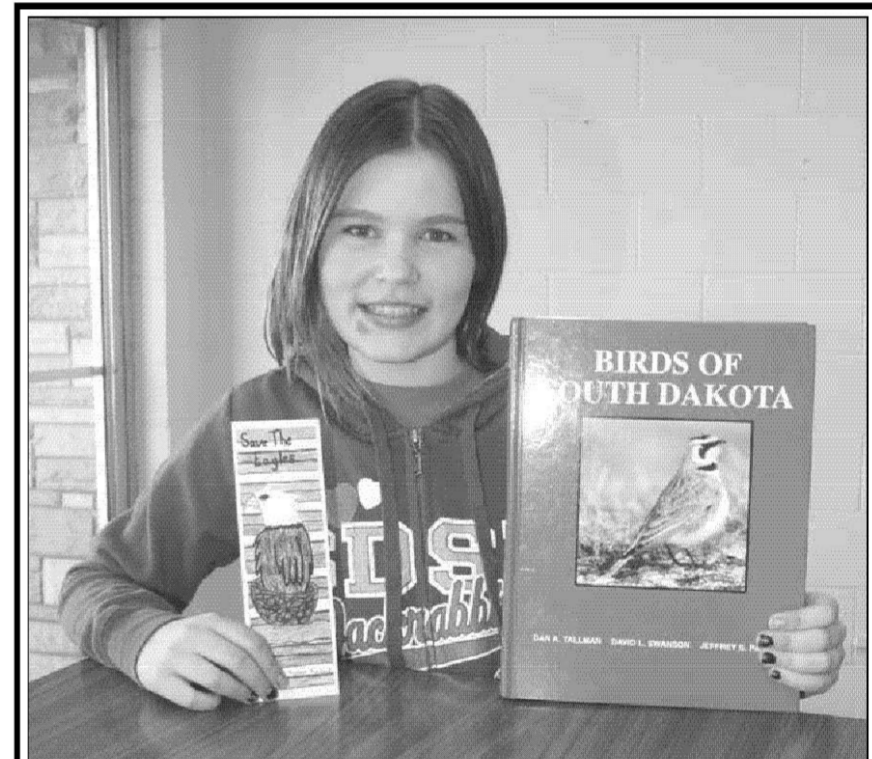
of \$123,462.70.

Development Director

The Clark School has played a vital role in helping to secure a Clark County Development Director. Heupel said that the nine-person call

School Board

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Fjelland's artwork is best in G,F&P bookmark contest

"We received a lot of excellent bookmarks, but yours was one of the best," was the comment from the education services coordinator Maggie Lindsey, who is with the Department of Game, Fish and Parks in Pierre.

Sydnie Fjelland of Clark, is shown with her new bookmark that was mass produced from her drawing that she entered in the Bald Eagle Awareness Days bookmark contest. Her drawing was selected by the program committee as being 'The Best Artwork' in the statewide contest.

Sydnie who is a fifth grader at Clark Middle School also received the book, *Birds of South Dakota* as her prize along with the honor of seeing her artwork printed on bookmarks for the Game, Fish and Parks department and for libraries throughout the state. She was told that her artwork will also be used for future Bald Eagle Days activities. "I like drawing just for the fun of it" says Sydnie who is the daughter of Todd and Susan Fjelland who live near Clark.

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