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Steffen re-elected Clark **School Board president**

▲ Todd Fjelland re-elected vice president

After the administration of oaths to re-elected board member Robert Steffen for a three-year term, Steffen and Todd Fjelland were re-elected president and vice president respectively of the Clark School Board, by unanimous vote.

July is the month when school boards start over fiscally and members-wise.

Committees

School board committees include: Negotiations - Shannon Huber and Robert Steffen; Policy - Greg Marx and Shannon Huber; Buildings and grounds - Todd Fjelland and Nathan Luvaas; Technology - Greg Marx and Nathan Luvaas; Athletic Co-op - Nathan Luvaas and Bob Steffen; Transportation - Todd Fjelland and Shannon Huber; Finance - Todd Fjelland and Greg Marx.

Robert Steffen is the board member designated as the voting member of the ASBSD; NESC Co-operatives: Greg Marx as board representative with Robert Steffen and Nathan Luvaas as alternates.

Budget hearing

The budget hearing for the 2019-20 school budget was held prior to the board meeting. Superintendent Luanne Warren and business manager Mary Nelson led the discussion of school finances for approximately an hour. The Clark County Courier will do an in depth budget story between now and the beginning of the school year.

This budget needs final approval by the board at the September meeting.

Routine business

The second Monday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. in the Clark High School library will be the time and place for regular school

board meetings. The Clark County Courier was designated as the official newspaper; Dacotah Bank was designated as the official depository for all district funds; Gerry Kaufman and Rodney Freeman were designated legal counsel; Superintendent Luanne Warren was designated administrator for Title II and School Improvement Coordinator; Superintendent Warren also is the truant officer and transportation supervisor and administrator for all Federal programs; the line of authority at Clark School is superintendent Warren, school principal Tracy Stallman and business manager Mary Nelson.

The Clark School will continue with the School Food Service agreement with the state of South Dakota; will join the Emergency Bus Pact and join the South Dakota United School Association.

The Clark School Board also approved setting the salary of school board members at \$75 per meeting; designated business manager Mary Nelson and board chairperson Robert Steffen as custodians of financial

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
July	$2 \dots 74$	61	0
July	3	62	0
July	485	65	.85
July	577	65	.19
July	674	60	.51
July	777	60	0
July	882	70	Õ

2019 precipitation to date 17.31 2018 precipitation to date 8.47



WOW! A National Championship and a Job Interview fourth-place GOLD finish.

The Clark FCCLA members who attended the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. had a very successful and memorable convention, June 29 - July 4.

The FCCLA Quiz Bowl team, consisting of, left to right, Hudson Fuller,

Amy Splinter, Sadie Streff, Sarah Weisbrod and Gunnar Kvistad, defeated all competition and were crowned National FCCLA Quiz Bowl Champions!

Tavie Guzman, right, won Gold in the Job Interview category at the national conference.

Clark FCCLA brings home the Gold and a National Championship

Clark FCCLA members Tavie Guzman, Sarah Weisbrod, Amy Splinter, Sadie Streff, Hudson Fuller and Gunnar Kvistad took part in the National FCCLA Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., June 29-July 4. The National meeting hosted over 8,500 members from across the nation. The theme of the conference was Believe in Yourself. Tammie Paulson is the Clark FC-

CLA adviser. Tavie Guzman had qualified in

April to compete in the Job Interview category at the National Conference. This competition involved

preparing a portfolio and then being interviewed by three judges for a specific job. Tavie was one of 49 competing in this category and she finished with the 4th highest score of 97.66 with the highest score being 98.56.

Weisbrod, Splinter, Streff, Fuller and Kvistad had qualified in November in Phoenix, Ariz. to compete at the National Conference. Competing in November were 31 teams from across the nation. Twelve of those teams qualified for Nationals while four more teams qualified with the online second chance

competition. This year's National (Amy Splinter) and Environment meeting had 13 final teams going up against each other for the title of National FCCLA Quiz Bowl Champion. Teams were from Montana, Kansas, Washington, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and South Dakota. Clark played six matches against teams from Indiana, Washington and Kansas to take the win. The competition consists of five Head to Head questions where the experts in each field; Personal Finance (Sarah Weisbrod), Technology (Sadie Streff), Consumer Rights (Gunnar Kvistad), Health and Safety

(Hudson Fuller) are responsible for answering the questions. Then they move on to the Team Round of 16 questions where any member can buzz in. Clark beat Kansas by five points in the final round to take home the title.

The members also took part in several other leadership activities. Weisbrod, Splinter, and Streff completed the FranklinCovey Leadership Academy which consisted of four sessions focusing on leader-

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Vintage motorcycles are in Jenkins' collection

blue colored Honda 450. He later sold it, regretted it and bought another one - a red one this time and another project - per se as it needed a little work.





For Brian Jenkins the enjoyment of his vintage motorcycle collection is finding them, restoring them and getting them to work again.

The Clark resident purchased the old Legion building along Commercial Street in 2016 and it is now home to his collection.

His favorites get the window treatment, such as his older Italian made Ducati 250 - a bike he'd tried to find for many years. "After a while, people come to you," stated Jenkins of his collection of the older and rare or 'odd' motorcycles. He also has some motorized bicycles such as the tandem bicycle that comes with a unique story behind it.

"Too many long term projects is my problem," admits Jenkins of his hobby.

If at all possible - he'd own one of every model of Suzuki motorcycle that was made - before 1975.

Brian Jenkins of Clark, has an extensive motorcycle collection that seems to grow a little every time he comes across an older and/or 'odd' motorbike.

"I'm glad that I have an enabling wife," chuckled Jenkins. In fact his wife Chris' gift to him for their wedding anniversary was a motorcycle - a 1971 Buttaco Matador. "She's the sweetest thing ever when it comes to that," he stated of her patience regarding his hobby which has grown to the point where he's bought a building to store them.

The old 'Legion building' as it has been tagged along Clark's Commercial Street on the west side of the street, is now home to Jenkins' motorcycles. This building he purchased in 2016.

In the front window is a restored older 250 Italian Ducati motorcycle. And like several of his machines, it has a story with it.

"One of my biggest desires when I was younger was to find an Italian Ducati. My buddy Jason Handke and I would always get and page through motorcycle magazines and a Ducati was 'thee one' to buy.

"I looked and looked and never found one. Then when I moved our current home to its location from its original spot out by Raymond, here there was an old one in the alley. I could hardly believe it. I bought it from its owner, restored it and that's why it has a prime spot in the front window."

The start of it all

A 1970 Rupp dirt bike bought for his sons - (Todd and Brian) by Jim Jenkins was the start of a 'spark' that became a lifelong hobby for Brian.

When he was 15 years old, he bought his own first motorcycle - a

Needing a little work is no problem for Jenkins and maybe even somewhat of a challenge to get it in working order again.

Jenkins is currently working for the county within the highway and weed department, but before that he was a longtime motorcycle mechanic and the 'overhaul guy' at the Motorcycle Shop in Watertown. For two decades they were dealers for Suzuki and Moto Guzzi in Watertown. His aunt and uncle Doug and Nancy (LaBay) Wirt own the shop in Watertown dealing in used motorcycles, parts and oil changes.

"I've got a lot of strange named cycles. I'd say there's about 3,000 manufacturers of motorcycles throughout the world," noted Jenkins. "I'm always interested in the old and the unique.

"Glen Handke and Ralph Hurlbert have been two of my greatest supporters in my hobby, helping me find the older bikes. I got a Simplex 1952 180 cc dirt bike that took me 10 years to find all of the parts for, but I did it. That one I got from Ralph.'

Sales, salvage yards and even just driving through alleys and around usually uncover a find or two. "Some of the older stuff is really long term in finding parts, but there's a market for pretty much everything it seems - if you're patient enough," said Jenkins.

His wife Chris even has her own two cycles - a Honda Shadow 750 and a fun scooter she drives called a Piaggio fly - 150.

Jenkins first 'fast' motorcycle was a 2001 1300 Suzuki Hayabusa. After getting one good speeding ticket, that cycle was sold. Another faster motorcycle was a Suzuki 750 Grandsport - GS.

His first touring bike, the one he took to motorcycle races, often with

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Craig Spieker and Chris Bokinskie have been very instrumental in building a baseball field and baseball program to be proud of in the Clark Area.

Both young men have put in countless hours of field prep, organizing, scheduling and in a word, "vol-

unteering'

The pair is standing in front of the third base bleachers, with the grandstand and press box in the background.

Dr. Craig Spieker and Chris Bokinskie know the true meaning of 'volunteer'

Volunteerism: "The policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community."

In Clark County there are numerous volunteers that help make our county and our communities great places to live, raise a family and call 'home'.

Quality of life is improved for and by those individuals who 'give of their time and talents for worthwhile activities'.

This is where it gets a little tricky and a little sticky, because there really are a lot of individuals in our community who deserve recognition for putting others ahead of self and this story is about a pair of individuals who went above and beyond to make Dakota ßtyle Baseball Field in Dickinson Park, in Clark, a quality ball field.

The Rotary Club and City of Clark stand at the top in getting this project done. But it took help. The Lions helped out as did many

individuals. It would be impossible to name them all but you know who you are. Job well done!

Two volunteers who have gone above and beyond in making this field and sport special are Chris Bokinskie and Craig Spieker. If one is involved in the summer baseball program, one knows the importance of planning, organizing and coaching that Chris Bokinskie does. If one is in Rotary, or a frequent on-

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