

County Commissioners approve Burke CAFO

The Clark County Board of Commissioners met for their first June meeting on Thursday, June 9. Because of a Thursday, rather than a Tuesday meeting, the *Clark County Courier* was able to report on what happened during this three-hour plus, event.

The county commission meetings often begin with highway superintendent Ryan Eggleston talking road conditions, equipment and summer projects. Erin Brush was hired as the new secretary in the county highway superintendent's office, at \$13.75 an hour.

Eggleston talked about bridge inspections in the county. He noted that hopefully next year, or the year after, that three bridges will be replaced. The county's 20 percent of this bridge repair cost is projected to be \$316,300.

The county highway superintendent

ended his portion of the meeting telling the commissioners that chip sealing of roads will begin next week, north of Raymond. Later in the summer the stretch of road north of Clark will be done.

The county commission then went into a board of adjustment to take care of several variance permits and conditional use permits. The Randy Nelson - house closer than setback was approved as was the Clark Community Oil - closer than setback. Also approved was Community Oil's ability to operate a gas station.

Next up was the decision for a conditional use permit for Rory Burke and a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) pig finisher barn. Burke is planning on having a finishing barn for 2,499

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Former 20-year Minnehaha County Commissioner Robert 'Bob' Kolbe is a noted South Dakota historian, specializing in print, photography and transportation.

At the Clark County Historical Society Heritage Day, Sunday, Kolbe spoke on 'Settling of South Dakota and Transportation in Dakota, South

Dakota'.

The 45-minute presentation included historical photographs from many parts of South Dakota. A full Crandall Church audience was on hand and then enjoyed pie and coffee/lemonade following the historic lecture.

Dakota was settled by people on foot, horseback, rail, steam engine and automobile

Spectators at Sunday's Heritage Day event took a step back into time with Bob Kolbe's program. Kolbe was the main speaker at Heritage Day, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society held on the museum's grounds, at the historic Crandall Church.

Kolbe is an expert on South Dakota history and his program dealt with very old photographs, detailing the transportation used in the settling of Dakota Territory and South Dakota.

The photographs, some rare and all of them originals depicted 'Transportation in the West' from the very beginning. Whether it be from early cowboy and native American days or the settling of the Black Hills, Kolbe stressed the importance of animals prior to steam engines.

"Oxen were big strong animals, plus they were good eating," he said. "Deadwood had a very wide Main Street for wagon traffic, loading and turning around, but Custer's Main Street in the southern Black Hills, was even wider."

The advent of railroads to the Black Hills in 1887 led to the settling of that area and soon motorized vehicles and aeroplanes were

popular.

One of Kolbe's favorite pictures was an early 'steam tractor', as well as the first automobile in Volga.

"When Lindbergh showed off his 'Spirit of St. Louis' in Renner/Sioux Falls in 1927, over 50,000 people came to see him."

The 45-minute presentation ended with a question and answer session with Kolbe describing how people crossed water prior to bridges.

Brief history of the Clark County Historical Society museum

Greg Furness is the Clark County Historical Society president, taking over a decade or so ago from long-time president Ailene Luckhurst.

Organized in 1975, the Clark County Historical Society pursues preserving the heritage of the county. Written histories and photos along with displays of antique items associated with farming and life in the early years of the county are displayed on the museum grounds.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line running through Clark had been abandoned and the organization's first project entailed searching for a home for the abandoned depot building. When a new post office facility was built in Raymond, CCHS was able to obtain the

boxes and windows from the old post office facility. They are housed in the depot building.

In the fall of 1976, the Ben and Louise Lorenz family donated property inherited from their uncle, Johnnie Beauvais. Along with a suitable location for the depot, the historical society received the eight room Beauvais home.

CCHS renovated and furnished the original Beauvais home to represent home life as it was at the turn of the century. It was dedicated in 1978. Also on the property is a small barn used in displaying small antique farm tools and equipment.

In 1980, CCHS received a claim shanty from the Bradley area. It was restored and furnished appropriately. In close proximity to the shanty is the Raymond jail.

The historical society purchased the adjoining property north of the lots given by the Lorenz family. While an old house on that property was torn down, a good frame garage was saved as additional storage of small farm implements.

CCHS purchased the Crandall Union Church for \$1 in 1984. The church and its contents, not in use since 1959, were moved to the museum grounds.

Standing idle from 1960 to 1985, Sunny Plain (Crandall) School was given to CCHS by Warren Township. With restoration completed, dedication of the school building was in 1986.

CCHS completed a 28' x 48' one-story building with a full basement in 1991. It serves as the headquarters and meeting place for the historical society. The basement and main level have exhibits.

The fall of 1993 saw the completion of a 90' x 40' steel building to house the machinery display.

This year the Clark County Historical Society observes their 41st anniversary.

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 7	69	48	0
June 8	80	56	0
June 9	89	60	0
June 10	88	69	0
June 11	89	69	0
June 12	88	61	0
June 13	80	61	0
2016 precipitation to date			7.62
2015 precipitation to date			7.28



DB Barbecue Drive In is now open

The DB Barbecue Drive In, on US Highway 212 on the west side of Clark is now open. The manager is Julie Lardy, center and she is flanked by employees Kandace Kolden and Jasmine Foster.

Featuring meats from the Dakota Butcher smoker, the drive in will open at 11:00 a.m. daily.

Voters visit polls Tuesday for Clark school election

Voters in the Clark School district will go to the polls on Tuesday, June 21 to select one school board member. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Clark School district electors will select one candidate for a three year term on the school board. The two candidates for the one position are incumbent Robert Steffen and Jason Steen.

Polling places in each precinct of the Clark School district will be:

Clark Precinct: Clark County Court House (includes City of Clark, Woodland, Garfield, Lincoln, Darlington, Merton, Day, Foxton, and Mt Pleasant townships).

Bradley Precinct: Bradley Community Center (includes City of Bradley, Blaine, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Thorp and Warren townships).

Raymond Precinct: Raymond Fire Hall (includes City of Raymond, Fordham, Logan, Ash and Raymond townships).

Garden City Precinct: Prairie Ridge Lodge (formerly Garden City Manor) - (includes City of Garden City, Maydell, Eden, and Elrod townships).

The two candidates were asked several questions and here are their answers:

1. Brief biography

Steffen: My name is Robert Steffen, I was born and raised in Clark and I graduated from Clark



Robert Steffen

High School in 1991. I then went to Southeast Technical Institute and obtained a degree in Auto Body Mechanics. After a work accident left me unable to do the detailed work required in fixing cars, I went on to Mount Marty College and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I currently farm and raise cattle in the Garden City area.

I am married to Joie, who is a lab tech at the Sanford Clinic in Clark and we have three children. Hannah, 21, who will be a senior at Dakota State University. She is an elementary/special education major and will be starting her student teaching. Hudson, 18, who will be starting his freshman year at South



Jason Steen

Dakota State University and plans to study agronomy. And finally, Hayse, 12, will be a seventh grader here in Clark. I enjoy hunting, fishing, spending time with my family and attending my kids various activities.

Steen: I graduated from Willow Lake in 1996 and from Southeast Technical Institute in 1999. In 1995 I joined the South Dakota Army National Guard. My family consists of my wife Kylie who is an RN at Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown, my daughters Madilyn who's 14 and Macy who's 12, and my 8 year old son Jakob. I worked after

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Air conditioning is an appropriate topic at summer Clark School Board meeting

With the temperature over 80° on the outside and the air conditioning not working in the high school library, it seemed appropriate that replacing or fixing the 18-year-old unit would be the first item on the Clark School Board agenda at the June meeting.

Clark superintendent Luanne Warren wanted the board to let her know if the best decision was to repair the existing unit, or to replace.

Tom Hunstead of Johnson Controls was at the Monday meeting and he quoted \$62,000 plus the school would pay for the electric installation, for a large unit and a smaller server.

The school board will hold a special meeting on Monday, June 27 to open bids for this project.

The board discussed the air conditioning, both short term and long term at Clark School. The short term goal is to fix this high school core air conditioning problem, but the long term goal is to have air conditioning at the elementary and the entire high school.

Business manager Mary Nelson was asked if room could be found in the capital outlay budget for next year, to do this core area high school air conditioning replacement. She felt that there were ample dollars



New Clark School Board member Nathan Luvaas is sworn in by school business manager Mary Nelson at Monday's June board meeting. Luvaas was appointed to the school board to replace Amy Sass, who resigned her position.

for this project. The other major expenses for next year are the gym bleachers, high school roof repairs and two vehicles.

To air condition both schools entirely, Warren speculated that an additional \$160,000 per building would be in the ball park.

Only the high school core air conditioning replacement will be bid out at this time.

Dan Duenwald from Duenwald Transportation was next to visit with the school board. He was

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