

Sioux Valley Commissioners Association meets in Clark



Paul Kostboth

their counties.

Paul Kostboth was the guest speaker and is a director in the Division of Agricultural Development. He was introduced to the group by this year's chairman of the Sioux Valley Association Jerry Doyle of Moody County.

Kostboth had recently returned from his second trip for the Governor's China Trade Mission.

"It was interesting to hear how they view us. The Dakotas are viewed as being a source with the highest quality production. They want what we produce. They can't get enough of our value added prod-

It was Clark's turn to host the quarterly meeting of the Sioux Valley Commissioners Association last Monday in Clark.

The group met at the Lookout with about 75 people in attendance, all members of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners as well as various county offices. Counties represented were Clark, Codrington, Brookings, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Lake, Kingsbury and Moody counties.

Potential and current District Six legislators in attendance were Burt Tulson, Chuck Welke, Brock Greenfield, Natasha Noethlich and Lana Greenfield. After all introduced themselves and addressed the group on several issues, the one issue that seems to be affecting a majority of the commissioners this spring is the roads and bridges in

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Clark County Rainfall 5/20 - 5/26	*Bradley .11"
*Crocker .01"	*Garden City .25"
*Raymond trace	*Henry .25"
*Clark .62"	*Vienna .50"
*Carpenter .10"	*Willow Lake .30"



Veterans...Memorial Day is truly a day of remembrance

Monday was Memorial Day, a time to remember those lost in battle and those still serving in our country's armed forces. It is also a time to decorate the graves and remember loved ones. The Dennis Olson family added flowers, flags and a military silhouette

ette to his grave site at the St. Boniface Cemetery. In the background the Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 performs the wreath laying ceremony and the gun salute to honor the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Clark Area Relay for Life is Friday, June 13

▲ Paulson and Michalski are honorary chairperson/survivors



Jessica Michalski of Willow Lake and Grace Paulson of Watertown, formerly of the Garden City area, are this year's honorary chairperson/survivors for the upcoming Relay of Life event in Clark. The event will be held on Friday, June 13.

The theme for this year's 18th annual Relay for Life is "Colors of Cancer".

Grace Paulson of Watertown, formerly of the Garden City area and Jessica Michalski of Willow Lake are this year's honorary chairperson/survivors for the Clark event

which will be held on Friday, June 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Clark's main street.

Jessica Michalski

"Going through this made me realize what good friends, co-workers and family members I have," stated Jessica Michalski.

Her bout with fighting cancer started in July of last year. She found a hard lump about the size of one centimeter long in her breast and went to the Clark Clinic right away and from there scheduled a mammogram. Being only 37 years old, she had never had one before. Before that procedure, she had an ultrasound done and a biopsy was performed on a Friday. "The next Monday, PA Louann Streff called her and told her that it was cancer. She had her biopsy done at the Breast Health Institute in Sioux Falls.

The next Wednesday, they met with a surgeon who gave them two options. "My husband Darin asked the doctor, 'If it was your wife, what would you tell her to do?'" stated Jessica. "His reply was that my chances were the same with both treatments in my case. So I went with the lumpectomy and radiation course of treatment, as I found the lump early and it was only a centimeter or about one inch big. I had the lumpectomy a couple weeks later. At the time of the surgery when I was still under anesthesia, they did a sentinel node biopsy to check the surrounding tissue and that came back good.

"Following the surgery I did three weeks worth of radiation or 16 treatments. I also had genetic testing done, thinking of my daughter and nieces and that came back clear, too.

"Another test done was an Oncotype DX test which basically gives your cancer tumor a score which helps the oncologist determine if chemo is necessary. My test showed the chance of recurrence being 10%, so chemo wasn't necessary. The

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 20	75	43	0
May 21	64	43	0
May 22	72	45	0
May 23	79	55	0
May 24	79	58	0
May 25	78	58	.32
May 26	70	61	.30
2014 precipitation to date	5.20"		
2013 precipitation to date	7.06"		

Track and field renovation looking to get over an important hurdle

If you are a supporter of Clark High School athletics and have a passion for track and field, now would be an opportunistic time to leave a legacy.

For some time, Clark track and field supporter Bob Bjerke has been leading the charge to renovate the Clark High School track, located

just west of the high school.

On page 2 of the May 21 edition of the *Clark County Courier*, the goals and aspirations of this community project were clearly spelled out and in order for this project to be successful, monetary contributions are a must.

The Clark School Board ap-

proved going forward with this project, with matching funds, up to \$250,000 from capital outlay, agreed to in May of 2013.

"This is a very important time in bringing success to this project," said Bjerke, as the time between

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Six-year-olds Leah Nelson and Aleisha Naze enjoyed their time in the sun planting flowers last Tuesday on South Commercial Street in Clark. Michaela Flora of the Raymond 4-H Club assisted the girls along with other 4-H members and Clark's National Honor Society students.

The entire kindergarten class from Clark Elementary helped plant the flowers in the large planters in downtown Clark as a community service project. The project was orchestrated by 4-H Youth Advisor Kimberly McGraw and the kindergarten teachers at Clark Elementary.

Tuesday is Primary Election Day

Next Tuesday, June 3, 2014 is Primary Election Day in South Dakota. The ballots are being printed inside this edition of the Clark County Courier. There will be a Republican Party ballot for those who are registered Republicans and a Democrat Party ballot for all registered Democrats.

On the Republican ballot, voters will vote for U.S. Senator and S.D.

Governor and those in Clark County District I will vote for county commissioner. District I includes the townships of Mt. Pleasant, Day, Darlington, Merton, Foxton, Richard, Hague and Rosedale.

On the Democratic ballot will be the Governor's race.

The election polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Beautifying the community... NHS and 4-H work with kindergarten students

If one was out and about on the streets of Clark last Tuesday morning, they would have noticed some very young gardeners out and about planting flowers. The Clark Elementary kindergarten class was assisted by area 4-H members and the Clark High School National Honor

Society members in the community service project of filling the planters in the downtown area with flowers.

"We were looking for a community service project for the kindergarten class," said 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Kimberly McGraw. "The teachers and I came up with

this idea of planting the flowers and Tammi Paulson visited with the National Honor Society students and they agreed to help out and help supervise. We also asked a few 4-H members who also assisted.

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