



## May is the month for mayoral appointments at City Hall

### ▲ Louann Streff re-elected council president

May is the month when city councils begin anew and the Clark City Council doesn't have any new members take office this month, as it is an 'off' year in the election cycle.

Louann Streff was re-elected as council president and Kerry Kline was elected vice president. Both ballots were unanimous.

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher made the 2013 mayoral appointments with council approval.

2013 Mayoral appointments include: Streets, alleys, sidewalks - Lon Reidburn; American Disabilities Act - Belinda Hanson; Pool - Larry Dreher; Rubble site - Lon Reidburn; City parks - Vicki Orris; Water and sewer - Larry Dreher;

Fire Dept. and emergency management - Tony Woodland; Zoning officer - Kerry Kline; Finance dept. - Belinda Hanson; Liquor officer - Kerry Kline; Med van - Louann Streff; Recreation director, softball and baseball complex - Vicki Orris; Government buildings - Tony Woodland; City attorney - Chad Fjelland; Health officer - Joie Steffen; Police Chief - Jeremy Wellnitz; Library board - (3 year term) - Roberta Heim (new), Bernice Halling (new), Carolyn Harding, Marlys Moritz, Patti Lamb, Belinda Hanson-council representative; Park board - Rae Jean Flora, Deb Schlagel, Vickie Dreher; Clark Housing and Redevelopment board - (5 year term) - Bruce Brekke, Bill Krikac (renew), Sandy Altfillisch, Bob Schlueter, Jerry Jacobsen, Teresa Kaufman - secretary.

Summer employees have also been hired by the city. Lonna DeLauriers will be the Clark Swimming Pool manager and lifeguards include: Kalli Bell, Morgan Huber, Kandice Kolden, Mackenzie Huber, Chase Monson, Sioux Schuelke, Jakob Weisbrod and Harrison Wookley.

Coaches for the summer ball recreation program are: Denver Kvistad, Lisa McGowan and Kari Thonvold.

The May city council meeting

lasted a little over an hour with a 15 minute executive session following the public portion. No motions were necessary following the executive session, called for personnel and contractual reasons.

Councilman Lon Reidburn was absent. In attendance at the May meeting were Streff, Kline, Tony Woodland, Vicki Orris and Belinda Hanson.

The final agenda item prior to the executive session dealt with: Retention Ponds Land - Purchase or Eminent Domain. The city must acquire 240 acres close to the city to build a new retention pond for city sewage.

Mayor Dreher told the council that he is not having a lot of luck in finding a landowner willing to sell land to the city for this purpose. The next step, eminent domain, would be the city mandating the purchase of this land.

The city is looking at Day Township for this retention pond and Mayor Dreher stated he is looking at 160 acres but both the state and the engineering firm are stating that 240 acres are needed. Tracts in Day Township that potentially could be used by the city include 7, 8 and the north half of 19. Dreher said that negotiations are ongoing with Clark Engineering. "Clark Engineering is being pretty aggressive about having 240 acres," he stated.

With two aging police vehicles, Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz visited with the council about a new police car purchase. A new 4-wheel drive vehicle would be in the \$25,000 area and then would need to be equipped. Mayor Dreher and the council talked about the budget and set aside funds for this purpose. Dreher told Wellnitz to do a little more research at this time.

#### In other business:

◆ Street superintendent Roger Collins visited about the upcoming mosquito season. He will be getting some added information out about

West Nile prevention and warned that this summer could see an added mosquito population.

◆ Clark High School students Tyson Jenkins and Noah Huber told the council about their plans to fix up the tennis courts this summer; power washing, patching, painting and re-doing the nets. The duo has the money to do this and the city gave them the go ahead.

◆ Dump ground hours are already out for this year, but could get scaled back in the future, but not this year. Dump rates were approved.

◆ The city is advertising for two part-time summer helpers.

◆ Health Insurance will decrease by nine percent, effective in July.

◆ Water superintendent Darin Altfillisch said the pool will be painted prior to opening, but the painting shouldn't affect the opening date.

◆ Starting June 1 all liquor operating agreements will change, as far as how the respective establishments will be billed.

◆ The former Melby house was purchased by the neighbor to the south, Roger and Barbara Flesman and the city will take down the house. The black dirt will be paid by the owner, not to exceed \$500.

◆ Administration fees for garbage collection will go from 30¢ to 60¢, by the city.

◆ Two snow removal bills, a one time charge to downtown businesses, had not been paid and the council considered the next course of action.

◆ Jason and Rich Foster bid \$1,400, and were high bidders, to bale the east pasture, owned by the city.

◆ This Saturday is Rotary Clean-up Day with free dumping.

◆ The Clark Fire Department was granted a special event liquor license for their upcoming street dance, in July.

## Clark citywide clean-up is set for this Saturday

Weather permitting and it looks positive at this point, the word is "go" for the Clark citywide clean-up for Saturday, May 11, sponsored by the Clark Rotary Club.

Rotarians and others available to help are asked to meet at 9:00 a.m. to the rear of the former Playhouse Restaurant. At this time work-

ers will be assigned to the various zones of the city and zone chairmen will be announced.

Free day at the dump is May 11. Rotarians urge residents to do their raking this week and take advantage of the free day at the rubble site. This is also the last day that trees and branches will be accept-

ed for free. Rotarians are offering their service to those unable to do their own work.

Regulations at the rubble site are that no tires, batteries or cardboard are to be deposited and this regulation will be adhered to.



Cindy Borns "loves being a mom and now a grandma," she says. Catching her on 'a grandma day' at home with grandsons Koooper on the left, almost two and Kaden, three years old, sons of Holly and Andy Wookey, she keeps busy. In her left hand is her favorite Mother's Day card, a crepe paper, tape and gopher tail creation made by her son Tom when he was young.

### Sunday is Mother's Day!

## Mother's Day is a time for memories and a time to make new memories

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 12. When asked what the most memorable gift is that she has received on Mother's Day, Cindy Borns' reply was "I still have it. It's a homemade Mother's Day card with three gopher tails on it, that my son Tom gave to me. I think he made it in school, but I didn't ask any questions as to where the tails

came from, but he said he got them himself. I'll bet no other mom got one like it," giggled Cindy. "I always liked the homemade cards and items the best, like their plaster of Paris handprints which I still have, homemade 'feel good jars', homemade recipe cards and things like that. I remember making cards for my mom on Mother's Day.

"Now we remember our mothers usually with flowers or a plant. My husband David's mother Donna Borns lives close by in Watertown and with my parents, Don and Sandy Syvertson living right in Clark, we try to get together on or around Mother's Day.

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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| April 30 .....             | 59    | 32 | 0   |
| May 1 .....                | 43    | 20 | 0   |
| May 2 .....                | 47    | 23 | 0   |
| May 3 .....                | 44    | 23 | 0   |
| May 4 .....                | 41    | 36 | .25 |
| May 5 .....                | 44    | 36 | .10 |
| May 6 .....                | 62    | 37 | 0   |
| 2013 precipitation to date | 4.32" |    |     |
| 2012 precipitation to date | 7.19" |    |     |



## District 2 citizens talk vote abstention

A meeting was held Monday night at Keller's Kountry Korner to discuss the commissioner situation in District 2. Over 60 concerned citizens met for over two hours, with District 2 commissioner Doug Loomis in attendance, to see what recourse there is going forward.

A small delegation of the group will get on the agenda for the May 21 Clark County Board of Commissioners meeting to voice their complaint of a commissioner abstaining

during transportation funding discussions.

In the April 17, 2013 edition of the *Clark County Courier*, an article described that because Loomis is both a highway motor grader employee and a commissioner, that a conflict of interest does appear, with comments from Clark County States Attorney Chad Fjelland.

A follow up meeting of District 2 citizens will take place Monday, May 13 at Keller's Kountry Korner.

## 1937 International 1 1/2 Ton looks better than ever



This is the 1937 1 1/2 ton International vintage truck which was restored by Eric Caulfield, right and the Body Shop crew, including Forrest Grimes, left and Lance Wasland.

Pictured on the Bradley Main Street in front of a building also recently purchased by Caulfield, it's hard to believe this vehicle hauled cattle over 75 years ago.

Caulfield purchased the old Post Office and old Fire Hall. He will be restoring the front of both buildings with one to be a sand blast booth, the other for storage/shop. Caulfield and crew did the restoration from scratch with the beautiful hardwood bed outlined by stainless steel side rails replacing the old grain box.

The truck is owned by Mike Meland, Webster.

Seventy-five year old trucks always have a story. Eric Caulfield, through his body shop at Bradley, restored a 'magazine worthy' vintage truck that just oozes with history and stories.

This 1937 1 1/2-ton International is owned by Mike Meland of Webster and is featured in the June 2013 edition of Vintage Truck magazine.

The truck is a 1937, because that is the year the truck was first purchased, as was the custom, even though it was built in 1936.

The original owner was from New Effington, up in the northeast corner of South Dakota, and he used it to haul cattle to Fargo, N.D., at all of 35 mph.

Meland's uncle bought this truck in 1962 to move all of his belongings to Florence and then his dad ended up with it shortly thereafter.

This is where Caulfield comes in, as Meland's parents were willing to sell him the truck if he was willing to fix it up.

The Body Shop in Bradley did the painting, woodwork, metalwork and restoration. Scott Finstad helped with the wiring and mechanical work and Buster Altfillisch reggraded the fenders and made the brackets to suspend the fuel tank. Forrest Grimes and Lance Wasland are Body Shop employees who

helped on this project as is Gunnar Hagstrom.

Originally, the fuel tank was under the driver's seat, which Meland didn't care for so it was hung under the box along the frame.

"We started from scratch," said Caulfield of the restoration project. "It was a huge challenge, but we enjoyed it immensely," he continued, as the transmission, the truck body, the woodworking all from scratch were challenges individually and collectively, but the finished product is very satisfying," stated Caulfield.

"Probably the hardest part of the job were the parts. We either had to find 1937 International Truck parts, or we had to make them by hand. Odd 1937 International parts are very hard to come by."

All of the wood used in framing the cab and doors was original to the truck. Because it hadn't been out in the weather too much, Meland felt that there was scarcely any damage. He purchased a back window in California, found an old International cab and chassis with an intact windshield sitting in some trees. The wheel rims are original but the 7.5 x 20 tires are new. The truck is still 6-volt, though an 8-volt

1937 International  
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