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St. Michael's to host double anniversary, Sunday

Sunday is a big day at St. Michael's Catholic Church, in Clark! The parish will be celebrating a double anniversary - The 125th anniversary of St. Michael's Parish and - The 60th anniversary of the current church building.

Bishop Paul Swain of the Sioux Falls Diocese is scheduled to do the 3:00 p.m. Mass. A picnic supper will follow.

Current priest at St. Michael's, Father John Short

said that former past pastors of the parish who have been invited to attend the celebration include: Father Jerry Koupal, Father Ed Burian, Father Lawrence Marbach, Father Ken Bain and Father Bill Hamak.

Special t-shirts for the commemoration will be worn by parishioners, reading: Be Brave, Be Bold, Be True, Be Catholic. The current confirmation students were involved with the t-shirt design.

2012 Homecoming royalty picked!

An anxiety-filled hush fell over the crowd gathered at Tuesday night's homecoming coronation ceremony in the high school auditorium just before the 2012 marshal and queen were announced. When the silence was shattered, Rhett Florey and Cortney Binger were exalted to royalty by their peers.



Marshal Rhett Florey
south past the St. Michael's Catholic Church to Highway 212, east to Commercial Street, then north to the Nursing Home. Entries may



Queen Cortney Binger
return on Idaho Street. Floats should be dismantled following the parade.

The two will reign over the rest of this week's homecoming festivities as well as through the week-end.

The other candidates nominated to succeed 2011 Marshal Eric Meier and Queen Jill Stern were Janelle Paulson, Shelby Altfillisch, Jamie Finstad, Skyler Flatten, Torrey Kolden, and Colin LaBrie.

The volleyball team will play Hamlin on Thursday, September 6 in Willow Lake. The homecoming football game will be Friday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Dickinson Park against the powerhouse of Tiospa Zina.

Homecoming Spirit Week

'Spirit Day' helps make Homecoming week special with different themes throughout the week.

Tuesday was 'Old People Day', Wednesday will be 'Disney/Pixar Day' and Thursday will be 'Road Construction Day'. In keeping with tradition, Friday will be 'Cyclone Day'.

The theme this year is "Olympics" and the entries will be divided into three categories - A: elementary school walking; B: elementary and middle school floats; and C: high school class and organization floats.

The entries will be judged on the basis of originality, beauty and adherence to theme. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place entries in each of the categories, while commercial floats will be judged separately. Winners will be announced at half-time of the football game.

Should be a rebound year for pheasant hunters

▲ Pheasant brood route survey shows healthy numbers

Come fall, Clark County will again host hundreds of pheasant hunters from away, and those hunters will see and find pheasants. This year, like every year, we just need Mother Nature to cooperate from October 20 to the end of the year.

Each summer the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks conducts pheasant brood surveys to evaluate the status of pheasant populations and predict pheasant population levels relative to previous years. This autumn, South Dakota hunters will enjoy pheasant numbers that continue to be some of the best in the state's history.

Last week the Game, Fish and Parks released the pheasant brood

survey throughout the state. Officials traveled 110 routes, each 30 miles long, to field data for roosters, hens and broods. These pheasant brood counts in South Dakota indicate that the statewide pheasant population is up from last year and that should equate to an excellent pheasant season this fall.

Results of the survey show that pheasant numbers grew in many areas of the state, due in large part to a mild winter and ideal weather during the nesting and brood-rearing season.

The pheasants-per-mile index for 2012 is 4.21, up 18 percent from the 3.57 index of 2011.

"The mild winter of 2011-12 was the boost we needed for pheasant

survival and reproductive potential," explained Jeff Vonk, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. "It goes to show that, with the combination of good habitat and the right weather conditions, pheasants can be quite prolific."

Much of the improvement in the pheasant counts came from areas of the state that had a good habitat base.

"Pheasant hunting will be good across most of the state, with the traditional pheasant range once again providing excellent hunting opportunities," Vonk said. "More than 1.5 million pheasants were harvested last year and our counts indicate that this year will be another exceptional year for pheasant hunting in South Dakota."

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Aug. 28.....	87	60	.05
Aug. 29.....	91	63	0
Aug. 30.....	73	57	0
Aug. 31.....	88	64	0
Sept. 1.....	86	64	0
Sept. 2.....	90	57	0
Sept. 3.....	86	57	0
2012 precipitation to date	14.32"		
2011 precipitation to date	20.30"		

Pheasants Per Mile (PPM)

Local Area	Routes	2012	2011	10 yr. avg.
Aberdeen.....	13	3.87	2.56	6.61
Brookings.....	11	1.93	1.13	4.40
Chamberlain.....	10	10.81	11.51	15.62
Huron.....	17	4.10	2.98	8.03
Mitchell.....	16	3.91	2.83	6.10
Mobridge.....	8	6.71	5.73	6.62
Pierre.....	12	9.53	9.15	8.84
Sioux Falls.....	13	1.12	0.79	2.35
Sisseton.....	4	0.53	0.58	2.02
Watertown.....	11	2.55	1.61	4.80
Western SD.....	5	2.24	3.53	2.83
Winner.....	8	7.35	7.16	7.53
Yankton.....	10	0.62	0.63	1.52
STATEWIDE.....	107	4.21	3.57	6.07



Mike and Anthony Woodland have spent the summer months renovating Clark Lanes. As bowling leagues start this month, one will see a big difference in the front part of the building, as a lounge/cafe is now open for business. Well, the lounge part is and the cafe will open in a month or so.

Clark Lanes adds lounge/cafe area

As the 2012-2013 bowling season is rapidly approaching, Clark Lanes has made some really big renovations.

"We opened up 110 square feet in the cafe," said Anthony Woodland, as he and his dad, co-owner Mike Woodland have done much of the work themselves.

"It's really been a family affair,"

said Mike of the remodeling project. "Jim, Jon, Amy and Grandma (Marionne Bastian) all have spent a lot of time here this summer."

It is a floor-to-ceiling renovation, creating Clark Lanes and Comfort Lounge. Clark Lanes will have a six month liquor license, shared with the Clark Golf Club, which begins Oct. 1, 2012.

"We've tried to create a living room atmosphere," Anthony continued, "complete with a digital music system in the bowling area and WiFi."

There is a new bowling alley locker room, new tile, new sofas and a new bar, bringing about the cozy, living room atmosphere of Clark Lanes and Comfort Lounge.

Pastor Jen Tyler takes the pulpit at the United Methodist Church

"I'm excited to be back in a small town. Clark is about the same size as McCook Lake, where I grew up," says Jen Michelle Tyler, the new pastor at the United Methodist Parish in Clark and Garden City. The third daughter of six children, she graduated from Dakota Valley High School in 2002. Her parents are Deb and Randy Miller who still reside in McCook Lake. Her siblings are Josh Tyler, Alicia Tyler, Aaron Tyler, Amanda Miller and Aleah Miller.

After high school she attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. She graduated with a bachelors degree in sociology with concentrations in social work and religion in 2006.



Pastor Jen Tyler preached her first sermon as the new minister at the Clark and Garden City United Methodist Churches on Sunday, September 2. Originally from McCook Lake, now incorporated with North Sioux City, S.D., she most recently worked with the Methodist Federation for Social Action in Washington, D.C. Before that she did mission work in South Africa. She's excited to have her own parish and to work with the congregation on what they would like for their church's mission.

From there she went on to the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. She graduated in 2009. This was also the year she rode her bicycle across the United States, southwest to northeast, from Los Angeles to Delaware. She joined others riding to raise awareness for an organization in Nashville that works with clean water projects in Africa. She rode 3,400 miles in eight weeks. "I love being outside and being active," says Tyler. "I like riding my bike."

In the fall of 2009, she went to South Africa to do mission work. She divided her time between Johannesburg and Capetown. She worked doing outreach to people there, preaching along with six other pastors at an education center. They educated community leaders to

help better their own communities in teaching spiritual guidance and counseling. Their students ranged in age from 19-60 years old. South Africans have 11 official languages but English is the common denominator.

Pastor Tyler
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