



Sharon Stormo has worked for Clark Community Oil for 54 years and has decided to retire. The pictures above demonstrate her years of service. The left photo is of Stormo at the beginning of her career when she

was just 18. The middle photo was taken toward the middle of her career. The photo on the right is from Stormo's retirement party last week.

"It's been an incredible 54 years, four months and five days" for Sharon Stormo

Sharon Stormo has been employed with Clark Community Oil since she was 18 years old. Clark Community Oil has essentially been her only job, aside from a two-day stint at Herb Jenson Turkey Factory, which she quickly decided was not her cup of tea.

Once Stormo began her job hunt, she was advised by a friend, Barb Gillis Marko, of an opening at Clark Community Oil, for which she applied that Saturday. She was called that same afternoon and asked to show up to work Monday morning.

After leaving the Turkey Plant and experiencing the environment at Clark Community Oil, Stormo decided she was elated to find something so much more her style. She

said that she even told her mother that she liked it so much she would consider working for no pay! Her mother responded not to tell them that!

During her first week of work for the company, Stormo was in a rush to get to work on time during the winter and ended up rolling her car on the ice. She recalled breaking out her two front teeth during the accident. She crawled out of the car through her driver's side window. With the help of Steve Wicks, who was passing along and noticed the accident, she was able to still make it to work on time!

When Stormo started at Clark Community Oil, there was an operational car wash that she would

sometimes help with. She recalls the cost of the car wash was \$1.00, but that they most likely lost money on the venture because of the various radio antennas lost through the wash and had to be replaced.

A fond memory that Stormo recalled was that of her first manager, Ole Rasmussen. She stated that he was a great guy and was well respected by all of his employees and even feared by some. She remembered Rasmussen leaving on a mail and bank run one day, and the employees goofing around to the point of breaking the glass entrance door. She also recalled the employees rushing to get the door to the United Building Center, where they quickly replaced the glass, and the

employees had the new door back on before Rasmussen returned, hopefully never having found out about the incident.

The following manager Stormo worked under during her career was Don Kluess, who she remembers as a fun-loving guy who said he could never afford to pay her what she was worth to the company. Kluess was followed by Greg Overby, who was a well respected manager.

During Overby's tenure, Stormo celebrated her 25th year with Clark Community Oil and was recognized at their annual meeting, rewarded with a trip to Sioux Falls and a gold watch.

The next and current manager of Clark Community Oil is Troy

Grensberg, who is also well respected. Stormo describes him as fair to everyone that he employs, as well as supportive of her over the years. Grensberg promoted Stormo to manager in 2013.

This year marks Stormo's 54th year with Clark Community Oil. A celebration was held last week to

recognize Stormo and her 50-plus years of service, as well as her well deserved retirement. "I have appreciated it all so much," said Stormo of the celebrations.

Stormo was born to parents Ole and Ruth Hagen of Clark County

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Ashley Knudson is the new community service worker for ICAP in Clark County

Interlakes Community Action Partnership, or ICAP, of Clark County introduces new community service worker Ashley Knudson. Knudson was born to David and Pamela Knudson in Massachusetts. She graduated from high school in 2007.

Knudson began her post secondary education at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota. She chose to come to the Dakotas, as that is where her family roots are. Knudson has two brothers, Travis and Tyler who were both born in North Dakota.

After completing generals at Trinity Bible College, Knudson transferred to the University of Valley Forge in Phoenixville, Pa., where she graduated with a bachelor's of science in psychology and counseling.

She worked for a time as a medical records specialist before working as a live-in staff at a group home for troubled youth. In 2014, that program closed and she relocated to Indianapolis, Ind. to work for the same company.

In 2017, Knudson relocated to Watertown, S.D. to help take care of her mom. Knudson worked at the Ramkota and with Child Protective Services in Watertown before taking a leave of absence to care for her mother, who passed away in 2020.

Knudson chose to stay in the area and began working with the Beacon Center after COVID-19 restrictions started to lift. She later decided to move and upon looking at other opportunities, she came across the opening for her current position here in Clark County.

She officially began her role here at ICAP in Clark in April of this year, after Misty Riter resigned. Knudson is still learning the job and looking forward to building in-



Ashley Knudson is pictured above at Used 2B New in Clark.

terest among the community to volunteer so that the thrift store can have more availability.

"The volunteers we have currently are amazing and help by sorting and staffing hours. Without them, we could not function as well as we do," said Knudson.

There are approximately 33 families throughout Clark County that utilize services that ICAP provides, including help with groceries, emergency utility and rent assistance. ICAP also offers a weatherization program to help offset some of the cost for homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient.

ICAP also works with the Cyclone backpack program, helping to provide kids with meals over the weekend during the school year. There is also tax assistance for those who may need it and the popular Angel Tree and holiday boxes.

"There was a period of time where no one was present to fill the shoes of my current position," Knudson said. "I would like to get the word out to the community that they now have someone they can reach out to and there are staffed hours moving forward."



The Mohr family is pictured above. Claire is holding two-year-old Otto, who's hand is being held by six-year-old Ada. Thea, eldest child at eight years old is sitting between her younger sisters. Four-year-old Alma is sitting on her dad, Shawn's lap.

Mohr hired as new K-12 principal in Willow Lake

Claire Mohr was born to Connie and Dennis Harstad and was raised on the family farm in rural Revillo, S.D. Mohr's mother works as a Registered Nurse and is currently employed by the Brookings School District. Her father decided after farming for 23 years that he would go back to school for Renewable Fuels Technology and is currently employed as Vice President of Operations and general manager of Hudek in Brookings, S.D.

Mohr attended Grant-Deuel School until eighth grade before enrolling at Milbank for more opportunities in class offerings as well as programs like FFA. Her father's

job moved the family to different places every so often, which led her to having attended three different

high schools before graduating from Custer High School in 2006.

After high school, Mohr attended South Dakota State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education in 2011. Mohr's first job after graduating college was at Pierre Indian Learning Center. She then went on to teach middle school math at Georgia Morse Middle school, also in Pierre.

Mohr has taught math for the past nine years in Clark, also at times teaching reading, writing, grammar and business classes.

Claire Mohr
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May 31.....	88	62	0
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June 2.....	91	65	0
June 3.....	87	64	0.02
June 4.....	89	65	0
June 5.....	88	65	0.03
2023 precipitation to date	5.10"		
2022 precipitation to date	8.59"		



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