

Be on the lookout for scams!!

▲ Con artists are very, very convincing - It hit home

A Clark County grandparent was quietly minding their own business Friday morning when the telephone rang.

When she answered, the person on the other end was supposedly her grandson. The grandson sounded very, very ill and said he was on his way to the clinic to get some medicine. "I need bail money," he continued and went on to explain that he was in a car, not driving, that was pulled over. "I tested clean," said the grandson.

Then a police officer, supposedly from Watertown, got on the phone and told the grandma that her grandson did test clean but four pounds of marijuana were found in the car. Because of the marijuana, bail was set at \$10,000 and the grandson had to be retained in jail until they received the bail money or after the upcoming Monday

morning court trial.

The police officer then asked the grandma if she knew what a gag order was? He explained that a gag order meant that the grandson could not talk to the grandma or vice versa until after the Monday trial.

The grandma was not to say a word about this to anyone.

The police officer repeated that the car was owned by a friend's brother and had four pounds of marijuana in it. "This is a felony."

The grandma came up with the \$10,000 bail money and was told to take it to a UPS site in Watertown. The address was given to the grandma and she took it to the UPS store across from the former Shopko building.

The 'police officer' told the grandma exactly how she was to mail the money. It cost \$131.00 to mail

this package. The grandma was to put the money in two paper back books, in between the pages. Put the books in a shoe box stuffed with newspaper around it. Tape the box shut with wrapping tape.

When the grandma got to the Watertown UPS store, the clerk asked, "What's in your box?" "Just documents," answered the grandma.

"Bless her heart" thought the grandma, as she later realized the USP clerk had red-flagged the package.

The police officer told the grandma to call him after she had mailed the package and she did so. (The policeman did not have a 605 phone prefix and the grandma thought that interesting.) The police officer said he would call back in two hours and reminded the grandma that there is a gag order. The police officer did call in two hours and said

the grandson was doing fine. The grandma was to call back at 7:30 p.m. (Saturday).

Meanwhile, late Saturday afternoon her grandson suddenly and surprisingly came to visit his

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 1	78	58	0
June 2	93	68	0
June 3	82	59	0
June 4	83	60	0
June 5	83	57	0
June 6	83	57	0
June 7	80	62	.10
June 8	95	74	0
2020 precipitation to date	5.22		
2019 precipitation to date	12.07		

Commissioners decline vacation of county road in Woodland Township

A public hearing on petition to vacate extension of County Road #55 was held during the Clark County Board of Commissioners' June 4 meeting.

The petition was brought about by landowner Dick Anderson on his land in Woodland Township.

This road which a petition was filed for vacation is the only road leading in and out to the Richard Paulson residence.

This hearing was held via confer-

encing on the Internet. Anderson was represented by lawyer Marshall Lovrein of Aberdeen. Opposing this vacation was Doug Paulson, represented by Boos-Jennens Law Firm lawyer George Boos, of Milbank.

Lovrein stated that his side was in agreement to sit down and mutually agree to solve this.

Boos retorted that an agreement wasn't needed between two neighbors. "It's a county road to be used

by citizens in Clark County," he said.

After the public portion of the public hearing closed, the Clark County Board of Commissioners discussed the vacation petition.

This matter has been an on-going agenda for the county commissioners for some time and commissioner Bob Bjerke said that he agreed with the other commissioners who said basically, "Why can't we just get along? We need the two par-

ties to come to an agreement. It is a county road we are talking about. With this county road can we sit down and work out things such as signage and right of ways, etc.

"That is a key element to this discussion - that it is a county road."

Lovrein stated that his client will not keep family off this road, if vacated. The road issue under question is approximately 1,800' in

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Clark Rotary and Greater Clark Area Foundation benefiting businesses during these trying times

On Friday, June 19, at 11:00 a.m., a burger feed like no other will be happening in Clark.

Clark's four restaurant locations which were hit during the coronavirus pandemic shutdown are coming together to make a balanced meal for the public.

"Not only will there be no charge to the public, Clark Bucks and Beef Bucks will also be distributed to show appreciation to the community," stated Rotarian Gayle Wookey

of Clark. "And in turn, we're hoping the Beef Bucks, which can be used locally at many locations, in addition to the Clark Bucks, will further help businesses in our community. It's important that we work together on this to help everyone keep their businesses. These closures have been hard on the restaurant and bar industry in particular."

The four eating establishments in town, Heather's Bistro, the Corner Diner, the Lookout and Sports-

man's will all be contributing to the meal with their specialties. Salads - potato or macaroni, will be provided by Heathers, the buns and cookies by the Corner Diner and Sportsman's and the Lookout staff will be manning the grills for the beef burgers.

Social distancing

For those who miss the camaraderie of the community dinners, which have now been put on hiatus, some social distancing areas will be

available outdoors and then there is also the 'eat in your car - together - but not together' option after one picks up their meal to go. All meals will be to-go. Choosing one's location to dine will be up to them.

Picking up 'on the hoof' (walking) is also an option for those not driving through the alley between the Lookout and Sportsman's with the drive-through Burger Feed. Again,

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Clark School Board talks Field House, scheduling and handling the pandemic

With Driver's Education class at Clark High School being held in the gym, the Clark School Board reverted back to the pre-pandemic location of the high school library as the June meeting location. The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. on Monday.

Alissa Reidburn of Backroads Floral aired communication with the school regarding the proposed FFA Greenhouse during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

"My husband Jarvis and I have a few concerns regarding this project," said Reidburn. "I want to clear the air. If it betters the school and kids, I'm for it. As a community member and a business owner, I am not in favor of competition."

Matti Boomgaarden, the FFA adviser proposed the building of a greenhouse, last spring, to the

school board. The greenhouse specifics were not discussed per se at the June meeting, but the board and Boomgaarden have yet to decide upon the specifics; size, cost and location. Decisions on this project will be made in upcoming months.

Schedule

All schools are hoping to have on-site schooling this fall, so as the high school and middle school schedules were being discussed, superintendent Luanne Warren talked about Plan A, Plan B and Plan C, in case of COVID-19 cases.

Four or five individuals must re-take at least one semester of freshmen English, Warren reported. She said if a student doesn't pass a middle school class the student still

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Clark's blood drive is Thursday, June 11

Clark's blood drive, hosted by the Clark Lions Club will be Thursday, June 11 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Clark Golf Course Clubhouse. All donors will be required to wear a mask.

Desi Lamb and Tami Sundvold are the coordinators of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Desi at

605-881-5699 or Tami at 605-233-0370.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 and be in good health (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online).

To save time, donors can now fill out their Health History online at www.bloodhero.com the day of their donation.

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Ball park is active place this summer

Clark is a proud community with several beautiful parks, an Olympic-size swimming pool, rodeo grounds and fairgrounds on the edge of town and also a refurbished, updated baseball park.

With COVID-19 keeping social distancing in effect, one would think that some of these aforementioned places wouldn't be active. Not true.

The swimming pool opens this Saturday and Dakota Style Field at Dickinson Park has already been the site of eight games this summer. On Sunday the Lake Norden Lakers defeated the Clark 16 and under squad. Shown above is second baseman Jack Bratland leaping over a sliding Laker.

Photo by Heather Jordan

Cancellation of festivals costing S.D. communities money and momentum

Bart Pfankuch and Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation of dozens of fairs, festivals and other events in South Dakota in 2020 that typically provide a significant revenue boost and foster community cohesiveness in cities and counties across the state.

As of early June, nearly four dozen community events, many of them multi-day affairs, were canceled and not rescheduled, according to the state Department of Tourism. Those cancellations are in addition to the temporary or permanent closure of dozens more businesses and attractions that lure visitors and spending to the state each year.

According to a compilation of cancellations and closures on the tourism department website, at least 15 events have been canceled in the western region, 14 in the southeast, nine in the northeast and six in the center of the state. Several other events have been postponed and may resurface later in the summer or fall.

Millions of dollars in income for businesses and individuals will be lost and sales-tax revenues that fund operations of cities, counties and the state will be reduced as events are canceled over fears of spreading the potentially deadly



Muzzle-loaded cannons are a prominent feature of the Fort Sisseton Historical Festival at Fort Sisseton Historical State Park in northeastern South Da-

kota. The festival was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Photo: Courtesy Fort Sisseton Historical State Park

coronavirus.

The state does not break out financial, tax or employment data on the impact of community events, festivals, rodeos and fairs, but Tour-

ism Secretary Jim Hagen said the cancellation of dozens of events will deprive many businesses and communities, especially in remote rural regions, a critical source of income

and tax revenues that may be impossible to replicate.

"Especially for our small towns in