

## Memorial Day program remembers and appreciates



A little breeze helped the flags to show their best as the Cagley-Smith Post #60 of Clark performed their wreath ceremony at Flat Iron Park. Clark Boy Scouts in the foreground also salute and show their respect.

Wreath ceremonies followed at St. Boniface Cemetery and Rose Hill Cemetery to honor the veterans who have fallen in service for the freedoms we all enjoy today in the United States of America.

"Because of them, we have the right to live at peace in our own homes," was the message of Pastor Mark Tracy of Clark who was the

guest speaker at Clark's Memorial Day program on Monday, May 28. "The freedom to speak our mind, the freedom of our religion, freedom

of the press, we are free in so many ways," continued Tracy. "We did not earn this right - our veterans did. And they passed

them on to us.

"A father was talking to his son and told him - 'Son, every person in the United States is a privileged person'. 'I disagree', said the son. 'Yes, that's your privilege,' replied the father.

"As messy as democracy has been, it's still beautiful in our country. May we always stand for the removal of tyranny. In some countries, people are shot for trying to leave. We have the problem of too many wanting to come in. We have hope for the future in our country. For our freedom and our hope - that's what our brave men and women have fought and died for."

Tracy - who himself served four years in the U.S. Air Force, recalled his father - Dr. Gerald Tracy who served during WWII.

When asking his dad about his time in the military - he would reply - "I did things I don't usually do and I saw things I can't unsee."

Pastor Tracy went on to tell of the heroic deeds of serviceman, Pvt. Henry Johnson who recently this month was recognized for his efforts, while being wounded himself, advanced his position in the rescuing of a fellow comrade!

"Exposing themselves to risk beyond the call of duty, the conflicts and the gallantry are what we need to appreciate and be thankful for,"

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The Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. was the one that meant the most to veteran Ronald Schorg of Clark when he recently was a part of the Midwest Honor Flight. Along with his chaperone - his daughter Chris Tarbox, Schorg enjoyed a day of sight-seeing touring the Veterans Memorials in the Washington, DC area.

## Schorg attends Midwest Honor Flight to D.C.

"They treated us like royalty the whole time," stated Ronald Schorg of Clark regarding his recent Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C.

Schorg with his daughter Chris Tarbox as his chaperone joined the group of 82 veterans and their 82 chaperones as they flew out of Sioux Falls on May 15, 2018. They participated in the Midwest Honor Flight group with veterans from South Dakota, northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota.

The Honor Flights began in 2005 and have taken thousands of veterans to Washington to see the sights and war memorials since the complimentary trips began.

"The biggest majority were from the Korean War," said Schorg of his fellow comrades on the trip. "Five were from WWII and nine were from Vietnam in our group. The rest were Korean War veterans."

Schorg who was born January 26, 1932, was working at the Stone Quarry in Spencer, when he received his draft notice. This was in the summer of 1952, two years after he graduated from high school in Spencer.

He took his basic training in Fort Chaffee, Ark. after which he was

sent to Korea to work in communications as a telephone lineman. After the cease fire, he worked as a forward observer - scouting for the enemy on hills near the 38th parallel. He lived in bunkers or caves during this time with about five feet of dirt piled high over them. His time in the U.S Army was up in August of 1954.

"The Korean War Memorial appealed to me the most of all the memorials," noted Schorg of the Veteran Statues with all of their gear on their backs, walking through lush vegetation.

"When I was there, it wasn't lush like that, everything was pretty much shot up where I was located," noted the veteran.

Besides the Korean War Memorial, the group visited the WWII Memorial, the Air Force and Vietnam memorials.

"They are working on a WWI Memorial, too," added Chris Tarbox.

When they first arrived, they were taken to the Arlington, National Cemetery with white headstones as far as the eye could see on 600 acres. Here they witnessed the

**Schorg**  
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Zach Thomsen is the new Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer. Thomsen replaces Kyle Lenzner who now is in the Watertown GF&P office.

## Zach Thomsen is the new GF&P conservation officer

"I really like hunting and fishing and I'm really happy to be here," said new Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen.

Thomsen, who spent the last five years as a conservation officer in Philip, is a Brandon native. He graduated from South Dakota State University in 2009 with a degree in

wildlife and fishery sciences. Between 2006-2011 he held GF&P internships and was hired seasonally until his employment as a conservation officer in 2012.

"I enjoyed my time West River," said Thomsen of Philip and his in-

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## Heritage Day is June 10 at the Museum Complex



**Yvonne Hollenbeck**

Beauvais home but it will be open for viewing with most rooms available to the public.

There will be a pie social beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the lunch stand in the Machine Shed building behind the Clark House.

At 2:00 p.m. there will be a program in the Crandall Community Historic Church. This year's program will feature Yvonne Hollenbeck, an award-winning quilter and poet as she presents "Patchwork of the Prairie". Hollenbeck lives on a ranch in south central South Dakota, near the tiny village of Clearfield. She occupies her spare time writing and performing poetry and making quilts. She has an extensive collection of family quilts spanning five generations that were

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## New NorthWestern Energy substation going up in Clark

NorthWestern Energy is erecting a new substation in the far northwest portion of Clark. According to NorthWestern Energy media spokesperson Tom Glanzer, this 69 KV substation will replace the current one located just east of the city limits on 6th Ave N.E.

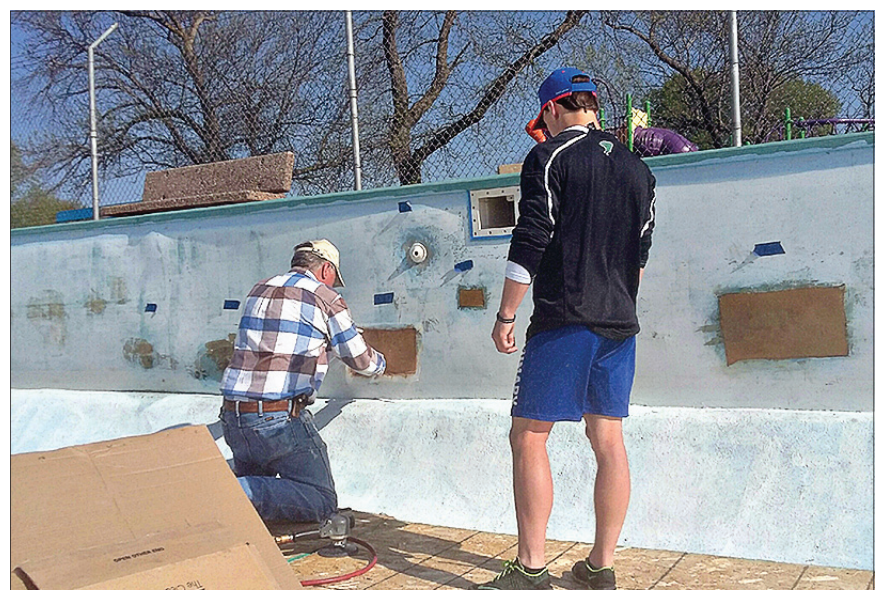
"We are replacing the substation, frankly because it's been on our wish list for some time, due to accessibility and water issues," said Glanzer.

"This capital investment project has a price tag of \$2,000,000 and is

scheduled to be done by the end of 2018," Glanzer said.

With a new substation will come improved reliability along with new quality standards with the new equipment. "We will have some outages, probably around the fall of the year," Glanzer said. "We like to do this work during overnight hours if at all possible. Plus, we try our best to not interrupt service," said Glanzer.

"We've wanted to move this substation for years and now it's going to happen," he ended.



Using the same material that is used in bullet proof vests - Kevlar® patches were applied to the Horace Bennett Memorial swimming pool in Clark recently. Harvey Spieker and Josh Weisbrod work on taking care of some prep work inside of the pool as it was painted last weekend by local volunteers. Many renovations and improvements will be noticed this summer when the pool opens (tentatively), around June 16 if all

## Swimming pool improvements continue in Clark

### ▲ Kiddie pool area completely revamped

Major work is being done this spring at the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool in Clark.

Clark area volunteers and local rotarians have been working on repairing the fiberglass swimming pool liner with Kevlar® patches, taking care of some leaks that have developed in the pool over the years. The pool was originally built in 1956.

Recently acid washed as well, last weekend a group started early in the morning in the painting of the liner. One hundred gallons were used in the process with two coats of paint being applied.

The bathhouse will also be getting a new look with early renovations starting last fall in removing the old to make way for the new.

A new counter top is in the works, new windows have been added and a new door (with windows) will separate the pool from the bathhouse.

The boys and girls changing rooms will be upgraded with new doors on the changing stalls and bathroom facilities and the floor getting a new epoxy finish like the modern treatments now used on concrete for a softer, non skid finish. Floor work repairing imperfections is being done throughout the bathhouse building in advance of the finishing work and new paint will finish off the walls as well.

A baby changing station is also being added to the bathhouse and walkways around the counter area have been increased. The ceiling of the building will also be added onto.



goes as planned.

Local volunteer Spieker takes a jack hammer to the cement around the kiddie pool in Clark earlier this spring. This area is now completely different as it awaits the next step in the building of the new kiddie pool - complete with a bigger zero-entry swimming/playing area, a pergola canopy and lounge chairs.

Brian Cook was one of the volunteers on duty last Friday and shared with the *Courier* some of the above details. "This is a volunteer project with a lot of people helping out," he stated.

The City of Clark, the Clark Area Foundation and local volunteers have come together to make the pool renovations possible financially.

"The Clark Lions Club has adopted the kiddie pool area renovation project," added Cook. "The pool area will be doubled in size and will be a zero entry pool from all sides. The depth in the middle of the pool will be 12 inches deep.

"The zero entry pools means there are no 'sides' to the pool, eliminating one hurting themselves on

an edge or rim of the pool," continued Cook. A pergola canopy providing shade as well as several lounge chairs are planned for the south and west ends of the pool. The pool will extend 12 feet to the south and five feet to the west and will contain 2,500 gallons.

The pergola canopy will have 10 x 20 feet dimensions, offering a shady respite from the sun's rays. "The sun is nice, but shade is nice too," ended Cook.

With less than a month left before the opening date planned (tentatively) for June 16, volunteers are always welcome noted the group involved.