

Clark High School musicians are heading to Florida in two weeks



The excitement is building for these smiling members of the Clark High School band and chorus who are mentally and musically preparing for their upcoming music trip to Florida. On a four year rotation, this is the year for the trip to Disney World, St. Louis and Daytona Speedway. Shown above, left to right, are Angela Young, Morgan Huber, Matthew Loomis and Noah Huber.

The countdown is on the board in the music room of the Clark High School. In about 15 days, 58 students, two music directors and 12 chaperones will board a bus for the much anticipated Florida music students' trip.

"The kids are getting so excited and so are the chaperones," exclaimed CHS band director Lola Bartels who will be accompanying the group along with her husband Larry.

The group will leave on March 27 at 8:00 p.m. and will return on Friday, April 4 at 3:00 a.m. in the morning.

This will be the third trip to Florida for the music department, which first went in 2006 and then again in 2010. "We're on a four year rotation for the bigger trip to Florida. Our trip to Branson, Mo. was in 2012," said Bartels.

For this trip, the students have been fund raising for a long time with cookie dough and bread sales, pizza coupon books, Elite discount cards and most recently, their soup cook-off bingo event in February.

Chaperones for the trip will be music directors Stacy Andersen-Mjoun and Lola Bartels, Lar-

ry Bartels, JoAnn Anderson, Lori Bjerke, Ida Foster, Paul Streff, Monica Forest, Sherri Daniels, Chris Hasler, Tammy Sprouse, Tara Thomas, Jennifer Waage and Rae Jean Flora.

Local residents will be able to hear some of the songs they will be performing at Disney World at the Pops Concert on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School gymnasium.

The band will play *Good Time, Caravan, a Best of Glee* medley, the *Colonel Bogey March* and *Americana* at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31. They will perform in the Future World area of Epcot at Melody Gardens Innovations West.

The choir is scheduled to sing at the same location that same day at 6:00 p.m. The choir will sing *What Makes You Beautiful, God Bless the USA, Old Time Rock & Roll, Dance Evolution* and *Home*.

The first day of the trip, Thursday through Friday night will be spent mainly driving south. Nine of the 21 meals are provided in the cost of the trip with the first being breakfast in Kansas City. A noon lunch stop at St. Louis, Mo. and supper will be at the Opry Mills Mall on

Friday evening.

On Saturday the group will visit the Daytona International speedway. "If it works out and no one is practicing on the track, we may have the opportunity to actually ride on the race track," added Bartels.

They are scheduled to arrive at Cocoa Beach, Florida and to Ron Jon's Surf Shop at noon on Saturday. Swimming in the Atlantic Ocean will be in the afternoon, followed by a catered picnic at Lori Wilson Park. Then it will be on to their hotel in Kissimmee, Florida.

Sunday they depart for the Magic Kingdom in Disney World which includes at the end of their fun filled day, the evening electric light parade followed by fireworks.

Monday is performance day as mentioned above with their performances at 3:30 p.m. (band) and 6:00 p.m. (choir). That evening they take in the Illuminations fireworks at Epcot.

Tuesday they visit Disney's Hollywood studios, the Animal Kingdom and a pizza buffet.

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Budget items discussed by Clark School at March meeting

▲ Clark School Board continues superintendent search

The Clark School Board held the March meeting on Monday. The public portion of the meeting lasted an hour and twenty minutes. Following this, two closed sessions were held, a 40-minute negotiations strategy session and then an hour-long personnel discussion closed session. The board will be hiring a new superintendent for the 2014-15 school year. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12 to conduct superintendent interviews.

During the public portion of the meeting, the main topic of discussion was the budget going forward, not only for school year 2014-15, but for the next five years, keying on 2014-15.

Capital outlay items were discussed. No decisions were made at this time, but superintendent Brian Heupel will get prices on all items and he also said he will talk to Bob Bjerke about the track and field project, behind the high school to the west.

The school has promised \$250,000 over the next three years for the track, but the group involved in renovating the track is also responsible for this amount, and to this point has not come up with funding

dollars to the school. So, the question by the board is: "if this money isn't brought to us, what do we do?"

Board chairman Kim Seefeldt stated that she felt that it was in the best interest of the board to allocate enough money to get the track 'practice-ready'.

Heupel reiterated that he would talk to Bjerke to see where the group is at heading into the spring.

Another budget item dealt with personnel and staffing issues for 2014-15. No decisions were made at this time but the board is moving ahead with advertising for two Hutterite Colony teaching positions.

At Clark, there is a possibility of having 32 preschool students next year. Heupel felt that this staffing issue could be absorbed by shifting teachers already hired by the district.

Much discussion ensued regarding the three Hutterite Colonies in the district; Hillcrest, Silver Lake and Fordham. The two additional teachers are needed at Silver Lake and Fordham respectively.

Business manager Heide Sigdestad talked of the budget at this point and how the recent opt out would allow for this increase in adding the

two teachers. "It was definitely on the table for the opt out and I feel it is in the best interest of education to use it," said Heupel.

In other business:

▲ Willow Lake superintendent Scott Klautdt was approved for a \$4,000 athletic director stipend for 2014-15. Clark will pay \$2,000 and Willow Lake will pay \$2,000. It is not known at this time how the Willow Lake School Board voted Monday night. The Clark board voted 4-1 on this matter. Voting in favor

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Mar. 5.....	21	9	0
Mar. 6.....	36	21	tr
Mar. 7.....	26	8	0
Mar. 8.....	33	9	0
Mar. 9.....	47	32	0
Mar. 10.....	47	31	.08
2014 precipitation to date			.60"
2013 precipitation to date			1.77"

A look back at closed Clark County schools

Logan Consolidated provides great memories from 1915-1962

Eight miles west and two miles south of Clark was where the Logan Consolidated School was located. It began as a consolidation of the three township schools; Stenning #1, Schurrer #2 and Schlagel #3. These schools go back to the late 1880's/early 1900's. The consolidated school was finished by June in 1915 and classes started in September. The year before, the Stenning schoolhouse and Schurrer schoolhouse were moved to the site, side by side and classes were held.

The Logan Independent Consolidated School #1 was the first independent consolidated school in the state of South Dakota. Non-district students were charged two dollars a month for transportation and tuition to attend the school.

Four transportation wagons pulled by horses were purchased as the school buses and sometimes teenage boys were the drivers in later years. Names such as 'The Mann Bus', 'The Old Buggy', 'Henrietta' and 'The Orange Crate' were names given to Logan school buses over the years.

Marilyn (Logan) Flora, class of 1957, recalls riding to school in the first grade when one of the buses was a car. The school went to motor buses in 1930. "The car would stop out front and I would have to sit on the lap of a high school student for the ride to school that last mile. I remember when in high school, all four grades were in the same room. We only left for one other room to attend classes, so you really got to know everyone else in high school and their brothers and sisters.

"I had such fun going to school there. My best friend and I were in a lot of activities together. We were in Glee Club and Declam and when I was a junior and



Logan Arrows

senior we had girls basketball."

The two schools that had made up the first school

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Kaufman is the new CRW manager

Clark Rural Water Systems has a new general manager. Twelve-year CRW employee Terry Kaufman was recently hired by the CRW board of directors to replace long-time retiring manager Duane Stokes.

Kaufman took over managerial duties on Monday, March 3 and his former position as supervisor is being absorbed by himself and the other two CRW employees, Jim Holm and Jeff Hoffman. Diane Burns is the office manager.

Manager duties include: handling the day-to-day business operations; taking care of the treatment plant; initiating water tests; using chemicals and bringing water to where it is needed.

"CRW serves 1,200 customers with 1,100 miles of pipe in the ground, including seven communities and five (partial) counties," said Kaufman.

When asked about what new things he is interested in with his new leadership position, Kaufman said he is excited about the automatic read meter system that CRW will be implementing in the very near future.

"Auto read (the new automatic

read meter system) will be nice," said Kaufman. "It will allow us to get a better handle on water loss and we will be better at locating where the water is. It is a super management tool and customers will now be able to watch their usage."

Another area in which the new manager is interested, "we would sure like to get the city of Willow Lake to hook up with Clark Rural Water."

Clark Rural Water is pretty much land-locked, said Kaufman when asked about expansion. "It's not really an option to expand as WEB, King/Brook and Mid Dakota Water Systems pretty well have CRW surrounded.

The new treatment plant open house is currently set for June 27.

"Right now because of the frost situation, everyone has pipeline freeze-up on their mind and rightfully so," Kaufman added. "People need to keep the water faucet running overnight so they don't freeze up."

Kaufman and his wife Teresa live in Clark and they have two grown daughters, Ashley and Kimmy.



Terry Kaufman took over duties as the Clark Rural Water Systems manager on March 3, as former manager Duane Stokes retired. Kaufman has worked at CRW the last 12 years and was a supervisor before becoming manager.

Beware: Scams from Area Code 876 or from a restricted number

Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw reminds people to be aware of phone scams. "Each year seniors lose millions of dollars to phone scams, don't become a victim," said McGraw.

McGraw added that scammers are hitting Clark County seniors and it's not just an isolated case. "If it costs you something...you really didn't win anything," said the Clark County Sheriff.

Scammers will go to extreme lengths to harm seniors. Here are

Greenfield announces candidacy

Lana Greenfield, Doland, is announcing her candidacy for District 2 House of Representatives. Greenfield, a retired teacher of 37 years, grew up on a farm near Bryant.

A graduate of Black Hills State University, Lana has a Bachelor of Science degree in English education. She and her husband, Don, own and operate the Short Stop, a gas station-convenience store in Clark and Greeny's restaurant-lodging in Doland.

Greenfield states she is looking forward to serving this district where she is well-acquainted with

some simple tips on preventing phone scams.

- If you get a call saying you're a winner - don't pay any money to collect supposed sweepstakes winnings. Legitimate operations won't require you to pay to collect your winnings.

- It's against federal law to play a foreign lottery - so if you get a call it is likely a scam.

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Lana Greenfield



many people and with some of the local issues. "I have spent my entire life in public service at the local level. Now I would like the opportunity to work for the people of Dis-

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