



Tessa Thomas and her mother Tara, of Clark, recently completed this masking taped and painted cross on the front door of their residence on the 300 block of South Commercial Street. On Sunday afternoon, March 29, with mom's idea and taping skills, six-year-old Tessa helped finish up the project using her washable paints on their front door made of glass. When finished it resembled a church stained glass window.

Easter Sunday is here - April 12

▲ Remote options - TV, online and radio

This too shall pass - so we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal - 2 Corinthians 4:8.

Church services, bringing together God's people in groups have been suspended in the buildings temporarily due to the recent pandemic.

But online messages and condensed worship services - along with one's heart - are still open for business in celebrating the promise of Easter.

When this pandemic quarantine time is over, a deeper appreciation and gratitude should be felt for all that has been taken away - including church services. All will appreciate being with family and friends. Kids will appreciate their classmates, being in school and teachers they've been without. Parents will have a new respect for teachers.

Needs and wants will be re-evaluated. Our health care workers, farmers, truckers and grocery stores have become more important than the entertainment gatherings and contests that we're doing without.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4.

Easter services online in the Clark area include:

In Clark

In the entire month of April, for St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tuesdays are the days that a worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on ITC channel 152. Pastor Mindy Ehrke advises checking the church Facebook page on Sundays and Wednesday at 11:00

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Council acknowledges that city dumpground is a privilege not to be abused

Mayor John Pollock presided over his last full city council meeting, as May is the month when municipalities begin again and Kerry Kline will be installed as mayor for the next three years on May 4.

The COVID-19 pandemic has everyone not knowing what the future holds and it is difficult at this time for cities to plan summer programs regarding recreation, playgrounds, the swimming pool and the golf course.

The April meeting of the Clark City Council discussed these areas but began with lead city employee Darin Altfillisch talking dump space at the Clark dumpground.

There will be no free dump day this year as patrons have abused this privilege, as determined by the city council last May and Altfillisch wants everyone to know that the dump is close to being full and if it is abused, the result will be dumpsters at the dump rather than a usable dumpground.

"I would like to see construction project refuse go elsewhere," said Altfillisch and he singled out cardboard, plastic and insulation as items that cannot end up in the dump, but are there. On page 4 the list of prohibited items are highlighted in the dump ad and the city if very serious about enforcing the dumpground ordinances. "We don't

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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 31.....	58	40	.06
April 1.....	53	37	0
April 2.....	55	26	.41
April 3.....	29	15	.46
April 4.....	25	13	0
April 5.....	40	21	0
April 6.....	54	36	0
2020 precipitation to date			2.55
2019 precipitation to date			4.51

Zoom is how many 2020 classes will finish the year

A Zoom meeting, a Zoom conference, coming to you via Zoom - these are all phrases that have to do with an Internet app that the schools as well as businesses and organizations are using online. It's a way that more than two people can come together on an Internet screen to do business, have meetings or even have an online class together like some of the teachers are doing at local schools nowadays.

For Corrine Kallemeyn who teaches high school and middle school English at the Clark School, Zoom is not a new concept for her. She has been using the Zoom app for meetings and training sessions for two years. She recently took a webinar for English teachers from the Department of Education in Pierre from her home in Watertown on Zoom.

Zoom's popularity has skyrocketed as millions of homebound people settle into new remote work and learning routines during the recent pandemic. There are free versions of Zoom and it can be used on any

computer, an iPad or one's smart phone.

Zoom users can choose to record sessions, collaborate on projects and share on one another's screens. There are different versions of Zoom available.

Mrs. Kallemeyn has used it with her students since the first day of the school pandemic shutdown Monday, March 16. Her students all picked up their laptop computers from the school to use at home.

"All have Zoom downloaded now on their devices. From the meeting link in Google classrooms on Zoom, they punch in their password or ID number and they are in," explained Kallemeyn. "I have had 24 screens up at once with my students. I can also share a powerpoint or put up some information on a screen to share, similar to having a promethean board or white board to write on like in my classroom.

"You can hear everyone so far

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Mrs. Corrine Kallemeyn meets with the ninth grade English class over Zoom three days a week to give lessons and have book discussions. Here she shares her computer screen in the meeting to explain the essay prompt for this week's class.

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online - with or without video.

'Crazy Mom Club' helps provide community support

As the COVID-19 pandemic has life slowed down to a crawl for many people, news outlets have had to scramble to fill time and space. Sports channels have gone with 'classic' games. Games in the past which really stood out and were exceptional, in all sports, have been hitting the airways.

The Clark County Courier would like to take this opportunity to picture the 'Crazy Mom Club' and the athletes on that team and with all of the players now in school, their current school affiliations.

Clark soon-to-be mayor Kerry Kline did all the leg work, or in this case, online work, to make this picture composition possible.

Kline stated that the moms of the 2017-2018 Cyclone boys basketball team had a 'Crazy Mom Club'. The members (moms) would dress up for games, make many meals, goodies, snack packs for travel, posters and other things to promote community spirit.

"When the boys graduated and ended their high school basketball careers, it was the end of an era for them and the 'Crazy Mom Club'. We still reminisce at times. We decided that during this time of uncertainty, the one thing that remained strong was our love for that happy time in our lives when we had our boys at home. And now they are home! Nothing that we would have ever dreamt possible two years ago. I don't think any of us are complain-



There were no South Dakota boys basketball state tournaments this spring, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones finished second in 2018 and were crowned champions in 2019 at the State B Tournament in Aberdeen.

The Cyclones had great community support. Forefront at all games was 'The Crazy Mom Club' as the group liked to be known - crazy good - in this in-

stance, for the boys. Cyclone attire stood out in the crowd by the 'Momma Club'. Front row, left to right, included: Lisa Paulson, Kerry Kline, Kelly Burke and Kris Florey. In the second row, Nichol Stevens, Melissa Burke, Donna Prouty, Jessica Michalski and Angela O'Neill. In the back row are Tammy Rusher and Louann Struff.

ing. We are showing our continued support, as the 'Crazy Mom Club', for our boys! (Pretty sure they are getting fed better at home too.)" said Kline.

With the Coronavirus pandemic we now get the opportunity to picture the players two years after this tournament and the college/school they now are attending.

Turn to the back page to see the players and their school affiliations.

S.D. ethanol industry and corn growers facing economic 'bloodbath' due to COVID-19 pandemic

Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

The ethanol industry in South Dakota and across the Midwest is in an economic free-fall due to decreased global demand for ethanol-infused gasoline during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fear of spreading the deadly virus has led governments around the world to cancel gatherings and urge or require people to stay home, and many individuals are self-isolating to stay safe, significantly reducing the global demand for gasoline.

The pandemic has hit the ethanol industry at a time producers were already suffering through poor market conditions owing to the trade war with China, a glut of oil production during a price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia that sent ethanol prices tumbling and waivers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that enabled American refineries to use less ethanol.

"The important context here is that a lot of the ethanol industry was hanging on by a string before the coronavirus hit," said Brian Jennings, CEO of the American Coalition for Ethanol, a nonprofit national trade group based in Sioux Falls. "And we're seeing unprece-

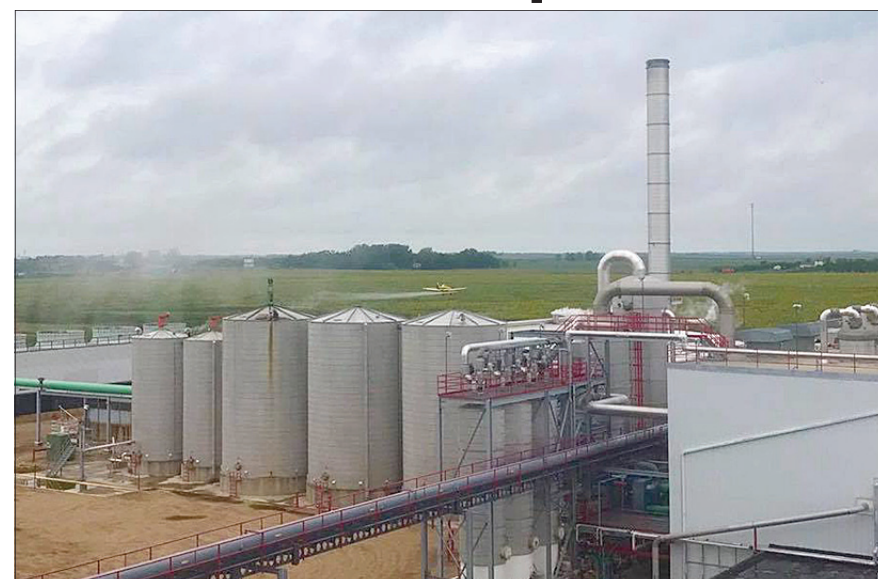
dent demand destruction right now, so undoubtedly, 2020 is going to be a bloodbath for the industry."

The market upheaval has jeopardized the jobs of hundreds of well-paid ethanol plant workers in South Dakota and beyond, but has also hurt the financial fortunes of tens of thousands of farmers who provide the corn that is the basis for the biofuel and byproducts such as distiller's grains.

The per-gallon price paid to ethanol producers has fallen to record lows, dropping 37% in one month from \$1.24 a gallon on Feb. 27, 2020, to just 78 cents a gallon on March 27, 2020, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The per-bushel price paid to South Dakota corn producers has followed the downward trend in the ethanol industry. According to USDA, the per-bushel price of corn fell by 16% from \$3.57 per bushel on Feb. 28 to only \$2.99 per bushel on March 27.

The U.S. is the top ethanol-producing country in the world, followed by Brazil. In 2018, American plants produced more than 16 billion gallons of ethanol, exporting 1.7 billion gallons to 78 countries.

Across the country, dozens of ethanol plants have closed, gone idle or reduced production as Americans



The Redfield Energy ethanol plant is producing and storing ethanol on site and in tanker cards in the hope that the demand for gasoline will increase once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and the market for ethanol improves.

Photo: Courtesy Redfield Energy

and people across the world have dramatically cut back on driving amid the pandemic. Production levels for 2020 are expected to be down by 4 billion gallons, Jennings said.

About 30 of the roughly 200 ethanol plants in the U.S. have shut down, and another 80 have reduced production by 50% or more, Jennings said.

The Siouxland Ethanol plant in

Jackson, Neb., just southwest of Sioux City, Iowa, ceased production in April, and Jennings said the NuGen Energy plant in Marion, S.D., has also gone idle during the market crisis.

Redfield Energy in Redfield, S.D., has reduced production to 75% of its maximum capacity amid the market crisis.

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