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## Top of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 28 .....	72	52	0
May 29 .....	71	56	.21
May 30 .....	73	52	tr
May 31 .....	59	46	.69
June 1 .....	52	42	.04
June 2 .....	61	42	0
June 3 .....	66	47	.11
2013 precipitation to date	8.11"		
2012 precipitation to date	10.23"		

### New Field House hours are announced

Summer Field House hours have been announced and are in affect. The Field House will be open to the public, Monday through Friday, at 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Saturday morning time of 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. remains the same.

### Clark Area Relay for Life will be Friday

Clark will host Clark County's Relay for Life's 17th annual event this Friday, June 7. The theme for this year is "Teaming up for a Cure".

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

The luminary "Remember" ceremony begins at 9:30 p.m. The evening will close with the "Fight Back" ceremony at 10:30 p.m.

### Heritage Day is Sunday at Complex

Heritage Day, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society, will be Sunday, June 9, 2013 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. There will be a pie and ice cream social at the lunch stand on the grounds with outdoor seating available.

At 2:00 p.m. there will be a program in the Crandall Community Historic Church. This year's program, sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council, will feature Dr. Barbara Johnson, an independent scholar from Aberdeen. She recently hosted a one hour special on South Dakota Public television entitled - Light of the Prairie, Stained Glass in South Dakota.

### Clark School Board needs new member

As one reads the Clark School Board Agenda on page five of this edition, one would note the resignation of board president Michelle Mehlberg.

When Mehlberg was contacted by the Courier office, she stated, "Due to circumstances beyond my control I will not have the time to commit to being an effective and informed school board member for the next several months. I feel that it is in the best interest of the students and voters of the district for me to step aside and have someone appointed who will have the time to devote to the position. I appreciated the opportunity to serve the district."

At the June meeting of the Clark School Board this coming Monday, the board will begin the process of finding Mehlberg's replacement.

## Clark County commissioners talk possible broadcast of meetings

Political correctness and openness of government are two 'buzz words' or trends of the new millennium.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners a group of concerned citizens from the northern parts of the county were in attendance to talk about just this matter...Their right to know!

"It's hard to argue against openness," commented Clark County States Attorney Chad Fjelland as the subject was how can everyone in the county know what's going on at the commissioners meeting.

Greg Anderson was the spokesperson for the group and he is a proponent of using ITC Community access Channels as the route to broadcast commissioner meetings to all ITC subscribers.

"I think it would be good for our county, as it would be a live feed of commissioner's meetings," said Anderson.

Clark County Board of Commissioners chairman Francis Hass then asked the commissioners their thoughts on this matter.

Commissioner Richard Reints, when he was asked, commented "My only problem is that not everyone in the county has the ability to get ITC, I don't." Commissioner Violet Wicks said that she can't get

ITC where she lives.

Becky Caulfield, Bradley, brought up a relevant thought, telling the commissioners that when there is a meeting, she can't protest, because she finds out about the issues two weeks after the fact when the minutes are posted in the paper. "That's the only way I can find out what's going on," she said.

Clark County Courier editor Bill Krikac stated that one of his biggest regrets is a Tuesday deadline with a Tuesday commissioner meeting. "Deadlines don't wait and some times decisions aren't made until after I have to get a paper out," Krikac said. He has for a long time hoped to hire someone to cover the Tuesday meetings. "That would really be nice, but it just hasn't happened."

States Attorney Fjelland said that an agenda could be published and better yet emailed, to those who wanted.

Susan Olson added that she really liked the idea of ITC live coverage. "I think that would be a step in the right direction."

Caulfield added that the concerned citizens group was there to try to get communications flowing.

The commissioners said they would look into the ITC Community Access Channels route.

## Short agenda, long meeting Monday at Clark City Hall

It was a long meeting with a short agenda Monday at City Hall. The June meeting of the Clark City Council lasted over an hour and a half, dealing primarily with the public input and departmental updates portion of the meeting.

The first public input topic was the ball field at Dickinson Park: Clark Rotary Club representative Tom LaBrie shared with the council what improvements are planned and how these improvements are progressing. The fence banners are up and help enhance the cosmetic value of the baseball/football field and also help finance improvements.

The Rotarians are spending the summer organizing and getting 'stuff' together, as most improvements, including the stadium seating project, will be done after the

baseball season is over. LaBrie stated that sidewalks to the restrooms are needed and that the side bleachers will probably come out.

The one exception to after the season upgrades is that goose grass on the infield will be replaced and low spots will be worked on and the field will be fertilized, aerated and fungicide will be applied.

Legion baseball coach Brock Greenfield was next and he summarized the financial state of affairs of his baseball team. Greenfield said that the Clark Legion Post agreed to give the team \$500 for the season.

Greenfield then explained that the team of 16 will play approximately 40 games this summer with players from several communities and will be called Clark-Willow



## If the weather cooperates... swimming pool is to be painted

The Horace Bennett Swimming Pool is being sanded and painted this week, maybe?!? Clark water superintendent Darin Altfillisch reported that temperature regulations require that the temperature needs to be in the 70° area before painting can take place.

It then takes time for the paint to dry and to 'cure' the paint and then another seven days to fill the pool with water. It could be the middle of June before the swimming pool doors are opened.

If the weather cooperates this week the swimming pool will be painted. If Mother Nature does not cooperate, then...

Above, lifeguards left to right, Morgan Huber, Kalli Bell, Kandace Kolden and Mackenzie Huber are painting the inside area.

Will the outside get painted in 2013? We will know by this time next week.

### Senior Features of 2013

## From the Navy to building Fort Randall, Lowell Pederson has always liked to travel



"I miss the good ole days 'in a way'," says Lowell Pederson of rural Clark. Born in Clark County, he's always liked to travel, but always came back to farm. "If you get a chance to travel, go out and enjoy it as there is a lot to see in this country," advises Pederson.

"I've had a real good life," says Lowell Pederson with a grin. "I've always liked to travel. I'd be the one who would take off and do odd jobs in the winter, while my brother would stay home on the farm."

Lowell was born on May 9, 1929 on a farm south and east of Clark. "My older brother said he and dad had gone out working and when they came back, I was lying on the oven door," laughs Pederson. He

was the second to the youngest child in a family of nine children. Gladys, Thelma, Hazel, Leonard, Myrtle, Oliver 'Wayne', Janice, Lowell and Walter were born to Hendie (H.O.) and Christine (Aaker) Pederson. "Back then everyone had bigger families. There was always a lot to do on the farm and everyone was needed to help out," stated Pederson.

His father was a farmer by trade, but in earlier years ran a hardware store in Flandreau. According to Lowell, his father was a hard working farmer and his mother was 'the best person you'd ever meet'. He doesn't remember his grandparents, but knows the names are Tollef and Ingeborg (Blinsmon) Pederson on his father's side and both sets of grandparents were Norwegian.

### Growing up near Clark

"Growing up we always had so doggone much work to do, there wasn't time for playing on the farm in the summers. On Sundays though, the neighbor kids would come over and we'd get a baseball or kittenball game going. The Kar-

North Idaho Street in Clark has remained unoccupied the past seven years. Altfillisch and Krikac have appeared in front of the council before talking about this issue.

Mayor Larry Dreher said he was very aware of the situation, had toured the property with various council members and city employees and will see what options are available to alleviate this situation and attempt to get results, in an appropriate matter of time. And, the city health inspector, Joie Steffen will get involved with this property.

Council president Louann Streff said, "Let's start getting our ducks in a row (on this issue)." Mayor Dreher added, "It's time," and the council moved on to solve a drainage issue on Kansas Street, by the Clark Community Oil business complex.

Community Oil general manager Troy Grensberg was in attendance and he and Clark street superintendent Roger Collins were in agreement that this drainage problem could be solved by draining straight east with a drop-in box and a 15" culvert. Collins emphasized that 70' of cement culvert would keep the water out. The council approved the \$4,800 project.

### In other business:

▲ The only mention of the proposed retention pond came in finance officer Jackie Luttrell's update. She mentioned that this pond must be 1,000 feet from any residence.

▲ No executive session was needed at Monday's meeting.

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bers lived just up the road and in the winter, we'd have fun sledding down hills together." Winters would be cold in the house and Lowell recalls at bedtime, whoever got upstairs the fastest would get to sleep in the room with the stove pipe coming up through the floor as that would be the warmest.

"What's that saying about being uphill both ways to school in the old days? Well, I really did do that. We walked downhill a half mile and then uphill a half mile to go to school and then the opposite coming home. I remember the Stanley girls helping me out after school sometimes when I'd have trouble."

Chores like milking would be done before and after school. After the eighth grade, Lowell was needed on the farm as his father lost his leg in a bad power take-off (PTO) accident. "He was pretty much done farming after that."

### Tornado takes brooder house

"I remember once when my mother, Wally, our neighbor Kathleen Karber and I were all out working with baby chicks in the brooder

house. I think it must have been a tornado or at least very strong winds that lifted the house off its foundation. I had run to the barn and looked over and saw my mother, Wally and Kathleen all go flying by. It's surprising no one got hurt. Then we all starting picking up the baby chicks.

### Farming

Breaking horses was another chore that Lowell and his brother Wally did on their farm. Once when the cinch on the saddle broke, Lowell went flying with the saddle underneath him.

"When we were young, running the cultivator, Wally would drive the horses and dad made a seat for me to sit on and I'd regulate the cultivator between the rows. As I grew, I learned how to drive the horse team."

Lowell bought land when he was a young farmer and is glad that he did. "I don't see how a young farmer can make it nowadays with land as high as it is now. I think it's sad

Pederson  
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