



The ol' ball park is the place to be on a beautiful Sunday evening

There have been some beautiful nights for baseball this summer. Sunday was such the case, as the third base bleacher patio was full to capacity for the Clark Traders versus the Castlewood Ravens.

Dakota Style Field at Dickinson Park is a very appealing place to play baseball as well as to spectate, especially from the Clark Lions lawn chair loft. Lightning knocked out the scoreboard Saturday night.

Castlewood defeated Clark, 9-1. Bryce DesLauriers is the Trader catcher.

Many, many positive comments were heard this weekend about the striking ball field and surrounding park. The Clark Rotary Club, the City of Clark and the Clark Lions Club all deserve a 'big pat on the back' for this attractive, upgraded facility.

Steffen is re-elected chairman of the Clark School Board

▲ Todd Fjelland elected vice president

July is the month when school boards start over, fiscally and member-wise. Robert Steffen took the oath of office beginning his new three-year term. He defeated Jason Steen in the June election.

Steffen was re-elected president of the Clark School Board at Monday's meeting, on a unanimous ballot and Todd Fjelland was elected vice president, also on a unanimous ballot.

Committees

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

Robert Steffen is the board member designated as the voting member of the ASBSD; NESC Co-operatives: Trudi Gaikowski as board representative with Shannon Hu-

ber and Nathan Luvaas as alternates.

Budget hearing

The budget hearing for the 2016-17 school budget was held prior to the board meeting. Superintendent Luanne Warren and business manager Mary Nelson led the discussion of school finances. 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 5:30 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; Su-

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Janet Hurlbert to be honored as Eminent Homemaker

South Dakota State University Colleges of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and Education and Human Sciences will recognize four individuals with the Eminent Farmer/Rancher and Eminent Homemaker Honor during a banquet September 23, 2016 at the McCrory Gardens Education and Visitor Center in Brookings.

The 2016 Eminent Homemakers honored are Janet Hurlbert of Clark and Rose Stee of Brookings.

The 2016 Eminent Farmers/Ranchers honored are Hugh Ingalls, Faith and Al Miron, Sioux Falls.

Established in 1927, the Eminent

Janet Hurlbert



Farmer/Rancher and Eminent Homemaker awards recognize individuals for their contributions of leadership and service to the community on the local, state and national level.

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Marlin Fjelland is a new member of the South Dakota Auctioneers Hall of Fame

Marlin Fjelland of Clark was inducted into the South Dakota Auctioneers Association (SDAA) Hall of Fame during the annual convention held this June in Watertown. Also inducted into the Hall of Fame was Terry Haiar of Alexandria.

Fjelland has conducted auctions in northeastern South Dakota since 1969. He reports that his interest dates back to his age of 10 when he remembers selling and re-selling his kid brother many times over as a cow, pig, sheep or horse. Fjelland shared his auctioneering philosophy in a previous *Courier* story when he was president of SDAA in 2004-2005: "There is much more to auctioneering than calling a sale, e.g., meeting with the potential seller, looking over the property/real estate and listing it, developing a selling and advertising/marketing plan and carrying it out, assisting in proper arrangement of sale items, after-sale bookwork, han-

dling vehicle titles, and dispersing the funds to the seller".

"I am very proud to be associated with many fine South Dakota Auctioneers including long-time partners Terry Schlagel and Harley Lamb of Clark. I feel that South Dakota auctioneers have represented the industry with professionalism, integrity and dedication—all basic tenets of the SD members of the association," said Fjelland.

A long-time member of the SDAA, Fjelland has attended every annual meeting since he became a member. He has also maintained active membership in the National Auctioneers Association since 1966. He has been a member of the National President's Council, helped engineer SDAA incorporation, and helped establish and served as co-chair and chair of the SD 4-H Foundation Benefit Auction at each

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Randy Owen, right, 2015-2016 President of the South Dakota Auctioneers Association recognized Hall of Fame inductees, Terry Haiar, left and Marlin Fjelland, center at the SDAA annual convention in June. Both Fjelland and Haiar have served as past association presidents and have held several other offices in the association.

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Tanks have gone in at Cenex Travel Plaza

Tuesday was a big day at the new Clark Community Oil C-store site on the east edge of Clark.

Four 12,000-gallon product tanks went into the ground. According to Clark Community Oil general manager Troy Grensberg, the next steps will be to get these gas pipelines set up so that the tanks can be filled. The tank at the right is a split tank, holding 6,000 gallons on each side, if one was wondering how four tanks can hold five different products.

As far as the headline—no phone calls, please—it's just a teaser to get one to the back page to enter the contest. No names have been selected at this time for the new C-store.

Rainfall brings relief—and smiles

After a dry stretch of over a month, from one and one-quarter inches to nearly three inches of rain fell throughout the county last week, most of it early on Sunday.

Lawns were taking on a late-summer shade of tan and crops were beginning to show stress, but as Lee at Cargill in Vienna reported, "everyone is smiling" after the rain.

The Crocker area received 2.92 inches of rain, with 2.1 inches of that falling overnight on Saturday to Sunday. There was some hail reported, but it did not damage crops or structures.

Nearby Bradley had one and seven-tenths inches of precipitation,

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Clark County Rainfall 7/5 - 7/11	*Bradley 1.70"
*Crocker 2.92"	*Garden City 2.40"
*Raymond 1.25"	*Henry 2.72"
*Clark 1.40"	*Vienna 2.40"
*Carpenter 1.60"	*Willow Lake 2.40"



Julian Hamre of Willow Lake, above, is working on collecting a complete line of horse drawn farm equipment. Shown above, left to right is a drag with a pivoting back wheel and a digger, both made to be pulled by four horses. Next to them is a one-bottom walking plow. A majority of his collection was made before the 1920s. Six of his pieces were drawn by four horses with the rest made for a two-horse team. The collection and Hamre's shop is located at the former Dakota Valley Products/Dakota Farms International building in Willow Lake which Hamre purchased two years ago.

Antique farm equipment saved, restored and displayed

▲ Julian Hamre's collection moves outdoors for the summer months

"If we weren't playing baseball, we were tearing iron apart," stated Julian Hamre of Willow Lake. He along with his brother Mike when they were teenagers would get their spending money from selling the iron after dismantling old machinery that their father gave to them to take apart.

"We'd load up our old 1948 In-

ternational pickup and take it to Bryant to sell for five dollars a ton. Later when Del Horstad moved to town, we sold it to him.

"My first job off of the farm was working for Del for 50¢ an hour tearing iron apart. No cutting with a torch, we had to save the bolts - Del was a big recycler. I learned quite a bit from Del. In 2008, we

worked together on a few of my projects."

Nowdays, Hamre finds himself using that knowledge to put machinery back together. He has a vast collection of horse drawn farm equipment along with 10 older tractors, a thresher, hay wagons and

Hamre

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