

Mudgett, Peterson elected to the Clark School Board

Three individuals ran for two spots on the Clark School Board. The positions were two three-year terms. The election was held Tuesday, June 18.

Troy Mudgett was the top vote getter with 170. Travis Peterson was second with 122 votes. Incumbent Nathan Luvaas was third with 111 votes. Total voter turnout for the school board election was 222 out of 1,731 registered voters, only 13 percent of registered voters.

In the vote breakdown for each town: **Bradley** - Mudgett, 24; Lu-

vaas, 18; Peterson, 27 with 19 percent voter turnout. **Clark** - Mudgett, 82; Luvaas, 60; Peterson, 49 with 11 percent voter turnout. **Garden City** - Mudgett, 34; Luvaas, 15; Peterson, 29 with 20 percent voter turnout. **Raymond** - Mudgett, 30; Luvaas, 18; Peterson, 17 with 22 percent voter turnout.

Beginning with the July meeting of the Clark School Board, members will include Mudgett, Peterson, Malory McIntire, Lacey Ortborg and Todd Fjelland.

THREE YEAR TERM	Clark	Garden City	Bradley	Raymond	Totals
Troy Mudgett	82	34	24	30	170
Travis Peterson	49	29	27	17	122
Nathan Luvaas	60	15	18	18	111
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	191	78	69	65	403
TOTAL VOTERS	106	40	40	36	222
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	1159	198	212	162	1731
	11%	20%	19%	22%	13%



Girls State Gov. Heiman attends S.D. Auxiliary state convention

On Saturday, June 22, South Dakota Girls State Governor Hannah Heiman of Clark attended the S.D. American Legion Auxiliary State Convention in Pierre and spoke to several ladies in attendance.

Pictured above from left to right are American Legion Auxiliary District 5 President Maryjo Boner, South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary President Patsy Madsen, Heiman, American Legion Auxiliary National President Lisa Williamson, Raymond American Legion Auxiliary President Janet Hurlbert and Clark American Legion Auxiliary President Sharon Larson.

Photo Courtesy of Sharon Larson

Rodeo in Clark set for Friday

By Carolyn Olson

This Friday, June 28, the Clark County Fairgrounds will be the place to be for a Clark County rodeo. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., and vendors will also be open. The rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m. The admission fee is \$10, children 10 and under will be admitted for free.

The event, sponsored by the Clark County Horsemen's Club, will feature breakaway roping, bull riding and goat tying. There are 15 breakaway ropers, bull riders and goat tiers registered. There will also be mut-

ton bustin' for kids, sponsored by the Clark Lions Club.

Crazy cowgirl trick rider Candice Amott will perform at the rodeo as well. She is from the DeSmet area. Following the rodeo, Cutler Michalski will perform music at the Sportsman's Bar.

Cheryl Severson, a Horsemen's Club member, is one of the organizers of the event. "We are hoping to make this happen yearly and are looking forward to a good turnout this weekend," she expressed.



The Clark Area Jr. Legion baseball team hosted a tournament over the weekend at Dickinson Field and went on to defeat three teams, including the Faulkton-Highmore Hitmen, the Mt. Vernon-Plankinton Titans, and the Tri-Valley Mustangs, earning them the win. Above left, Cooper Pom-

mer pitched a seven-inning game against the Hitmen. Right, Max Bratland manages an out on second base against the Mustangs.

Photos by Heather Jordan and Christina Kannegieter

Clark Area Jr. Legion wins home tournament over the weekend

By Heather Jordan

The Clark Area Jr. Legion baseball defeated the Faulkton-Highmore Hitmen, the Mt. Vernon-Plankinton Titans, and the Tri-Valley Mustangs to win their home tournament held June 21-23, 2024.

In game one, Clark Area battled the FH Hitmen, holding them scoreless to win 5-0 in seven innings.

Clark Area scored first in the opening frame and added three runs to close inning two, up 4-0. The final run came during inning five to seal the victory.

Watson Grantham, Riggs Prouty, Will Hovde, Ernesto Garcia and Logan Labrie each plated a single run in a team effort.

Cooper Pommer claimed the win on the mound pitching a complete seven-inning game, allowing two hits and striking out ten batters.

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In game two, Clark Area defeated the 16U Mt. MVP Titans 5-1 in a full seven innings.

After opening to a scoreless two

innings, Clark broke the seal to plate their first run in the bottom of the third. The MVP Titans answered back with a single run in the fourth, but Clark Area closed down the Titans scoring four runs in the fifth to grab the victory 5-1.

Garcia led Clark Area with two runs, while Pommer, Jakob Steen and Labrie each added one run apiece.

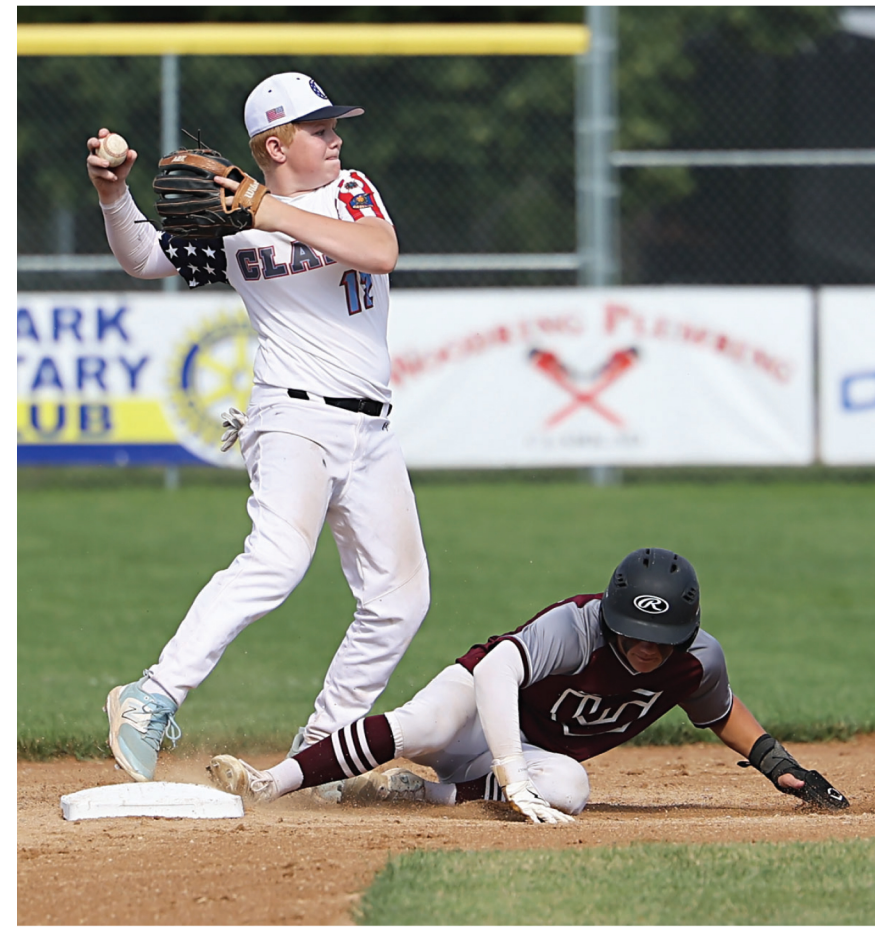
Grantham earned the win on the mound in six innings allowing two hits, one run and one error. Grantham struck out seven batters. Steen added one inning with zero hits, runs and errors with two strikeouts.

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In the championship matchup, Clark Area battled the Tri-Valley Mustangs.

Clark Area struck first, plating a single run in the opening inning to lead 1-0. The Mustangs answered back with a single run of their own in the top of the third inning to tie the game 1-1.

After a scoreless fourth frame, Clark Area bounced ahead scoring two runs to pull ahead 3-1. The



mer pitched a seven-inning game against the Hitmen. Right, Max Bratland manages an out on second base against the Mustangs.

Photos by Heather Jordan and Christina Kannegieter

Clark vs. Redfield 13-0

The Clark Area Jr. Legion baseball team made short order out of Redfield, blanking their opponent 13-0 in just three innings of play on June 17.

Clark area came out of the dugout swinging to open the game 3-0 in the first inning before unleashing a barrage of nine runs to so-

liday the game 13-0 by the end of the third frame holding Redfield scoreless in the outing.

Good things arrived in pairs as Labrie, Steen, Ky Vandersnick and Garcia each plated two runs for Clark Area. Michael Severson, Damian Severson, Grantham, Kannegieter and Deegan Moes each added a single run in the win.

Pitcher Pommer earned the win on the mound allowing zero hits, runs, and errors with three strikeouts.

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Mustangs fought back scoring on a single run in the top of the sixth inning to inch closer with a score of 2-3.

Clark Area cemented the championship scoring on a single run in the bottom of sixth inning to advance 4-2, winning the tournament.

Grantham led Clark Area with two runs and two hits. Hovde and Labrie each added a run.

Josh Kannegieter claimed the pitching win in five innings allowing three hits, one run, one error and struck out eight batters. Steen provided two innings of relief allowing three hits, one run, one error and contributed four strikeouts for the win.

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 18.....	77	56	0.01
June 19.....	80	51	0.01
June 20.....	71	53	0.14
June 21.....	67	54	0.50
June 22.....	72	63	0
June 23.....	83	61	0.71
June 24.....	83	61	0
2024 precipitation to date			12.32"
2023 precipitation to date			7.42"

Cardiac arrest: Maggie Hovde's near death and faith affirming experience

By Tara Knutson

February 20, 2023 started as a regular day for 19-year-old Maggie Hovde. It was President's Day and as a result, she didn't have any college classes scheduled. The Willow Lake Class of 2022 graduate and her friend had just finished eating lunch out in Watertown when her day went from regular to horrible.

While driving away from the restaurant, Maggie went into cardiac arrest during which her heart went into a deadly rhythm. All normal functions of the heart stopped and her organs stopped receiving the necessary oxygen infused blood, causing her to become unresponsive.

Her friend, who was studying to become a nurse, recognized immediately what had happened and pulled the car into a nearby hotel parking lot, where she pulled Maggie out of the car and proceeded to start CPR. A bystander in the parking lot aided by calling 911 and summoning an ambulance.

When the ambulance arrived at

the scene, advanced life support was initiated and she was shocked three times. Her heart was given an electrical shock via pads placed on her chest to try to reset her heart into a life sustaining rhythm. After the third shock, this rhythm was obtained and the oxygen supply to her organs was reestablished. "I remained unconscious though," explained Hovde.

"Some people think I had a heart attack, but a heart attack and cardiac arrest are two different things," she shared. A heart attack occurs when the flow of blood to a portion of the heart muscle is reduced or blocked, often by plaque, leading to damage or death of the cardiac muscle itself. In Hovde's case, it was electrical activity within the heart that caused her to go into arrest. The electrical impulses weren't giving the heart muscles the correct message to maintain an appropriate rhythm.

Hovde had been feeling under the weather prior to the cardiac arrest. "I had lost some weight, was



Maggie Hovde, a 2022 graduate of Willow Lake High School, suffered a cardiac arrest on February 20, 2023.

Photo Courtesy of Maggie Hovde

under a lot of emotional stress and wasn't taking care of myself as I should've been," she explained. "I was more tired than normal and I was handling my stress by running often," she shared. "I had a fainting spell prior to my arrest where I just passed out. So, when my mom, Cheryl Hovde, received a message from a family member that I was in

the hospital emergency room, she initially didn't think it was very serious."

Maggie went on to further explain, "It took a bit for the hospital staff to contact my family due to me not being able to talk to them. My uncle, who works with the Watertown Fire and Rescue, was the first family member to arrive as a support person."

While Cheryl Hovde was driving to Watertown to join her daughter, a nurse called and told her the seriousness of Maggie's condition, prompting Maggie's grandmother to assist Cheryl in driving.

Maggie's father, Mike Hovde, also suffered a cardiac arrest, resulting in his death at 53 years old. When Cheryl walked into the emergency room at Prairie Lakes Hospital, it was like Déjà vu. The same ER bay and the same situation as her late husband's. "I was intubated and didn't look like myself, just like my dad was five years earlier," explained Maggie.

The first night after her arrest

was spent in the intensive care unit at Prairie Lakes Hospital with her family holding vigil at her bedside. "I remained intubated and sedated all night."

Due to a poorly timed blizzard, travel to a higher level of care wasn't possible until February 21, when she was able to fly to Sioux Falls. Once in Sioux Falls, medical staff started to decrease her sedation to evaluate if Maggie could breath on her own and if there was any brain injury as a result of the arrest.

"I didn't do very well with the weaning of sedation. I got pretty wild. It took seven nurses to hold me down because I was pulling out the IVs and breathing tube myself. This was a problem because I needed the tube to maintain my oxygen level - I didn't want to start breathing by myself," she said. "Eventually, I was able to get off the breathing tube. Then, I had to start to mentally understand what had happened. My brain didn't understand that I was in Sioux Falls. I thought I was still in Watertown," explained Mag-

gie.

"It was determined that I was stable enough to be on the general medical floor, so I didn't have to spend the night in the intensive care unit. That night, I had asked mom to lay in bed with me. It was during the night that I had another arrest," she shared. "Mom thought I was having a seizure because none of my monitors were alarming. She ran into the hallway to get the nurse and after they evaluated me, they had to shock me again," Maggie said. "I woke up immediately and I was mad! I remember yelling at the nurses because the shock hurt so bad," she recalled.

"At that point, mom stepped out into the hallway to call my brother and sister to inform them of the change in condition. After the third shock, the medical staff decided I needed to go back to the intensive care unit," Maggie stated. "I had to have another shock in the hallway

Maggie Hovde (continued on page 4)

CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Members: Gayle Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Chad Fjelland, Susan Fjelland, Diane Varilek, Greg Furness, David Warkenthien, Nicole Nelson and student members Raigan Flatten, Lauren Luvaas, Lincoln Reidburn and Yeleiney Ramirez Gonzalez.

Contact one of the members if you need any information on how to apply for a grant.