

## Michael Sanchez appointed Hispanic liaison for city of Clark

A new era of Clark City Council affairs of state has begun with several new members. New Mayor Kerry Kline is joined by councilmen Dennis Larson, chairman, Andrew Zemlicka, vice chairman, Terry Schlagel, Derrick Dohmann, Shane Hagstrom and Nick Dalton.

The June meeting lasted a little over an hour, with fairly routine, summertime business.

Mayor Kline appointed Michael Sanchez as the Hispanic liaison for the community of Clark. With a growing Hispanic population in the area and COVID-19 pandemic very contagious, Sanchez will help interpret and communicate.

Said Sanchez, "It is my pleasure to work with the city of Clark. There are approximately 75 Hispanic people here, mainly working in the pig farm and dairy industry." Sanchez also is a lay minister through the Assembly of God Church.

The Robert Anderson house on the corner of 2nd Ave. NW and Clinton Street was determined by the council to continue with the condemnation process. Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz spoke of this



Michael Sanchez

process and what has transpired to this point. The house has been boarded up.

The swimming pool will open Saturday, June 13. City finance officer Jackie Luttrell shared that the pool will have two managers and nine lifeguards, provided instruction can be done.

Rod Gruenwald was approved to have firework sales within the city limits.

A baling auction for hay ground to the east of Clark was held. No one showed for the baling auction.

Brock Greenfield talked baseball during the public input portion of the meeting. Greenfield spoke of

how the teams are practicing social distancing. He noted that there are 30 kids paying baseball, most of which are 16 years of age, or younger.

The council has appropriated money of Legion team expenses in the past. Greenfield did not request any money at this time but said he could be back at the next meeting if that is the case.

The meeting began with the council acting as a board of adjustment. A variance was approved allowing Agwrx Cooperative (elevator) to park a semi trailer on the southeast corner of the property for storage purposes.

Choose Clark County executive director Kristin Vandersnick updated the council on several areas she has been working on. A housing needs study is being done as well as a potential housing fund opportunity creation. Vandersnick has been writing columns in the Clark County Courier with encouragement for how to support our local economy.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

## Coronavirus and a weekend of race riots

### ▲ CHS 2014 grad Blanca Ramirez succumbs to COVID-19

June is here. The temperature hit 90° on Monday. COVID-19 is still raging and South Dakota has yet to reach the peak, or flatten the curve.

Coronavirus has not ebbed but parlay this pandemic with out of control race riots in almost every major city in America and the outcome could significantly set the country back with this disease.

On May 25, a 46-year old African-American man died in South Minneapolis, Minn. Four policemen were involved with this death including one officer who has been charged with his death. The officer is white and all four policemen have been fired.

Demonstrations and violent protests have gone on in the Twin Cities daily and over the weekend spread to the larger cities in the country and much rioting damage has occurred.

A peaceful protest in Sioux Falls Sunday evening turned violent as several stores at the Empire Mall area were looted. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem called in the National Guard.

### S.D. Coronavirus

Since the middle of March sever-

al new cliches, such as 'these uncertain times' or 'unprecedented' or the 'new normal' have been the latest buzz words/phrases.

The state leaders never issued a stay at home executive order, but Gov. Kristi Noem was very explicit about the seriousness of the disease, how it spreads and what to do to help prevent the spread.

The Governor shut down the school house itself as all schools, public, private and college finished the final nine weeks with digital learning, as social distancing became the norm.

As two and a half months have elapsed since the original shutdown, is the worry over? Things are not back to normal and the numbers have increased. So, no we need to remain worried and vigilant with social distancing, washing our hands and touching our faces.

Monday's COVID-19 test results from the South Dakota Department of Health show there have been more than 5,000 people who have tested positive for the coronavirus in South Dakota throughout the pandemic.

Total positive cases are at 5,034, up 41 from Sunday (4,993). Recov-

eries are at 3,903, 66 more than Sunday (3,837).

Active cases are 1,069, down 25 from Sunday (1,094).

Current hospitalizations are at 87, up from Sunday (86). Total cumulative hospitalizations are at 435, up from Sunday (432).

Negative tests are at 40,627, up

### Coronavirus (continued on page 4)

#### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 26 .....	64	56	.02
May 27 .....	73	55	0
May 28 .....	82	57	.01
May 29 .....	72	46	0
May 30 .....	66	46	0
May 31 .....	70	51	0
June 1 .....	--	--	--
2020 precipitation to date			5.12
2019 precipitation to date			11.95



Rich Foster and Jason Foster of the Garden City area wrangle the first set of triplets they've ever had in their Registered Simmental herd. Born to a third time mother who had them on her own and attended to all three, one weighed 30 lbs. and the other two

came in at 35 lbs.

The smallest, Harriet is aggressive and feisty for her size it was reported. From left to right, the calves have been named Howard, Henry and Harriet.

## Triplet calves born at the Foster Ranch

Howard, Henry and Harriet arrived this spring southwest of Garden City on the Foster Simmental Ranch.

The triplet calves were born recently to a third time mother on the farmstead of Rich and Amanda Foster.

Rich and his wife Amanda and Jason Foster and Ashley Foyt have cattle together on the Foster Ranch, with a majority of the cows being Jason's with a 70-30 ratio between the two. They raise registered Simmentals.

It was Jason's cow who had the calves but it used to be one of Rich's is the history of the cow.

They started calving in February and this birth was one of the stragglers at the end of their season.

"While feeding away we noticed

the tail out and thought she's calving. Then I looked again and again and again," stated Rich Foster. "Then she was cleaning all three of them. She had them all on her own, too."

Harriett is the smallest of the three but is the most aggressive and feisty explained Foster.

"She's small but feisty. She can walk under her mother and still have eight inches to spare of space between her back and her mother's stomach. Harriett weighed 30 lbs. and the others weigh approximately 35 lbs. each."

Harriet, being the smallest is kept on her mother while the other two are being supplemented.

"My mother Joyce came to the conclusion that there were two eggs and one egg split for the explana-

tion of two black calves and one black/white face calf," noted Foster. "The B/W face is named Harry. 'I've never had triplet calves before, although we've had four sets of twins this year," continued Foster.

"This is the tail end of our late bloomers. Our cows got a little thin last year with the grass staying green longer. More water in the grass means less nutrients, so their health coming into this spring wasn't 100 percent as usual. Everybody had problems to a degree.

"Even with some health issues, this calving season is 20 times better than last spring and is going pretty good. We lost cows and calves last spring with our weather conditions."

Triplet calves (continued on page 6)

## What you didn't see... We didn't photograph

The Clark County Courier is missing pictures. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, every week some key pictures just aren't in the paper. SORRY.

For next week it would be Clark County Historical Society Heritage Day.

This week would have had the State Track Meet photos. With some of the running talent coach Dan Whalen had coming out, there surely would have been some state qualifiers. And, maybe state placemen.

No graduation pictures, yet. Hopefully the month of July will see the three area school graduations. Plus, Prom could happen as well. Prom pictures are always so colorful and easy on the eyes.

No Legion Auxiliary Awards. No Ladies Bowling Banquet. No

end of year school award pictures, including National Honor Society and junior high awards. No golf pictures. No girls track pictures. No class play pictures.

The Willow Lake Alumni Banquet is held on Memorial Day weekend. It didn't happen. There usually are six to eight classes featured.

No school end of year field trips. Or play day. Or clean-up day.

No FFA Awards Banquet at either school. No FFA Little I state event.

No FCCLA state event or banquet. No regional music contests.

No Arbor Day. No spelling contest.

This list isn't all-inclusive by any stretch of the imagination - you get the picture...but we didn't!



## Outdoor summer activities have begun


As many communities across the state and the country decide how to handle outdoor sports such as swimming, golf and baseball/softball, there will be all of the above in Clark this summer.

COVID-19 is the culprit of many activities being canceled and postponed this summer.

In Clark, the swimming pool will open June 13, baseball has started

and the golf course has been active. If you are interested in playing in the Clark Calcutta, July 10-12, sign your name up at the golf club.

Above, Clark Junior Legion team members take the tarp off the pitching mound last week. Baseball players spent all morning Friday getting the field ready for last weekend's games. Coach Brock Greenfield is on the right and coach Chris Bokinskie is in the middle.



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