



Maria Sofórzano of Santander, Spain, left, and Soan Manac'h Dinan, France, right, are foreign exchange students staying with Kerry Kline.

The two girls have been very active, running track, cheerleading and attending all school activities.

Soan and Maria are foreign exchange students staying with Kerry Kline

Maria Sofórzano of Santander, Spain and Soan Manac'h of Dinan, France are foreign exchange students at Clark High School this year. They are two pretty young ladies plucked up from their comfortable

homes in "romantic" towns in old Europe and dropped in the middle of the cold and windy Dakota plains to see if they can survive! They've become like sisters, leaning on each other - probably more than even

they realize. They both said school here is easier than at their home schools, but they learn more here. There is less stress and a difference in teaching. They both talked at once saying "I didn't even study, but remembered everything." It's clear they have become best friends and are like sis-

ters, together in this strange place, far from home. Both are 16 years of age and juniors in high school making "straight A's" according to a secret source who would know. Soan's brother Kaëlig was an exchange

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'A Night of a Thousand Lights' is the theme of the Clark High School Prom

The Clark High School junior-senior prom is on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The theme for the evening is 'A Night of a Thousand Lights'.

Prom pictures will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Each couple has a scheduled time.

Supper will be held at The Double Barrel in Henry starting at 5:30 p.m.

There will be a couple drive thru in front of Clark High School at 7:30 p.m. Couples will drive up in their vehicles in front of the school and then escort their date into the building. Parents will then park the

vehicle.

Doors open to the public at 7:45 p.m. with Grand March starting at 8:00 p.m. The public is asked to use the north entrance at Clark High School and park in the north parking lot. There is no admission fee.

The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. and go until midnight. Senior Jordyn Maynard will be the DJ.

After Prom will be held at Great Shots in Sioux Falls from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The bus will be departing from the school at 6:30 a.m.

Municipal Election Results

Municipal elections were held Tuesday, April 12.

In Willow Lake, both incumbents were re-elected. Del Bratland won the mayoral race, 56-18 over Lane Wirtjes. Steve Johnson was re-elected as alderman in Ward II, 20-15, over challenger Laura Heinle.

In Garden City, challenger Marilyn Foster defeated incumbent Laina Strohfus, 15-8 for alderman on the town board.

In Henry, located in Codrington County, there was a tie for the town

board trustee position. Charles Heustess and Hanna Owen both received 34 votes in the April 12 election, with Don Larson receiving 13 votes.

The board met to canvass results on Wednesday, certifying the vote. Per state law, Heustess and Owen will draw lots to determine the winner. According to city officials, lots will be drawn on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Henry Community Center.

DANR Announces South Dakota Water and Wastewater Project funding amounts

▲ Clark, Clark Rural Water and Kingbrook all receive grants

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved \$209,827,641 in grants and loans for drinking water and wastewater projects in northeast South Dakota. These awards are part of more than \$1.1 billion in statewide awards approved by the board.

"I am pleased to announce this financial assistance is available," said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. "These grants and loans will result in upgraded wastewater and drinking water systems which is good for the users and the environment."

The grants and loans were awarded from DANR's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the following:

Clark received a \$3,315,316 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$4,297,054 ARPA grant to replace asbestos cement pipe and cast-iron pipe throughout the city with PVC, loop dead-end lines, replace old water meters and fire hydrants, and repair the water tower, which has outlived its expected life. The loan terms are 1.875 percent for 30 years. These funds in addition to local ARPA funds will support the cost of the project.

Clark Rural Water System received a \$5,068,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$2,172,000 ARPA grant to address low pressures on the upstream side of Henry Booster Pump Station and the Crocker Ground Storage Reservoir by installing 13.5 miles of 10-inch and 7 miles of 8-inch parallel main line. The loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

Kingbrook Rural Water System received a \$22,850,000 Drinking

Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$9,900,000 grant to install an elevated tank near Arlington, a booster pump station near Bryant, and relocate and resize pipeline segments along Highway 25 North of De Smet. In addition, Kingbrook has several existing facilities that are operating beyond its firm capacity and need to be replaced or improved. These include the Badger Pump Station, DeSmet Water Treatment Plant, Chester Water Treatment Plant, Oakwood Pump Station, and the Orland Pump Station. The loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years. These funds along with local cash will cover the cost of the project.

The American Rescue Plan Act provides grants for eligible water, wastewater, storm water, and non-point source projects. The state of South Dakota is making a historic investment in infrastructure by dedicating \$600 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding for local water and wastewater infrastructure grants.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto

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| Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer | | | |
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| April 12 | 53 | 30 | 0 |
| April 13 | 44 | 25 | 0.10 |
| April 14 | 31 | 22 | 0.01 |
| April 15 | 29 | 17 | 0.02 |
| April 16 | 33 | 15 | 0 |
| April 17 | 39 | 16 | 0 |
| April 18 | 49 | 19 | 0 |
| 2022 precipitation to date | | | 1.80 |
| 2021 precipitation to date | | | 4.65 |

Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Track and Field Quadrangular Tuesday, starting at 4:00 p.m.

The Clark Sports Complex will host Webster, Florence-Henry, Great Plains Lutheran along with Clark-Willow Lake next Tuesday, April 26. Field events begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by running events at 4:30 p.m. The meet will have a rolling schedule.



Clark FCCLA has successful State Convention

The Clark High School FCCLA is competing in 'rarefied air.' Every year at the state FCCLA Convention, Clark High School gets students qualified for the National Convention, this year in San Diego, and has outstanding results.

The left picture features the Senior Quiz Bowl team, who have held on to their title and won for the sixth year in a row. On the team this year, from left to right, are: Macy Steen, Tyler O'Neill, Gunnar Kvistad, Teagan Ortberg and Chad Kolden. They will be competing in San Diego, California in July.

Keynote speaker for the convention was Holly Hoffman from Survivor: Nicaragua season 21. She gave a very motivational speech on never giving up and making the most of every situation. The members were also able to attend her workshops on Monday. In the right picture, from left to right, are: Holly Hoffman, Logan Hurlbert, Will Hovde, Jakob Steen, Kayla Jordan, Musonda Kabwe, Jack Helkenn, Summer Seefeldt, Aaron Zemlicka and Talyn Ortberg.

For more on the FCCLA convention turn to page 6.