

# Clark County Courier

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Dear Mother Nature,  
That was a great  
April Fools' Day joke.  
Truly hilarious.



While waiting anxiously  
for spring to finally arrive,  
we were treated instead  
to freezing temperatures,  
snow, ice, high winds and  
oh-so-cold wind chills.

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As one nears Clark from the west the continued progression of the Clark County Farmers Elevator dry fertilizer plant can't help but be noticed. Scheduled to be operational in the very near future this month, this facility will be able to load a full semi in six minutes.

## Dry fertilizer plant to soon be operational

"This is a pretty exciting time at Clark County Farmers Elevator," said agronomy manager Aaron Fiedler, as the dry fertilizer plant (building) is set to be operational in the very near future.

"We're hoping that this will become a reality during the first two weeks of April," said a cautiously optimistic agronomy manager of this new building located on the west edge of Clark on the south side of US Highway 212.

Exclusively for storage of dry fertilizer, the building will be able to house 6,000 ton of dry fertilizer. This new facility has a declin-

ing scale system, and Fiedler noted that most dry fertilizer storage systems are tower systems.

"We are all about speed and efficiency and this fully automated computer system, with exact blends and exact amounts will be able to provide this," the agronomy manager noted.

What used to take 35 to 40 minutes will now take six minutes, he said. "Our load out capacity is 2.5 ton per hour. We can load a full semi in six minutes. This will really speed things up this spring," said Fiedler.

The 80' x 170' building roughly

has 13,600 square feet of storage, not including office space and the loading add on. It is 54' up to the peak.

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 25.....	27	6	0
Mar. 26.....	56	21	0
Mar. 27.....	38	15	.10
Mar. 28.....	32	13	0
Mar. 29.....	47	15	0
Mar. 30.....	60	32	0
Mar. 31.....	42	10	.05
2014 precipitation to date	.86"		
2013 precipitation to date	1.82"		

## City of Clark obtains \$1,000,000 DENR grant

The City of Clark has been awarded a \$1,000,000 grant through the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). This grant, along with the \$515,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded in November, will be used toward the \$4.8 million wastewater treatment plant project.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced last week that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved nearly \$41 million in grants and loans for water and waste projects. The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.

The \$40,893,300 total includes more than \$9.7 million in grants and more than \$31 million in low-interest loans, with \$3.77 million of the loan total in principal forgiveness.

"I am pleased to announce that

this money is available to assist local communities," said Gov. Daugaard. "Grant and loan funds will result in better drinking water, improved wastewater treatment and enhanced protection of the environment."

The grants and loans awarded by the board are administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Along with Clark, twenty-four South Dakota communities received DENR grants and loans.

Clark will use the \$515,000 grant to help construct a total retention wastewater treatment facility to replace its existing mechanical wastewater treatment plant and outfall line discharge.

City of Clark finance officer Jack-

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## Chuck Welke announces District 2 Senate candidacy

Chuck Welke



Senator Chuck Welke, Warner, has announced his intentions to run for re-election as District 2 State Senator. Elected in 2012, Welke is currently on the Senate Education, Taxation and Retirement Law Committees and served on the Education Funding Formula Summer Study.

Welke was raised on a farm in Spink County. He graduated from Redfield High School and Northern State University and has lived in

Warner since 1977. For thirty-five years, he was a teacher, coach and administrator. He continues to be a substitute teacher and state legislator.

Recently Welke was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the SDHSAA. He has been inducted into the SD Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the SD High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He currently serves on the SD Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame Committee and has served as president of the St. John Lutheran Church council in Warner.

Welke and his wife Ellen have three children and seven grandchildren.

District 2 is made up of parts of Aberdeen and southern Brown County, most of Spink County and all of Clark and Hamlin Counties.

## A life saving event occurred at Community Oil

Terri Severson and Tresa Hemmingson played a big part in being first responders in saving the life of Terry Mehlberg recently. Called heroes by some in the community for their quick responses and administering CPR when needed, the humble pair state that they "are just glad he's still here." Severson and Hemmingson are employed by Clark Community Oil and were in the corporate office on US Highway 212, in Clark on this heroic day.

Both were in the right place at the right time on Wednesday, March 12, shortly after 1:00 p.m. "I don't normally work in this building. I was just here for two weeks while my office is being remodeled," said Hemmingson. "I'm in the process of moving everything back now to my office in the agronomy building east of here."

It was a regular day at the office when Terry Mehlberg, who lives near Raymond, came in to pay his bill. "He came in and asked how I was doing, as usual" said Terri Severson, office manager in the building. "We exchanged greetings and right after that, he literally collapsed and down he went. Tresa saw it happen from her temporary office next door and right away called 911."



At the Clark Community Oil office, from left to right, office managers, Terri Severson and Tresa Hemmingson, both sprang into action recently when a customer had an apparent heart attack in their office. After calling 911 immediately, they started doing CPR until the ambulance arrived. Terry Mehlberg was taken to Watertown where he underwent surgery and was released the following Monday.

Then the adrenalin kicked in for the pair as they watched Mehlberg's big, deep breaths turn into no breathing at all. "It was really scary," said Severson. "It was such an adrenalin rush to do something, we had to act fast."

"Tresa did the chest compressions and when she stopped I did the mouth to mouth. We kept on like that until Chief of Police Jeremy Lifesaving  
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## Clark County juvenile arrested for attempted murder

Attorney General Marty Jackley and Clark County States Attorney Chad Fjelland said Tuesday that a 17 year-old juvenile has been arrested on one count of attempted murder, class 2 felony, maximum sentence of twenty-five years imprisonment and/or \$50,000 fine.

The charge stems from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours of April 1 at a residence in Clark involving the stabbing of another juvenile. The juvenile is currently being held on a \$250,000 bond.

The juvenile is presumed in-

nocent until such time as proven guilty.

Agencies that are assisting in this investigation are the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark County Police Department, Watertown Police Department and the Division of Criminal Investigation.



## Clark musicians are spending the week in the middle of Florida

The Clark High School musicians are spending the week in Florida. Return time is slated for 3:00 a.m. on Friday.

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

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

Both the high school band and choir performed at the Pops Concert

last Tuesday, at the CHS gym. Prior to the concert, Brenda Carda of Red Wheel Fundraisers presented band director Lola Bartels with a check for \$1,000, because the Clark Music Department won the drawing from this firm.

Pictured above are choir members, front row, left to right, Gus Carlson and Harrison Wookley. In the second row, left to right, Braxton Hartley, Cooper Hartley, Joseph Streff and Trevor Mudgett. In the back row, left to right, Jakob Weisbrod, Corey Janisch and Nick Young.

The choir director is Stacy Andersen-Mjoun and the band director is Lola Bartels.



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