



Summer is a busy time for city councils

As June is here and along with it comes summer-like weather, which has been missing to this point, it helped give the June meeting of the Clark City Council, a summer-like feel. Most of the topics and discussions dealt with summer items, such as street maintenance, the swimming pool, summer recreation and the like.

Public Input was active, with two members of the Clark County Riders showing appreciation of the city getting ready for this weekend's 37th annual event to be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Bob Babcock and Brandon Smidt of Helms Associates engineering firm out of Aberdeen talked to the council about a potential water study in Clark. The council agreed to their proposal of, not to exceed \$2,500, to do this water study. A study was done in 2009. This 2019 study will look at water main replacement, water tower upgrades, hydrants, house pressure spigots and flow testing.

Don Greenfield was again approved to sell fireworks in the building on Commercial Street which was the former Chamber owned building.

Greg Janisch, chairman of the Choose Clark County Economic Board of Development, reported to the mayor and council of the group's activities. The economic board is meeting every two weeks and hoping to get an executive director on board by late summer. Said Janisch, "We are taking progressive steps to do it right."

N. Commercial St.

At the north end of Clark, North Commercial Street is crumbling and pretty 'beat up'. Police chief Jeremy Wellnitz and lead city maintenance worker Darin Altfillisch talked about what can be done so large vehicles use either Cloud or Smith Street.

"Common sense is needed here," said Altfillisch and Wellnitz and the two will be meeting this week to see if signage is the answer, or a special meeting to limit to 10,000 lbs. on city streets, or no tandem axle loads on this road.

The city will be deciding quickly what would be the best answer. In the meantime, residents and all drivers are asked to keep heavy vehicles off of N. Commercial and use either N. Cloud St. or N. Smith St.

Refuse site

The Clark dump was the next topic of conversation and talk turned to why there will no longer be free dump days in the future. "The intentions are good," said Mayor John Pollock, but too many things that aren't allowed at the refuse site are ending up there. A refrigerator with dead meat and freon was stated as a prime example. Larger dumpsters will be provided for dump manager Fred Rosenau.

Sump Pumps

Frustration is high within the city council and mayor's office as to the abuse of residents with their sump pumps hooked up to the city sewer system. Even with a new sewage filtration plant, water/sewer tables are high and evaporation

is slow and the water in the sewer system just keeps on coming.

The city does have a sump pump ordinance in effect and is looking at the enforcement protocol in all areas of the city, regarding sump pump flow.

In other business:

▲ After a 15 minute executive session for personnel discussion, city employee Tyler Silkman's salary was increased to \$21.00 an hour from \$18.31 an hour. This was a 4-1 vote, with Brian Cook voting no.

▲ Eric Brush has been hired by the city as a full time maintenance worker.

▲ Filling of the swimming pool is starting tomorrow with June 14/15 as the possible opening date. The kiddie pool will be functional at that time also.

▲ Finance officer Jackie Luttrell reported that the Greater Clark Area Foundation has donated \$5,000 for new windows at the city

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 28	64	49	0
May 29	66	49	0
May 30	76	51	0
May 31	84	61	0
June 1	85	50	.17
June 2	85	50	0
June 3	75	55	0
2019 precipitation to date	11.95		
2018 precipitation to date	4.75		

Heritage Day is, Sunday June 9 at Museum Complex

Heritage Day, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society, will be Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Beauvais Heritage Complex.

The buildings on the grounds will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday with full tours available in all of the buildings. Historical Society president Greg Furness noted that a lot of new items have been gifted to the museum over the past year. Work is continuing on the Beauvais home but it will be open for viewing with most rooms available to the public.

There will be a pie social beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the lunch stand in the Machine Shed building behind the Clark House.

At 2:00 p.m. there will be a program in the Crandall Community Historic Church. This year's program will feature Dr. Lloyd Petersen giving a presentation on the Civil War. Furness stated that Dr. Petersen is well known in southwest Minnesota for doing programs in schools, museums, nursing homes, senior centers and serving on civil war panels.

Dr. Petersen has taught on just about all levels from junior high, high school, university and for SM-SU's Gold College (a college for any adult with no grades, no required readings, no tests). He has helped lead civil war tours as well as international tours. He earned his

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Dr. Lloyd Petersen

Governor Samuel Elrod to have statue unveiled on June 14

A life-size bronze statue of Gov. Samuel Elrod will be unveiled at 10 a.m. on June 14, 2019, in Pierre at the Capitol Rotunda in honor of this leader who adopted Clark, S.D. as his home.

The Clark County Historical Society donated \$2,000 towards the making of the statue. In addition the Historical Society is taking a 50 passenger Duenwald bus to Pierre for the unveiling that day.

Elrod's statue is being sculpted by artist James Van Nuys of Rapid City and exactly what this bronze will look like is a mystery until Flag Day in Pierre. Elrod's statue will be added to 22 bronzes on the Trail of Governors in the capital city.

Along with Elrod, statues of Govs. Archie Gubbrud and Dennis Dau-

gaard will also be unveiled on June 14 and join the trail that winds its way from the shores of the Missouri River through downtown Pierre and around the Capitol grounds. Gov. Kristie Noem is scheduled to be part of this historic unveiling in the Capitol.

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Elrod adopts Clark and South Dakota adopts him

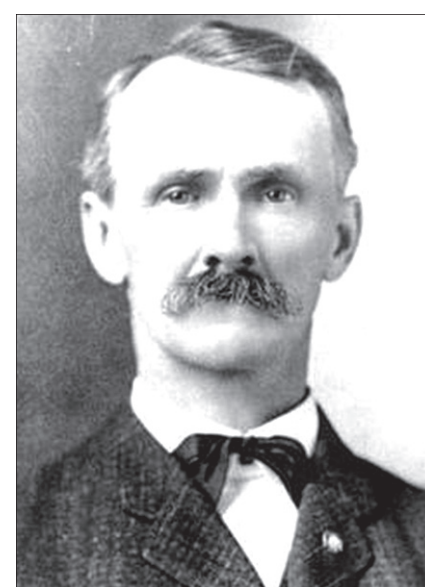
Gov. Samuel Elrod lived in Clark over a century and a score of years ago and is the only Clark County resident to be elected governor of

South Dakota.

This biographical sketch of the state's fifth governor shows just what a remarkable man and leader he was. Enjoy the trivia at the end of the article.

Samuel Elrod was a South Dakotan during a time of distrust between the state's Republicans known as the conservatives or Stalwarts, and the Progressives.

Going into the state's Republican Convention of 1904 in Sioux Falls, it looked as though the Republican candidate for governor would be either Elrod representing the Stalwarts, or Coe Crawford a Progressive. Crawford campaigned against Stalwart "boss" Alfred Kittredge, accusing him of being in cahoots with the railroads, the oil and the



Samuel H. Elrod

insurance companies - powerhouses of the early 1900s. Despite this drama, Elrod emerged, securing the Republican nomination with his conservative brand of Republican leadership. Elrod went on to defeat Democrat candidate Louis Crill by about 30,000 votes in the general election.

Elrod's family hailed from Indiana where he was raised and received his law degree. Elrod worked at farming, waiting tables, cleaning floors, sorting mail, and helping at his father's sawmill to fund his school and living expenses.

While reading a college publication, Elrod was intrigued by a fellow Indiana college graduate who had been appointed as a government land agent for Dakota Terri-

tory. Elrod wrote to this fraternity brother asking about opportunities in Dakota Territory for a young attorney. That frat brother and attorney, Arthur Mellette - who would become South Dakota's last territorial governor and first state governor - wrote back inviting Elrod to join him in Watertown. Elrod was immediately put to work upon arriving at Mellette's office and days later, was admitted to practice law in Dakota Territory. Mellette and Elrod became life-long friends.

Elrod's formal introduction to Clark came about due to a schedule conflict. Mellette accepted an invitation to give a July 4th address in

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Senior Feature

Julia Maas has spent her entire life in Clark County

"Horseback riding was my fun - I was always on a horse," stated Julia Maas of her young years growing up in Warren Township in Clark County. She was delivered by midwife Ruth Wiley on August 12, 1928 on their farm between Raymond and Crocker. Her parents were Jacob and Bessie (Hutchinson) Lederman.

Her father was from Switzerland who came to America when he was 14 years old. He was sponsored by his uncle and worked for him for three years to pay for his passage overseas after which he earned his own farm. A bout with typhoid fever from drinking directly from the stock tank under the windmill on the farm ended him up in the Rochester Hospital for a time. Julia's grandparents from Switzerland she never did meet, but recalls her grandma's name being Anna. In later years Julia's father brought over two sisters and one brother from Switzerland, Ida, Anna and Fred.

Julia's mother's family John David and Sylvia Hutchinson were of Dutch and English descent and lived in Crandall and later Florida. Julia's mother worked at the Crandall Hotel when she was in high school.

"Crandall was a bigger town when the railroad started up. There was a side track turn around for the train in Crandall so a hotel was needed for those staying over. We always went to Crandall for shopping," recalled Maas.

Her grandfather John David was a captain in the Civil War for the Union Army in his younger years she was told.

Farm life

Julia's siblings were Fred, Louie, Ida, Charlotte, LeRoy or 'Lee' with Julia being the youngest. Her sister Charlotte died when very young.

"My older brother Freddie was 14 years older than me and I was always by Freddie," recalls Maas. "He always protected me. When I got into trouble I always ran to Freddie to protect me from a spanking."

When she was young and climbed up the windmill and walked around the platform and came down again - she did however get in trouble for that escapade.

Julia attended the Sunbeam Country School. "I had eight different teachers in eight years. They'd start at the Sunbeam School in the hills then move on to the Sunshine Country School in the valley it seemed. The Sunshine School still stands along the Raymond oil a few miles from US Highway 20. Our first grade teacher would sometimes take us to her house so we could hear "Grandpa Coats" war stories and Indian stories. He was in the Civil War and died shortly after our story times."



Julia Rose Lederman Maas has lived in Clark County her entire life. The last 25 years she has spent in the town of Crocker. She is shown in her front yard in front of her recent Mother's Day gifts of a wooden eagle and new flag. Maas enjoys the outdoors and is just starting another season of flowers and gardening. Julia and her late husband Floyd spent 67 years together raising four children. She now has eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Julia was four years younger than Lee and the two always rode horse to school together. After he graduated from the eighth grade, Julia walked most days. "I would get cold sitting in the saddle but I never got cold when I walked," she recalls her reasoning. "I've always enjoyed walking. My morning breakfast would be a cup of coffee most days I remember before going to school. For dinner a lot of us would put potatoes in the ash pan of the furnace to cook at school."

"We played a lot of baseball at recess when nice out and slid down hills

Maas

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New baseball scoreboard is up

If one has been to a baseball game at Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park, in Clark, the new scoreboard in right - center field is very visible.

The scoreboard should be working within the week. Legion/Teen-er coach Chris Bokinskie helped make this scoreboard possible with much community support and help.

Notice the ball is blocking the n in 'runs', just before Clark Trader center fielder Brent Griffith makes the catch.