



This is a busy time for Clark School musicians

Today, Wednesday, April 24, the Region Music Large Group Contest is at the Watertown High School Gymnasium. The Clark Band performs at 9:40 a.m. The performance is open to the public.

Next Monday, April 29, is the Clark School 5-12 Music Concert, at the Clark High School gym.

The band will perform *Synergies* by Robert Sheldon, *The Fortune Teller's Daughter* by David Gorham and *March of the Irish Guard* by James D. Ployhar. Mrs. Lola Bartels is the band instructor.

The vocal music selections under the direction of Mrs. Amy Nelson will be, grades five and six will sing songs from their Festival Choir, *On the Railroad* and *In this Ancient*

House. The seventh and eighth grade choir will sing *A Distant Shore* and *Wagon Wheel*.

The high school choir will perform the songs from the large group contest held in Watertown. The songs are *The Old Mill* and *For the Beauty of the Earth*.

It is Awards Night, as both vocal and band students will be honored, along with senior parent recognition.

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School is the elementary music concert based on the book "The Day the Crayons Quit". There will be songs about colors showcasing the students' singing, playing and dancing talents.

First Scholar of Excellence Banquet tonight at Oak Tree

The Greater Clark Area Community Foundation is hosting a Scholar of Excellence Banquet on Wednesday (tonight), April 24. This banquet is to honor seniors who have earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

These seniors will be recognized and honored tonight at the banquet served at Oak Tree Lodge, north of Clark.

The Clark High School Class of 2019 has seven seniors who qualified. They are Taylor Hartley, Janae Kolden, Travis O'Neill, Kathryn Maynard, Grayson Florey, Jeffrey Paulson and Caleb Orris.

These seniors then nominated an adult who has had an impact on their education. These adults

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The National Weather Service hosted a Storm Spotter Training session at the Ulyot Building, in Clark.

As the training session started Kelly Serr of the Aberdeen Office of the National Weather Service is doing the sign-in sheet.

According to Clark County Emergency Manager Michael Gravning, about 35 potential storm spotters attended the session.

April 22-26 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Dakota

There is still snow on the ground, but South Dakota officials say the time is now to start preparing for this summer's eventual severe weather.

This week, April 22-26, has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Dakota. Tina Titze, director of the South

Dakota Office of Emergency Management, says this is a good time to start thinking about what to do when severe thunderstorms or tornadoes impact the state.

"In just the last few weeks, we have seen the impact winter storms

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The townsfolk of Happy Hollow cheer as Bubba (Matthew Streff) and Lucy (Taylor Hartley) get 'what fer' in the hillbilly comedy play 'Hollywood Hillbillies'.

The Clark High School cast members will present their school play on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

"Hollywood Hillbillies" are heading to Clark, Friday and Saturday

Make way for the Hillbillies as they are 'headin for Clark' this weekend when the Clark High School play "Hollywood Hillbillies" by Tim Kelly is presented by the high school students this upcoming Friday and Saturday evenings. Performances start at 7:00 p.m. both nights at the Clark High School gym.

The story line is about the people in the small town of Happy Hollow where there are plenty of eccentric characters. Gram Hawley (Logan

Hurlbert) and her granddaughter Cindy Lou (Amanda Reff) run the general store and post office in town, the hub of this small town. Add in some show biz types from Hollywood trying to make a film about hill people, some snobby distant relatives who are stuck visiting and a couple of clever crooks bent on stealing Gram's property sitting on top of a large deposit of natural gas.

Mrs. Kristin Janisch is the director for the comedic play and in addition to Gram and Cindy Lou, characters include: T.J. Meyer (cousin Clem); Madison Forest (Matilda Quail); Olivia Sass (Henrietta Paxwax); Amy Splinter (Alice); Clint Rutledge (Charles Seabury); Sadie Streff (Josephine Seabury); Madilyn Steen (Charlotte); Matthew Streff (Bubba); Kolby Merkel (Larry Houston); Charity Kabwe (Isabelle Phelps); Chad Kolden (Sheriff Tom Applegate); Emma Rahm (Opal Edwards); Sydnie Fjelland (Miss Lennox); Matthew Streff (Jim Foxhall);

Mrs. Kristin Janisch is the play director for the production and practice has been ongoing for stellar performances this upcoming weekend.

The basket wielding characters above are Olivia Sass at left and Madison Forest as 'Henrietta' and 'Matilda'.

Senior Feature

Horses have played an integral part in Walt Steiger's life

Born in 1935 near Leola, Walter Eugene Steiger grew up on farms that did not have electricity. Approximately seven miles northwest of town their first farm did not have running water either due to having trouble finding a well. Walter was one of four children born to Andreas and Ella ('Andrew' and 'Anna' (Mohr)) Steiger. He had two older brothers, Clarence and Duane and one younger sister Lorentina. His maternal grandmother Margaretha lived with them towards the end of her life after her husband William died. He recalls his grandfather Mohr being a very tall and sturdy built man and his grandma being a good cook and a big gardener. His Steiger grandmother lived in Leola with one daughter. He never did meet his grandfather Steiger.

Growing up

When attending the one room country school, it was always at least a one mile walk up until the fourth grade when the family moved to a different farm, this time northeast of Leola. Then it was two miles to go to school. Walt first learned the English language when he went to school. Only German was spoken at home. It wasn't until later years that his parents learned English. Young Walt always rode his Shetland pony to school where a barn was kept for the horses. Sometimes a 'broom start' would be required to get a stubborn pony going out of the yard - this being a whack on the north end of a horse going south by Walt's mother to get the pony going.

Gathering water to drink from a neighboring farm and beating erasers after school were duties required of the school kids he recalled.

One time he recalls walking home with the neighbor boys and they

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Walt Steiger looks most natural in his cowboy hat as he has spent a lifetime on the farm and with horses. Born near Leola in 1935, working on a pipeline in adulthood brought him through Clark where he met his future bride Marilyn Seefeldt.

Also in the U. S. Army, after his service time was up, he came back to marry his sweetheart and shortly after ended up farming in the Clark County area.

Horses have always played a big part in his life, for this lifetime member of the South Dakota Draft Horse and Mule Breeders Association.



Three Honorary FFA Chapter Degree awards presented

Thursday, April 18 was the date for the annual Clark FFA Chapter banquet. Awards were presented and 2020 officers were installed. The Clark FFA adviser is Matti Boomgaarden.

Honorary FFA Degree awards were bestowed upon, left, Alyssa Reidburn of Backroads Floral and Nursery, presented by Amanda Reff; Dr. Rachel Livermore and Kathryn Pommer of Midwest Ag Supply and Veterinary

Service, presented by Tavie Guzman and long-time ag educator/FFA adviser Greg Janisch, presented by FFA president Jeffrey Paulson.

The honorary degrees were given for continuing support of the FFA Chapter and their activities.