



## Clark Area Relay for Life is this Friday

"Colors of Cancer" is the theme of the 2014 Clark County Relay for Life. This 18th annual event will be held this Friday, June 13 beginning with the Opening Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. The Relay for Life site will again be on Main (Commercial) Street in Clark and at the American Legion building.



The luminary "Remember" ceremony begins at 9:30 p.m. This ceremony is very symbolic of the hope for recovery by victims. Each luminaria is sponsored by a family member of loved one in the name of a cancer victim or survivor. The "Fight Back" ceremony begins at 10:30 p.m.

## Mary Nelson is the new Clark School business manager

Mary Nelson was hired as the new Clark School business manager at the June meeting of the Clark School Board, Monday, at the high school library. It was a short meeting, lasting only 20 minutes.

Nelson replaces Heidi Sigdestad who earlier this year was hired as the assistant business manager in the Watertown school district. Nelson has been the business manager at Golden Living Center - Clark for the last 15 years.

This business manager transition process will take place this summer, with the Clark School budget hearing, slated for the regular meeting, at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15 being a focal point of the transition.

Also approved at the June school board meeting were agreements/contracts with Tim Page, P4 manufacturing teacher; Bobbi Uecker, teacher at Hillcrest Colony; and Chris Lee as junior high football coach. The rental agreement with Paul Streff/P4 Manufacturing was also approved.

During this process, high school principal Jerry Hartley spoke of the trials and tribulations of filling all of the certified staff contracts. Some fields are harder to fill than others, but this summer he stated that the lack of adequate housing

was a factor and he implied that newer, affordable residences are a key to maintaining the top candidates in the education field.

This June Clark School Board meeting is the first official meeting with new superintendent Luanne Warren presiding. In her letter to the school board, prior to the meeting she noted: "In a US News and World Report article, South Dakota High Schools were ranked and Clark High School received Bronze Status, as one of the top 35 schools in the state based on science and math assessments, writing tests, student to teacher ratio and internship or community service."

WEATHER				
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
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June 3	65	47	0	
June 4	73	55	0	
June 5	75	58	0	
June 6	69	49	.08	
June 7	64	47	0	
June 8	66	47	0	
June 9	68	48	0	
2014 precipitation to date	7.15"			
2013 precipitation to date	9.35"			



## History comes to life during Clark County Heritage Day

The Crandall Church on the Clark County Historical Society Beauvais Museum complex was full, as many from the area came to hear Phyllis Schrag, Sioux Falls, talk about bygone eras.

Schrag, right, began her first program, 'Letters from the Attic', memoirs of her grandfather, in German script, with some audience participation. Simulating a father figure, Ralph Hurlbert, a mother figure, Faye Knutson and a brother figure, Kirk Severson, Schrag set the stage for the interpretation of letters back home to Illinois, 135 or so

years ago. Schrag discussed, in story telling form, the interpretation of these letters in German script addressed to her great-grandfather, F. J. Meier, by detailing pioneer life among those who settled in Dakota Territory between 1878 and 1889.

Her second program detailed all the fun and excitement of growing up in a small South Dakota community.

## Clark School Board election is Tuesday



Monica Forest



Todd Fjelland



Shannon Huber



Kari Thonvold



Kathy Roebke



Amy Sass



Julie Bjerke



Kim Seefeldt

The School Board election for the Clark School District will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. At the election, a one-year term of office will be voted upon. Those running for this position are Julie Bjerke, Kim Seefeldt and Amy Sass.

There are also two three-year terms open on the Clark School Board. Those running for these two positions are Shannon Huber, Kathy Roebke, Kari Thonvold, Monica Forest and Todd Fjelland.

The polling place for Clark Precinct is the Clark County Court

House. Included in this precinct are the City of Clark, Woodland, Garfield, Lincoln, Darlington, Merton, Day, Foxton, and Mt. Pleasant townships. Voters in the Bradley Precinct which includes the City of Bradley, Blaine, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, and Thorp townships is the Bradley Community Center.

The polling place for the Raymond Precinct which includes the City of Raymond, Fordham, Logan, Ash and Raymond Townships is the Raymond Fire Hall. Garden City Precinct polling place is the Prairie Ridge Lodge (formerly the Garden City Manor)

and this includes the City of Garden City, Maydell, Eden, and Elrod townships.

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

The candidates were asked some questions and these answers follow.

**Tell us about yourself, your family, your career and your education.**

**Roebke:** I've lived in Clark the majority of my life and I attended school here. My husband Chris and I have two children, Valley (7) and

Ivan (5). Chris owns and operates a farm and I am blessed to be a stay at home mom. I enjoy volunteering at Clark Elementary when time allows.

**Thonvold:** I have a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. I am married to Brian Thonvold and we have two daughters, Sara and Shawna. I work at the Chad Smidt Agency of American Family Insurance as a licensed CSR.

**Fjelland:** Raised in Clark Coun-

ty, I graduated from Clark High School in 1987 and from South Dakota State University in 1991. I've been a lifelong resident of Clark County, with the exception of the time I spent earning a degree in Commercial Economics from SDSU. My wife Susan and I have three children: Lauren, a junior at Clark High School; Sydnie, an eighth-grader at Clark Middle School and Turner, a fourth-grader at Clark Elementary School. I've been self-employed as a farmer since completing my education and I'm also a partner at the Clark Abstract & Title Company, where I manage the office and perform daily operations of the business.

**Huber:** I was raised near Raymond, graduated from Clark and attended SDSU. I graduated from State with a Business Economics degree and am currently working as the bookkeeper for Forest Excavating, and St. Michael's Church. My husband, Jay, and I live north of town and have two little kiddos, Grady (4), and Easton (2).

**Bjerke:** I was born and raised in Clark County, graduating from Clark High School in 1986. My pride and joy are my three children, Taylor (2007 CHS Graduate), Brady (2009 CHS Graduate) and Skylar (Senior at CHS). I have worked for Worthington Ag Parts as bookkeeper for the past four years and have been a certified South Dakota volleyball official for the past 22 years.

**Sass:** I grew up on a farm near Bradley and attended school in Clark. After graduation I went to SDSU and earned a bachelors degree in human development, child and family studies with an emphasis in early childhood education and early childhood special ed. I also attended NSU and earned a bachelors degree in elementary education. I am married to Chris Sass, and we have three daughters: Olivia, who

will be a 7th grader, Ella, who will be in preschool, and Alayna, who is two. I currently teach second grade in Henry, where I have taught for 13 years. Prior to that, I taught two years at Hillcrest Colony.

**Forest:** I was born in Webster, to Art and Alice Lynch, after a 3-day blizzard and mom says I've been a "storm" ever since. I had the privilege of being a Bradley Bomber through fifth grade and a Clark Comet from thence on. I have a Fashion Merchandising Degree from Nettleton College and a Teaching Degree from DSU. Upon graduation, I was fortunate enough to get a job teaching third grade at Clark. After a few years, I moved down to kindergarten. I "retired" when my 4th child was born, to stay at home with our little ones. I saved the best for last. I married my high school sweetheart, Brent, and almost 30 years and four children later, he still is! God has blessed us with: Trevor (26) and his finance, Ashlyn; Jared (23) and his family, Candra and our sweet grandson, McKoy and Rory (16), Madison (12).

**Seefeldt:** I am a 1983 graduate of Douglas High School and received an Associate's Degree in Medical Assisting from National College. My husband, Todd, and I have two children, Brandi (25) and Levi (19); one grandson, Archer (1) and another on the way! I currently am employed at the Clark Family Dental Center.

**Why are you interested in serving on the Clark School Board?**

**Roebke:** I'm interested in serving on the school board so that I can gain a better understanding of our school system and help to make good choices for the future of our

**School board**  
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