



## Churches celebrate the resurrection of Christ

"The word Gospel means good news. The good news that God loves us," stated the late American Evangelist Billy Graham who died this past winter on February 21, 2018.

"Man's heart is really the same the world over," said the man who filled stadiums in many countries around the world with his gospel message. When asked in an earlier interview by Larry King, Graham was asked by King - "What is your purpose?"

Stated Graham, "God ordered us to go into the world and proclaim this message - God loves you - He is interested in people. He wants to take care of you and help you in your present situation and he wants to save your soul."

The Reverend Billy Graham lived to be 99 years old. His friend George Beverly Shea, who died in 2013 at age 104 sang for decades at his gatherings and crusades. One favorite was "Softly and Tenderly" by Will L. Thompson with the

words - Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home, earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling O sinner come home."

Easter's story of resurrection through faith in Jesus Christ will be celebrated at area churches this upcoming weekend.

### Maundy Thursday

Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on Thursday, March 29, include in Clark: The St. Paul Lutheran Church will host the community Maundy Thursday service with members of the ministerial association and host Pastor Mindy Ehrke leading the service at 7:30 p.m.

In Willow Lake at the Evangelical Lutheran Church a Tri-Parish Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Communion.

Saint Michael Catholic Church will celebrate with a Holy Thursday of the Lord's supper mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Florence at 7:00 p.m.



Members of the Prairie Star Lutheran parish will gather at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Thursday,

March 29 at 7:00 p.m. for worship.

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 7:00 p.m. at the Willow Lake Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church with members from the Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond and Peace Lutheran in Clark joining them for their Tenebrae (service of shadows) communion worship.

The Lake Gospel Church will be hosting a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service.

In Carpenter, members of the United Methodist Church will have a 7:00 p.m. service.

In Clark, a Community Good Friday worship is being planned at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Members of Saint Michael parish are planning a 12:00 noon

Passion worship for Good Friday at their church.

In Bradley, members of Crocker Lutheran and St. John's will have their service at St. John's at 7:00 p.m.

Prairie Star Lutheran members will attend a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant.

At Saint Henry Catholic Church in Henry, a 3:00 p.m. Passion Holy Mass will be held on March 30.

In Bryant, a Good Friday worship will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

In Clark, the Easter service at the Plymouth UCC church will be at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb. At St. Paul Lutheran, at 8:30 a.m. the youth will officiate at an earlier Easter service to be followed by a coffee fellowship. At 10:30 a.m.

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## ★ TOP of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Mar. 23.....	33	28	.24
Mar. 24.....	30	25	0
Mar. 25.....	30	26	0
Mar. 26.....	33	20	.05
2018 precipitation to date			0.97
2017 precipitation to date			0.97

### Lenten services at UCC in Clark

The traditional morning worship Lenten services are on-going at Plymouth Congregational UCC Church, in Clark. Today's speaker is Pastor Joy Tracy. On Thursday, Rev. Mark Cronauer will be officiating and on Friday it will be Pastor Fawn Lamb. The service starts at 7:30 a.m. and lasts about 20 minutes.

### Court will be at 1:30 p.m. on April 9

Starting Monday, April 9, the Third District Court will be held in the Clark County Courthouse, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The starting time has been 9:30 a.m., but this start time has been moved to the afternoon to accommodate other circuit courts within District III.

The 1:30 p.m. start will stay that way throughout 2018 and then will be evaluated at that time.

### County petitions have been filed

Yesterday, March 27 was the final day to file petitions with the Clark County Auditor's office to be a candidate for a county office. Independent candidates do have until April 29 to file for election.

In Clark County, three Board of Commissioners seats are available. In District I, incumbent Violet Wicks did not file.

Three individuals, Stacy Roberts, David Spieker and Wallace Knock have filed for District I commissioner.

In District 3 and District 5, only the incumbents, Francis Hass and Richard Reints, respectively, have filed. So no election will be needed in District 3 or District 5.

As far as the Clark County Elected Constitutional offices, only the incumbents filed petitions, so no elections will be necessary at this point. Filing were Sheriff Rob McGraw, Auditor Chris Tarbox and Register of Deeds Andrea Helkenn.

Brock Greenfield has filed as the candidate for the position of Republican party precinct committeeman for Clark Precinct #15, Ward 3.

### Stubble Mulch is no longer

Sooner or later all good things come to an end! That said, with this issue, we have come to an end with Stubble Mulch, the column by Chuck Cecil. Chuck has retired. It was a good five-year run in the Clark County Courier.

### Musicians due home early Friday

The Clark School musicians, who spent the last week in Florida are due home early Friday morning. The itinerary expects them to arrive at 7:30 a.m. on March 30, after spending Thursday in St. Louis, at the Gateway Arch.

### City council to meet Thursday, April 5

As the first Monday of the month, in April, falls on Easter Monday, the Clark City Council will be meeting on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ulyot Building.



Circuit court judge Carmen Means took time out of her busy schedule to explain how the court system works, through the eyes of a judge, at the annual Clark County Government Day, Monday.

Judge Means presided over court while the students watched and then later, pictured, she explained the legal system, an over view of how it worked and some of the factors and variables which go into her final decisions on individual matters.

Other court officers, such as states attorney Chad Fjelland, probation officer Todd Stark,

sheriff Rob McGraw, clerk of courts Tracy Aguayo and city police chief Jeremy Wellnitz told of their duties and answered student questions.

Above, Judge Means is shown speaking to the Clark students, front row, left to right; Emil Melballe, Josh Weisbrod, Saylor Hallstrom, Mason Nelson, Tania Gutierrez-Ramirez and Karla Gutierrez. Back row, left to right are, Justus Reidburn and Brock Shult.

## Students learn about government on the local level

With school starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the day of Clark County Government Day at the courthouse, it caused a little bit of re-scheduling, but it was 'business as usual'.

The 'business as usual' words were those of Clark American Legion commander Rob McGraw, who was in charge of the day.

American Legion members from

Clark and Raymond helped out

as Clark seniors (mainly) learned about government at the grassroots, county level. Because of the weather, only students from Clark

attended.

The students visited the various courthouse offices, observed the board of commissioners meeting and sat in on the circuit court hear-

ings in the morning.

At noon, lunch was served at the Clark American Legion Hall by Raymond Auxiliary and Clark Auxiliary members.

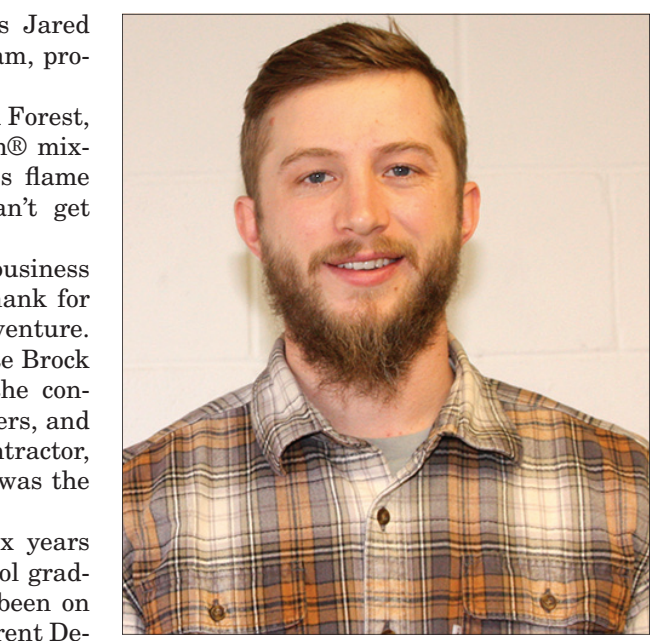
## Jared Forest starts spray foam company

The newest Clark businessman is Jared Forest. His new business, Forest Foam, provides spray foam insulation.

"It's environmentally friendly," said Forest, and he explained that the Pro Foam® mixture, is a polyurethane resin that is flame retardant and bugs and insects can't get through the insulation whatsoever.

Forest is excited about his new business and has two Clark connections to thank for getting him started with this new venture. "When I was in high school, classmate Brock Warren and I were talking about the construction business and different careers, and Brock's dad, David, a construction contractor, told us this (Pro Foam® insulation) was the wave of the future.

"I've been back in Clark about six years now," said the 2009 Clark High School graduate. "This career path has always been on my mind, and when my CHS friend Trent DesLauriers, who now lives in Sioux Falls, partnered into this business there, I made Forest Foam a reality here in Clark." Forest stated that he has been researching, setting up and working hard the last six months to bring this business venture to the reality stage. Pro Foam® is applied to side A and then



Jared Forest to side B with a heated hose. The foam is air driven with an air gun at 130'-150'. It rises up to 180° and cures in about 15 minutes.

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## Soybeans could overtake corn in acres planted

"Nationwide agriculture publications point to the fact that soybeans may overtake corn in acres planted this spring in the United States," noted SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist David Karki who works out of the Watertown Regional Extension Center.

"With the general talk I've heard from producers we're speculating that there will be more acres using Dicamba tolerant soybean seed this year," added Karki. "Even if producers don't spray Dicamba on their fields, they need to avoid the problem with drift in having the Dicamba tolerant seed.

"With temperatures forecast to be in the 30's next week, it will probably be mid to late April in this area for the small grain plantings," continued the extension educator. "The last two years have had warmer springs but this year it is a different story.

"South and west of our county, where plantings are usually ahead of us, they are also lagging behind. It could be three weeks yet before conditions are right for planting oats and spring wheat."

Karki reported that we went into fall last year with less than adequate moisture in our soil profile. So the more moisture we get this spring the better with these later snow falls/rain events.

He also mentioned that without the snow cover we usually have in our winters, it could have affected the winter wheat crop. Cold temps without the snow cover in December and January might have hurt the crop. "Producers need to go out earlier and check to see if they need to replant."

"It's estimated with the 850,000 acres planted in winter wheat this past fall, this represents a nine to 10 percent reduction in the winter wheat crop in South Dakota this upcoming season."

With the stretched out spring this year it will take longer to get those 40+ degree temperatures in the top two inches of soil that are optimal for seed to thrive.

Small grains thrive in cooler weather but it's always better to be on the safe side when planting. "We can still get cold fronts with our finicky March and April weather. Although getting a crop in earlier versus later looks good, for a good early establishment, it's also risky with a cold front stunting that seed in the ground. After germination it needs to start growing and a cold snap could set the crop back or risk it rotting in the ground and not growing. Personally I wouldn't rush it," ended the educator.