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## Woman in custody after stealing tractor

Friday morning, at 10:00 a.m., the Clark County Sheriff's office received a report of a gas drive off in Henry. The sheriff's office located the vehicle, the sheriff attempted to stop the vehicle in the city of Clark, it did not yield to his emergency lights. A vehicle collision occurred

with another motorist, the collision caused the fleeing vehicle to enter the ditch the driver fled on foot. A search was completed of the area with area law enforcement. Enforcement efforts did not locate the driver of the vehicle. At approximately 5:50 p.m. the

police department received information that a tractor was being driven west of Clark a couple miles with a female matching the description given in an earlier post. Law enforcement responded to the

**Woman in custody**  
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## City passes medical marijuana ordinance

A special meeting of the Clark City Council was held Monday, June 28. The main agenda item dealt with the second reading of Temporary Ordinance #566, regarding medical cannabis.

This ordinance #566 was passed unanimously by the council.

Council members present Monday were Nick Dalton, Shane Hagstrom, Brandon Kottke and Derrick Dohmann along with Mayor Kerry Kline and finance officer Alaina Wellnitz. Absent were council members Andrew Zemlicka and Melissa Nesheim and city attorney Chad Fjelland.

Fireworks will be shot off at dusk on Sunday, July 4 at the city dumpgrounds, located next to the municipal golf course.

No burn ban was adopted or initiated at Monday's meeting. Water restrictions were put in place at the June 21 meeting and remain in place for all watering within the city limits of Clark.

Next regular council meeting is Wednesday, July 7.



As of September 1, 2021, Dekker Hardware will become Clark Ace Hardware. New owners Alfredo and Shannon Garduno and son Kason are shown with Pam Dekker, owner of Dekker Hardware. Not pictured is Ashley Garduno.

Dekker purchased the hardware store from H.T. Desnoyers, whose family owned the hardware store for over 100 years. This quartet shows off the gold-plated coins, a tradition of Desnoyers, one that received near and far acclaim.

## Clark Ace Hardware will open September 1, 2021

Alfredo and Shannon Garduno, Webster, have purchased Dekker Hardware from owner Pam Dekker. Clark Ace Hardware will open September 1, 2021.

wish good luck to Alfredo and Shannon. When Henry (Desnoyers) was sick, he told me that I had to save the hardware store. That is how I feel. That would be you," she said to Alfredo and Shannon Garduno.

nails in his diaper'. "My grandfather started a store in Mexico City close to 100 years ago. My dad took over and then my brother owned the store after my dad had passed away," said Alfredo. This all happened 24 days after he bought the Webster store.

Alfredo is a third generation hardware store owner. "Hardware business is in my blood," said Alfredo and his brother's favorite story from long ago is 'that Alfredo had

Alfredo and Shannon were working

**Clark Ace Hardware**  
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It is well documented how dry South Dakota has been in 2021. It is interesting, in Clark, that 2021 rain precipitation numbers are pretty comparable to 2020 rain numbers.

derstatement. This cornfield along N. Idaho Street at the northern edge of Clark is definitely knee-high and looks good after weekend showers.

That means that timely rains are more important than ever this summer. Sixty-eight hundredths of an inch of rain fell in Clark over the weekend, but to say that the rain was spotty throughout, would be an un-

'Children of the Corn' 2021, are Chris and Melody Bokinskie's four girls, from left to right, Kiara, 16; Mila, 2; Anakalia, 6 and Payton, 10.

## Most corn is knee-high before the Fourth of July

It seems that advances in agricultural practices have made knee-high-by-the-Fourth-of-July corn a typical event, if not an expected outcome.

cultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 39% very short, 49% short, 12% adequate and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 34% very short, 50% short, 16% adequate, and 0% surplus.

5% good, and 0% excellent. Spring wheat headed was 64%, well ahead of 41% last year, and ahead of 46% average.

This year, because of the excessive dryness, one wondered if the corn would be looking good like usual. This corn, surrounding the Bokinskie girls, on the north end of Clark is good looking corn at this point, over knee-high in height.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 14% poor, 49% fair, 33% good, and 1% excellent.

Oats condition rated 8% very poor, 26% poor, 44% fair, 22% good, and 0% excellent. Oats headed was 74%, well ahead of 49% last year and 53% average.

There was rain in Clark County over the weekend, but very, very spotty in nature. Clark received officially .68" of rain and 10 miles away in several directions, over an inch or more of rain was reported. The opposite is true as well as some producers, in Clark County received less than .25".

Soybean condition rated 3% very poor, 11% poor, 53% fair, 32% good, and 1% excellent. Soybeans emerged was 97%, near 93% last year, and ahead of 85% for the five-year average. Blooming was 3%, near 2% last year and 1% average.

**Knee-high corn**  
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According to South Dakota crop progress and condition: Up to this week of June, 2021, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agri-

Winter wheat condition rated 23% very poor, 31% poor, 34% fair, 12% good, and 0% excellent. Winter wheat headed was 94%, near 91% last year, and ahead of 89% average.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
June 22.....	69	50	0
June 23.....	81	52	0
June 24.....	95	62	0
June 25.....	85	62	0
June 26.....	80	61	0
June 27.....	78	60	.31
June 28.....	85	60	.37
2021 precipitation to date	8.78		
2020 precipitation to date	9.09		

## Ken Bell has turned the west edge of Clark into an outdoor art museum

Ken Bell gets a kick out of it when he's out working west of town in his field of sculptures and he'll see people drive by and they take a double take or jerk their head towards the north to take a better look.

five feet. From the side all are at a definite slant, but looking from the east side - they appear more straight up and down.

Ken Bell's latest creation is just to the right of his "parade" of Ford LTD's from the mid 70s, all in red and white. On 40 acres he bought from Elwood Resick many years ago, the field has turned into a field of sculptures that amaze passers by along U.S. Highway 212 west of Clark.

Nowadays he's out there working on covering up the big cement pieces that are to the north of the old railroad grade. They are pieces of old U.S. Highway 212 when it was replaced back in the 1980s.

'Karen' and the gang "The Parade" catches a lot of eyes with 10 matching (now, thanks to red and white paint) Ford LTD's from years 1975-1976 with the same body styles.

For those who haven't counted lately and for many it's been a game to count and see what he's up to now - the number is 10 of them. The original one named "Karen" is in the center of the pack in the middle on the left. It is named Karen after his daughter who hated that car when in high school said Bell. She would get teased for driving such a big tank of a car at the time. It was her daily driver and after being hung up in the field, it was left there. And then it got 'more friends'.

Some will call it old junk but for the creative minds - maybe it has potential to be artwork.

The car that came the farthest was from Kansas City, but others came from Turton, Clark, Crocker and other areas as word got around about the LTD collection in the field. The cars have been moved back three times over the years as

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"I like to make people think," says Bell of his art in the 40 acre field on the outskirts of Clark.

Every mind sees things differently he continues and all maybe see something different in each piece or grouping.

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The most recent in this photo is a train-like creation made from electrical spools and grain bin roof parts and the culvert pieces - snake in the grass - see its eyes on the bottom left?

**Bell**  
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