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The weather had to be perfect for the third graders' 'Swimming for Gold' theme and it was Friday, for the Clark High School Homecoming parade. This 'Swimming for Gold' class won first place parade honors in the elementary walking division. Mrs.

Cindy Wientjes is the third grade teacher. Olympics was the 2012 C.H.S. Homecoming theme and many appropriate patriotic floats helped make Homecoming 2012 a big success.

## Clark Homecoming - of Olympic proportion

With the 2012 Clark Homecoming theme being the Olympics, it looked somewhat like the opening ceremonies of the recent London 2012 Olympics, at the parade, Friday on Clark's main streets.

With an early September date for Homecoming, one would hope for nice weather and it turned into a very nice day. It started out cool in the morning, but by the 2:00 p.m. parade time, shirt sleeves were quite comfortable and even

the swimmers pictured above didn't seem too chilly.

The 2012 parade winners were: Walking: first place - third grade, Swimming for Gold; second place - kindergarten, Cyclones Spinning to a Victory; third place - second grade, Rowing Over the Eagles. Middle School Floats: first place - seventh grade, Cyclones go for the GOLD; second place - sixth grade, If you want to win GOLD, you have to be BOLD; third place - eighth

grade, Dream Team. High School Floats: first place - sophomores, Cyclones are Golden; second place - freshmen, All we see is Gold; third place - juniors, Running Away with a Victory.

In the commercial/organization float division, first place went to The Happy Bunch Club, The 90 year dash wins GOLD; second place - Hovde's Physical Therapy and third place - Golden Living Center.

## Pam Grensberg is the new Clark County ambulance administrator

"Clark's team couldn't be any better in working together. The law enforcement, the firemen and the local medical center all work together in helping the ambulance service," says newly appointed ambulance administrator Pam Grensberg.

"As my husband Troy has always told our children as they were in sports over the years, there is no 'I' in team. We all work together in a team effort to make it work. As administrator, I may be the one who does the scheduling and ordering of equipment and supplies but it takes all of us to make it work. We're all trained to meet our expectations as EMT's." Grensberg also does daily maintenance checks of both ambulances and all of the medical equipment pertaining to EMS protocol that is used on a day to day basis.

Grensberg has been an EMT for many years, working with the Willow Lake ambulance. The Grensberg family just recently moved to Clark in March.

Pam and Troy Grensberg are the parents of four children, three of whom are also in the nursing field and one dental assistant. Nichole (Jake) Anderson, Bobbi Jo (Ryan) Burke and Hailey (Kirk) Ellis all live in Watertown and their youngest daughter Mindy is working on her nursing degree at South Dakota State University.

The couple has eight grandchildren. Grensberg was originally a Hovde, Willow Lake High School class of 1978. After her marriage to Troy and her role as a new mother at home, she earned her EMT certification. She recalls taking the class when Willie Gruenwald and the Barton Clinic doctors from Watertown taught in 1988, so she is working in her 24th year as an EMT. She began in Willow Lake when Harry Dean Kannegieter did the overseeing and paper work for the ambulance crew. Later the work was distributed among the various volunteers. Grensberg started as a CNA for Parkview Care

Center in 1990 and continued there until 2010. "I loved it," she said of her job. From Parkview she worked at Roetell Senior Housing in Clark for a year before starting work as an EMT in Clark and then the appointment of administrator.

Among Grensberg's goals for the ambulance are to be able to meet one's needs as timely as possible. Another goal is to establish a higher percentage of EMT's per capita in the city of Clark. An EMT training course will be held this fall in Clark. "As with any town's ambulance crew, more is always better," related Grensberg.

In Clark, two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff are on schedule at all times. They are on call in 12 hour shifts at a time. Some may go consecutively for 24 hours. "Should our two responders be busy and another call comes in, a second crew will have already been alerted should they be needed. Calls are often assisted by additional law enforcement, firemen and other businessmen who offer their assistance. The EMS staff are notified one month prior to their scheduled time of being on call, so they can plan accordingly. This plan of operation and scheduling has served the county well for many years," stated Grensberg.

In addition to EMT training, an EVOC or Emergency Vehicle Operation Course is held on occasion. Attendees learn procedures like when to check in with the dispatch unit (five or six times per call from start to finish), when to run the lights, when to run the siren, protocol for red lights at intersections and similar details on driving an ambulance or emergency vehicle.

"I so appreciate all the help I've received since February in acclimating into this position," ended Grensberg. "I thoroughly enjoy the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field and working with people."

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## Law enforcement, water rates/budget and golf course discussed by city council

The Public Input portion of the September meeting of the Clark City Council began with former long-time city councilman John Pollock 'grilling' individually the respective council members regarding last month's vote to do away with county law enforcement and the hiring of Jeremy Wellnitz as city of Clark police chief.

Pollock was upset by the final decision and also the process involved, asking each council person if money would be saved with this new hire, if closed meeting laws were violated and if more than one applicant was considered?

Wellnitz was hired at the August city council meeting to be Clark's police officer and will begin his duties on October 1. As Pollock was leaving the meeting, Clark Mayor Larry Dreher was explaining the city's position of why the council voted unanimously to hire Wellnitz.

Clark resident John Boyko was next to be heard under the Public Input section. Boyko feels that people within the city limits should have the freedom to be allowed to raise chickens and goats.

Dave Kretzschmar also wanted, during the Public Input portion, to ask the council 'why are we changing law enforcement personnel and practices?' He didn't understand how one person could be on duty for

365 days.

Mayor Dreher responded that, "We all think this is doable. There are various law enforcement individuals in Clark to provide protection. Law enforcement drove 161 miles every day," said the mayor, implying that he wants to be able to control the 'city's bang for the buck'. "We are looking forward to this change."

### Water rates to increase

First reading was given to a water rate hike, from \$3.85 per thousand to \$4.00 per thousand, flat across the board.

Much discussion was given this topic as finance officer Jackie Luttrell feels quite strongly that this is needed for various reasons and as she discussed the first reading of the 2013 budget ordinance, she explained the importance of infrastructure improvements and upgrades, as the general fund goes hand-in-hand with the water/sewer fund in the budgetary process.

At the October 3 (Wednesday) city council meeting, the council will make a final decision on both the water rate increase and the 2013 city budget.

### Golf Club assistance

Mayor Dreher shared with the council that he had attended the recent Clark Golf Club board meeting. At this meeting the golf club asked the city for financial assistance. "They are looking for financial aid with their lagoon and pump projects," said Dreher.

During the discussion which followed the council really did not

come up with any consensus, but did agree that if any contributions were given, representation would have to be key in going forward.

### In other business:

▲ Councilman Terry Binger asked the council if they are interested in hearing Nature's Deli manager talk about what is going on with the business in the near future. This will be an Oct. 3 agenda item.

▲ Two variances were granted as the council sat as a board of adjustment. Steve Bethke, at 305 1st Ave. W. will be allowed to build a house/shop, with a metal exterior.

▲ Heather Johannsen will be allowed to build her garage up to the property line on S. Commercial St.

▲ The city will assist with the tear down of the Peckham property, across the street west of the Playhouse. The city will remove the building and whomever is the high bidder at the tax deed auction will finish the project.

▲ A wastewater study, will be done to help determine Clark's future in this capacity. A total retention pond is being recommended through the state department in charge of city sewer/treatment plants.

▲ There are new exterior doors at the Ulyot Building.

▲ The city has \$45,180 in USDA Rural Development funds. With this money the council approved the purchase of a grinder, \$24,800 for the water treatment plant with the balance of the money to be used to re-line five city blocks (water/sewer lines) this fall.

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
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Sept. 4.....	86	57	0	
Sept. 5.....	72	52	0	
Sept. 6.....	77	49	0	
Sept. 7.....	64	45	0	
Sept. 8.....	74	44	0	
Sept. 9.....	72	44	0	
Sept. 10.....	89	59	0	
2012 precipitation to date	14.32"			
2011 precipitation to date	20.30"			

## School to sell land southwest of high school at public auction

### ▲ Auction to be held Monday, Oct. 8

The Clark School Board echoed last month's 3-2 vote to sell a portion of school property at the September monthly meeting Monday, in the high school library.

At Monday's meeting, Michelle Mehlberg, Trudi Gaiowski and Robert Steffen voted to create the property as surplus land and put it up for public auction. The public auction will take place at 6:00 p.m., prior to the October Clark School Board meeting at the Clark High School.

Superintendent Brian Heupel said that the board, in executive session, later in the meeting Monday visited about a starting price and the school board will have the right to reject any and all offers.

Prior to the vote, a lengthy discussion was held and the land in question was looked at, as the board took a break to walk out southwest of the school. The property in question is 225 feet x 240 feet.

Bob Bjerke, who is on a committee of track enthusiasts who have been working to get an eight-lane track facility west of the high school, began the discussion.

"The area we are talking about would be used as a discuss area for track or a practice football field if the football field would someday be at this site," said Bjerke, and said he was against the school selling this property.

Clark County Farmer's Elevator manager Jeff Olson was up next and he told the board of his plans for this building and how he felt that it could be a co-existence, without any problems.

Said board members: Michelle Mehlberg - "It's a big vote. It's unfortunate that some will be unhappy. We need to be creative in generating revenue and business in our town. A percentage of capital outlay goes towards our heating and utilities. Track meets do bring in revenue but the elevator does on

a day to day basis."

Bob Steffen - "This money will go into capital outlay. Is there a way we can use that money to resurface the track to ease the burden on Bob's group?"

Kim Seefeldt - "Once this land is sold, it's gone. We can't dictate what's done on that land in the future. It may be dry storage now, but with farming practices in the future, what kind of chemicals could be stored right next to our kids. We don't know what's going to happen 20-30 years in the future. Also would we need that land for future expansion? This decision affects our future."

Amy Sass - At Monday's meeting, Sass said she felt the same way as she did a month ago, that the school should not sell the property. "I think it is a mistake to sell," she said at the August meeting.

Trudi Gaiowski - "We have no idea of knowing our future, we could be a smaller school, too. If we could put some income into the track issues, that would help."

As aforementioned, the public auction will be Oct. 8, prior to the school board meeting.

### In other business:

◆ The school board will be meeting Monday, Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize the 2012-13 school budget.

◆ The school enrollment increased by four over a year ago, from 360 to 364.

◆ Teacher Tammy Sprouse presented to the board her new math curriculum - focusing on individualization.

◆ The new credit card policy was approved.

◆ David Wernke was approved as the special education tutor. Belinda Hanson was approved as the basketball cheerleading coach. Contracts were amended to include junior high football for Wade Stobbs and Paul Streff to include CAD Geometry.



Karen Hubbard is pictured in front of the Corner Diner last week. Hubbard is the potential new owner of this establishment, with the closing date set for November 1, 2012.

## Corner Diner has a potential buyer

Karen Hubbard is the potential new owner of the Corner Diner, in Clark. When business ownership stories appear in the newspaper, the doors to the business are either open, or will open very shortly.

This story is an exception to that rule, but felt noteworthy and timely for community information purposes.

"Plans are to open in early December as our closing date is Nov. 1, 2012," said Hubbard. During November, vendors and employees will be sought and the restaurant will take a month plus to get ready to open the doors for dining.

"It's kind of interesting how this all came about," related Hubbard as she said it has always been her dream to run a restaurant and it has always been her husband's dream to return to his parent's home town."

Karen is married to Thomas Hanson, and his parents Lee Hanson and the late Regina (Geise) Hanson called Clark home.

"When we were here for George Hanson's funeral (Thomas' uncle),

we took steps to pursue this purchase," said Hubbard and she added that Donna Weisbrod will run the diner to begin with, as Donna's husband Pete is related to Thomas. Thomas is a cousin to Pete's mother.

If you see Karen in Clark, feel free to say hello and visit with her about her upcoming adventure. "I wanted everyone to know what is going on with the Corner Diner and November and December will be here before we know it."

Thomas and Karen are both in the military and she has two grown sons, Chad and Nicholas who are both in the military and both have served in the Middle East.

Lt. Col. Karen Hubbard has been in the U.S. Army for 22 years and currently is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "My home of record is Union City, Tenn.," she stated. "I started out in military intelligence and am currently a comptroller/re-

**Corner Diner**  
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