



First annual Vienna St. Patrick's Day "Turned out great"



At the very beginning of Vienna's first St. Patrick's Day parade last Thursday on its city streets, this Leprechaun aka Brian Schaefer, upper left, hams it up a little doing an Irish jig for the crowd as the 20 plus entries entertained area residents. A lot of green could be seen as tractors, fire trucks, a little o' this and a little o' that came down Vienna's main street. "We all pulled together to make it happen," said spokesperson Dellas Bocek who along with Basil Englert and committee members organized the fun spring event to welcome spring. "It turned out

great." It might have been a democrat's idea to have what appears to be Donald Trump, presidential candidate for the Republican party, hauled along Vienna's St. Patrick's Day parade route in a manure spreader. Both the spreader and the tractor driven by Chuck Lusk were sporting John Deere green for the parade. Trump's sign reads - "O'Trump says, Lets Make Vienna Great Again". His float brought many smiles from a good crowd who attended the parade as the politician handed out sweets to his constituents.

A dry, warm winter was predicted...and experienced

"The winter of 2015/2016 ranked among the warmest on record for South Dakota in the last 121 years," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. She went on to say that although all of the US was above average, the Dakotas and Montana were among the states that ranked warmest compared to long-term averages. This past winter in South Dakota ranked as the 11th warmest on record for the state. Locally, looking back to last fall's temperatures in Clark, October 30 recorded a 60° high. Moving forward, November 15 was 63°, December 15 was 27°, January 15 reached 7°, February 15 was 31° and March came in on the first at

16". The first zero degree day of the entire winter was on January 16

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Mar. 15.....	55	28	0
Mar. 16.....	49	24	0
Mar. 17.....	32	23	tr
Mar. 18.....	29	23	tr
Mar. 19.....	32	25	0
Mar. 20.....	40	26	0
Mar. 21.....	53	27	0
2016 precipitation to date	1.35		
2015 precipitation to date	.56		

Special services are planned for Easter

Risen. One simple word with a huge meaning. Love. Another simple word with a huge meaning behind it. In the Bible, it states that God is Love. For Christians, believing in God's love, his son Jesus and the story of Easter and His saving grace, the word 'Risen' applies to his people too, after death. This Easter, take the opportunity to attend the church of your choice.



Maundy Thursday
Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on March 24, include in Clark: St. Paul Lutheran will have the Ecumenical Service at 7:30 p.m. which will include a skit performed depicting the Last Supper. In Willow Lake, the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a Maundy Thursday worship with communion inviting members of Peace Lutheran in Clark and Bethlehem Lutheran of Raymond.

Preceding the 6:30 service, the film "Passover" will be shown at 5:45 p.m. at the church. In Bryant, a Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Adoration to follow until 11:00 p.m. A Stations of the Cross service will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Prairie Star Lutheran parish will gather at Grace Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. for worship with Pastor Keith Graness. In Henry, St. Henry's Catholic Church, a Holy Thursday Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. At Crocker Lutheran in Crocker, a 7:00 p.m. joint worship will be held including members of St. John's Lutheran in Bradley.

Good Friday
In Willow Lake, the schedule for Good Friday includes a service to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregation.

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31st annual Pro Pheasant banquet is Friday, April 1

The Clark County Pro Pheasant 31st annual banquet is Friday, April 1 at the Clark American Legion Hall. Clark County Pro Pheasant Club president Bob Steffen said that the organization is committed to working with their members to increase the pheasant population in Clark County. In 2015 the organization enrolled 371.5 acres in the food plot program in Clark County. They also helped members in releasing 2,400 fertile hens in Clark County in the spring of 2015. Steffen said, "We have secured hens for the spring 2016 release and will be providing a limited number of live traps this

year. Any programs offered by our organization are available to Clark County Pro Pheasant members only. There will be an opportunity to sign up at the banquet for anyone interested in participating in any or all programs." One of the highlights of the club is the annual Youth Pheasant Hunt held in early October. The participants were invited from a list of kids who successfully completed their hunt safe course in Clark County. There were 11 first time hunters who participated in trap shooting, safety talks and hunting with a guide and a dog. After the

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City council re-zones land for proposed new Casey's store

The Clark City Council 'wore several different hats' in a busy, almost hour-long meeting Monday night at the Ulliot Building. The different 'hats' the city council wore, were 1) local board of equalization, 2) planning and zoning commission, and 3) board of adjustment. This meeting, the third Monday in March, is commonly referred to as the equalization meeting. The group also met as themselves, the city council and after a brief, ten-minute closed session, the council hired Jim Woodland as the greenskeeper at the golf course, at \$12.00 an hour and Roger Larson, Braxton Hartley and Cooper Hartley as mowers, at \$9.50 an hour.

As the local board of equalization, the council heard four appeals. Clark County Director of Equalization, Jarvis Reidburn, had noted earlier this month that valuations, mandated by the state, had to be raised. In the city of Clark, lot valuations increased by 96 percent. Not the structures, just the lots. Those appealing were Louis Brush, Kenneth and Harriet Nordhus and Buster and Sandy Altflisch. Those appealing felt strongly that the land in question could not be sold for the new valuation price. All three appeals were denied by the board of equalization. The fourth appeal, by Travis and

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Fifty states respond to request

▲ "Lesson in humanity" says teacher

Two thousand, three hundred and seventeen pieces of mail have come through the Clark Post Office since the first of December to the 200 North Clinton, Clark address. From all over the United States, postcards, books, letters and memorabilia have arrived to help Mr. Jesser's third, fourth and fifth graders at the Silver Lake Hutterite Colony (and Clark students) 'take a tour' of the United States. It all started with a letter to *Country* magazine last summer from Mr. James Jesser. "I wrote a request to help my small three room country school with postcards from the United States. I thought it would be interesting for my students in their map skills lessons." Little did he know how much of a response he would get from around the U. S. "It's been completely amazing and overwhelming of the kindness and generosity of people we've found," stated Jesser. "It's been a good lesson in humanity too with people helping other people." The saying 'once a teacher, always a teacher' seems to ring true by the evidence of so, so many teachers, retired teachers, retirees and home



"The kindness and generosity of people has been overwhelming," noted elementary teacher, Mr. James Jesser, of a recent school project. Teachers, retirees and homeschoolers across the United States were the dominate responders to a request from Silver Lake Colony teacher Jesser for

postcards and information to add to the fun in teaching map skills. Postcards, maps, books and items from all 50 states have arrived totaling 2,371 pieces of mail since his request in *Country* magazine last November.

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