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**Congratulations Mackenzie and Tyson on your State Track Championship Titles!**



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## Summer time activities and events dominate discussions at City Hall

Summer is upon us and many discussions and decisions at the June meeting of the Clark City Council dealt with summer-time related activities.

The Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool is up and running and early June weather can be cool, or hot, depending upon weather patterns. The forecast for this week is highs in the mid-70's, not ideal swimming pool conditions, but water superintendent Darin Altfillisch told the council, "the pool is up and running". Lonna DesLauriers is the manager at the pool.

A year ago police chief Jeremy Wellnitz, at the June meeting was

talking abatements. This year the topic was animal complaints. "There were eight animal complaints in May and it seems to be getting worse, not better," said Wellnitz. Wellnitz also talked about storm sirens, as they have been blowing fuses and not working lately. "I think we have a bad charger," said Wellnitz and he added that the sirens should be up and running shortly and will be tested every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

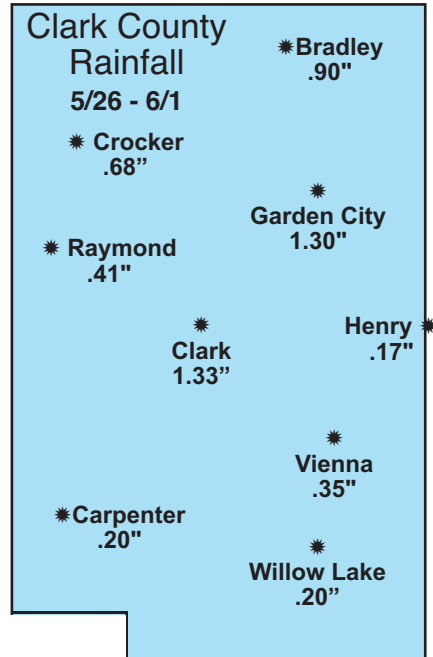
The May police report: Calls for service - 102 including 31 traffic stops and eight animal complaints; 1,036 total miles traveled; 14 citations were issued with eight being

for speeding.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell, in her employee update section, stated that she has been running the golf course since manager Nicole Sandve left about a week ago. The council approved the allowing of the golf board and Luttrell to hire help at the golf course, as needed. The golf board is a seven-member board.

A 14-minute executive session was held following the public portion of the council meeting, but no

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## Clark Area Relay for Life set for June 12

Clark County's Relay for Life marks its 19th annual run on Friday, June 12, 2015. The theme for this year is "Relay through the decades".

The Relay for Life site will again be on Main (Commercial) Street in Clark and at the American Legion building. Opening ceremony is slated for 6:00 p.m.



The luminary 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 or loved one in the name of a cancer victim or survivor. The "Fight Back" ceremony begins at 10:30 p.m.

## Good Hope Church to celebrate 125 years on June 14, 2015

The Good Hope Lutheran Church plans to celebrate its 125th Anniversary Sunday, June 14.

The church is located nine miles south and four and 3/4 miles east of Clark. Good Hope Church is the oldest operating Lutheran church in Clark County and will celebrate 125 years of ministry on the prairie with worship services at 10:30 a.m. on June 14 with a dinner to follow.

The congregation was organized December 13, 1890 with 11 charter members and the building has stood firmly on its foundation since 1894. It was originally built in 1892 but a tornado came along to take the church building off its foundation so the necessary repairs were made at the time.

Wayne Torper and his children Monte and Pam are the only current members who are descendants of a charter member. Wayne's grandfather, Anton M. Torper, his great uncles Einar Torper and John Torper were charter members.

For much of its early history, Nor-



Good Hope Lutheran Church

wegian was used as the language of worship at Good Hope, but in 1919 the congregation voted to use English for one-third of the worship

services. During the summer of 1945, the Sunday School room and

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Breanna Helkenn, 10-year old daughter of Ryan and Heather Helkenn of Raymond is shown holding Marvin on their farm near Raymond. 'Marvin' was born 40 days ago and still only weighs 50 lbs. as he was hard-

## "Marvelous Marvin - the Miracle Calf"

Little 'Marvin' the bottle fed calf came into the world 40 days ago at only 30 lbs. or so. Born on the farm of Ryan and Heather Helkenn who raise Angus and Black Whiteface cattle along with Ryan's brother Randy and Ryan's son Austin, little Marvin is coming along and is up to about 50 lbs. now. Shown above with 10-year old Breanna Helkenn, he's probably on his way to becoming a family pet for a while. "He was about the size of a big jackrabbit when he was born," said Ryan.

ly 30 lbs. at birth. "We didn't think he would make it, he was so little," said Ryan Helkenn of the Black Whiteface calf.

"You could carry him like a football. He didn't eat right away. We didn't think he was going to make it. For a while he was 'starvin' Marvin. He wasn't big enough to even be able to nurse. He wasn't born early or one of those freak things that happen sometimes. He's doing okay now, though."

The Helkenns are pretty much done calving for the year with only 15 cows left to go this spring with 180 on the ground.

## Several long-time fire fighters retire from Clark volunteer fire department

Retirement plaques were awarded recently to outgoing members of the Clark Fire Department: Merlyn Ritter, Greg Overby, Tom Wookey and John Dallman.

Ritter started with the department in 1988, being asked by George Holmes to join the group. He served as Fire Chief for four years altogether.

Ritter served on the department while also working at his business that he owned for the last 35 years in Clark, Ritters Repair. He and his wife Marie currently own and manage Clark Storage and Tasty Trolley Treats. The couple has four children.

Changes that Ritter has seen over the years is the advance of newer and better fire equipment and that the department president handles the meetings. "The department went fire chief to fire chief to

Fire fighters  
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Shown above are Greg Overby, Tyler Lamb, Merlyn Ritter and Jeff Seefeldt, members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department. Overby and Ritter are holding honorary plaques awarded to them as they are now retired after many years with the Clark Fire Department. Tom Wookey and John Dallman also retired but are not pictured with the group.

## After knowing what he has dealt with, Tyson Jenkins' accomplishments are astounding!!



What's this, basketball in June? Tyson Jenkins scored 1,070 points and pulled down 525 rebounds for the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones. Jenkins was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at age nine. Next year he will be playing basketball for the Dakota Wesleyan University Tigers. This photo was taken in the opening round game of the 2015 SD Class A tournament.

Tyson Jenkins won the Class A South Dakota Shot Put championship Friday, with a toss of 55' 4.5". It was a personal best. Winning the shot put places Jenkins in a very elite grouping, as he now adds this accomplishment to being a two-time basketball first team All-Stater and an All-State football player.

The 2015 Clark High School graduate will be taking his athletic talents to Dakota Wesleyan University in the fall where he has signed on to play basketball with the Tigers.

The aforementioned athletic accomplishments are tremendous but Jenkins goes to even more "rarefied air" as he achieved this coping with Type I diabetes, since age nine.

Jenkins has the reputation of being a very nice, personable young man. "If my blood sugar is under control, he said of his being in an affable mood. "All the coaches I've had know exactly where my blood sugar is at; if the blood sugar is too high, I'm too intense; if the blood sugar is too low, I'm lackadaisical."

It is a story in itself how Jenkins, whether it be football or basketball, would have to monitor his blood sugar. "If it was too low you would see me gulping Gatorade®. If it

was too high, my parents would fix up an insulin shot," he said.

Cyclone boys basketball coach Jerome Nesheim summed it up nicely, commenting, "Trying to be an All-State caliber athlete is extremely challenging and takes a lot of dedication and huge commitment. To do that and have diabetes makes it twice as hard. You are constantly dealing with high and low blood sugars, during workouts, practices and games. Tyson made a commitment to be one of the best players in the state and he didn't let his diabetes be an obstacle that was going to stop him. It was just going to be a part of his life, for the rest of his life. It was something he was constantly checking, before games, at half time and at the end of games. With adrenaline that comes with playing athletes and playing big games, it made it harder to maintain a good blood sugar level."

The 6' 6" Jenkins goes through life wearing a diabetic (insulin) pump. It acts like a normal pancreas. "When playing sports I don't wear the pump, so I need insulin shots at half time," he stated and said that when he has had a bad reaction it's usually when he's sleeping.

"My parents have been very, very supportive." Tyson's parents are Todd and Brenda Jenkins, both long-time Clark High School instructors. "They are always there for me. My mom tests my blood during the night, about 3:00 a.m. and my dad checks it before he goes to work out at 6:00 a.m." said Jenkins and as he takes his game to a new level he knows there will be trials and tribulations being away from home, at D.W.U. where he will major in nursing.

"My career goal is to be a Registered Nurse, as I'm very familiar with needles and hospital time." Jenkins' experience will help him show people what they can do and what they cannot do.

### Diabetes

Half way through third grade, when Tyson was nine, he had to leave the classroom every 15 minutes to use the bathroom. "It didn't take long before the doctors were telling me I was a diabetic," said Jenkins. "The cool thing was that all the elementary classes sent me a whole bunch of cards."

From that point forward Jenkins knows what it means to be on a schedule. Every morning he checks his blood by pricking his finger.

"My favorite place is my pinky and ring finger of my right hand."

Blood sugar needs to be between 80-150 and Jenkins said that 120 is best. "When I'm doing sports, I like my blood sugar around 180. I always eat the same thing before each ballgame. It's a mini-pizza for basketball and for football it was important to have a meal with the same amount of carbs, each game."

"I'm not going to let this disease hold me back and that's my advice to others. I'll admit it was pretty tough when I first began, but now rather than letting it get me down,

Jenkins  
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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 26	68	52	0
May 27	78	55	0
May 28	80	57	1.33
May 29	60	38	.03
May 30	55	37	0
May 31	60	43	tr
June 1	74	52	0
2015 precipitation to date 6.65"			
2014 precipitation to date 7.07"			