

Nothing short of a miracle saved Todd Thesenvitz

"It was nothing short of a miracle," stated Marie Thesenvitz of her husband Todd's experience while fishing at Indian Springs last week. "The surgeon told us if one thing would have gone differently - your husband wouldn't be here right now," stated Thesenvitz.

The fast response of area emergency medical crews and the fact that their daughter Keanna, an LPN, insisted that her father not lay down or try to remove the bottom bouncer fishing lure that embedded itself into her father's chest - a freak accident - saved his life.

Todd and Marie Thesenvitz who live north of Garretson, were fishing at Indian Springs last Wednesday, July 7 and their daughter Keanna had joined them, along with their dog Sawyer.

They'd landed six nice walleye and three perch and were getting ready to go when one last northern bit on the bottom bouncer they were

using.

The 10 pound northern, around 40 inches - took off the opposite way - snapped off the line and the bottom bouncer recoiled back and embedded itself six inches deep into the chest of her husband, Todd. "I didn't see it happen, he was behind me."

"Bottom bouncers fly up into the boat all the time, but this was a freak accident this time," stated Thesenvitz.

"Our daughter insisted that he not pull it out himself as that is what he wanted to do," continued M. Thesenvitz. "He was screaming 'it hurts, it hurts' and when he moved his hand we saw that it was sticking out of his chest and the long part of the bouncer had gone in up to the weight at the end of it. Keanna called 911 while I drove the

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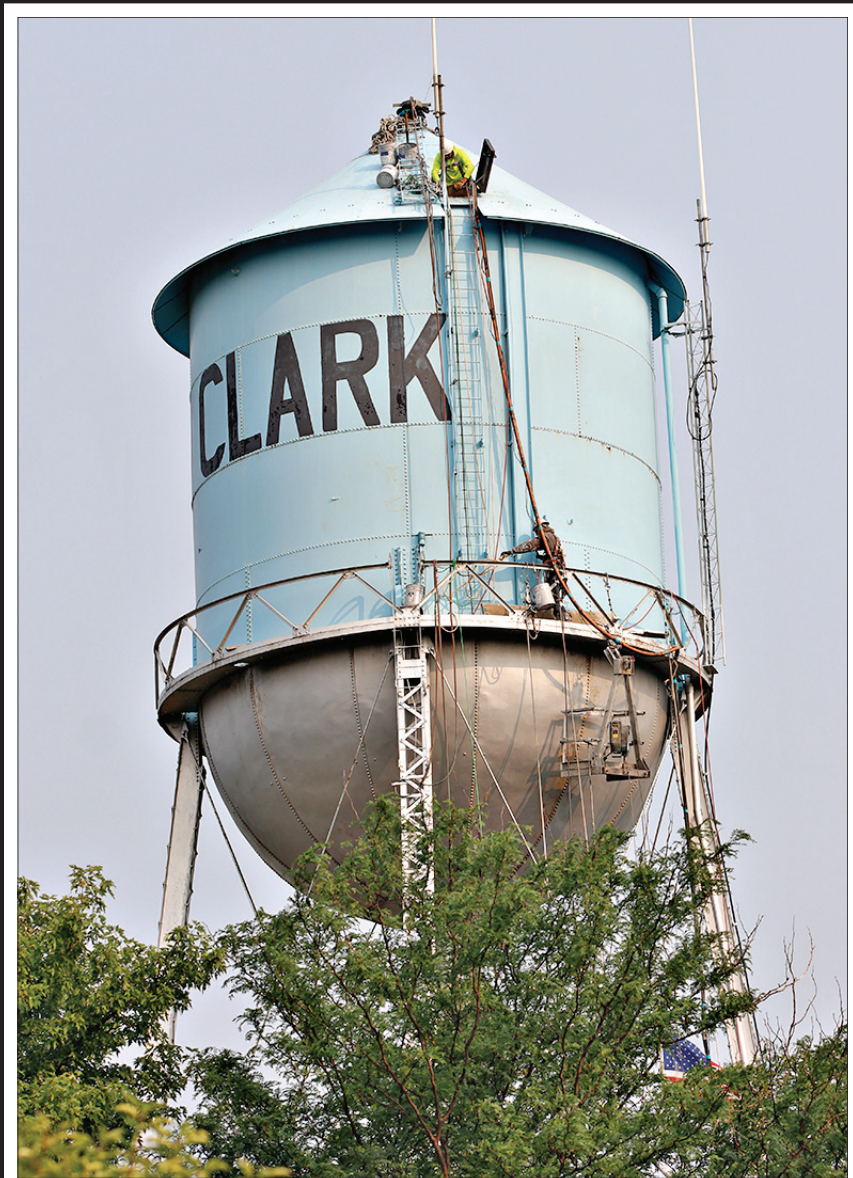


Clark Rotary American Legion tourney is a big success

It's a big deal when 12 Legion baseball teams come to Clark for a baseball tournament. The 12 teams included: Mobridge, Wahpeton, N.D., Colton, Faulkton, Salem, LaMoure, N.D., Beresford, Wessington Springs, Clark-Willow Lake, Milbank, Aberdeen and Hankinson/Lidgerwood, N.D. LaMoure won the tournament. The 1.21" of rain Friday into Saturday postponed the games until Sunday. On Sunday, Aberdeen defeated Milbank, 9-0 for third place and LaMoure defeated Wahpeton, 7-6 for the championship.

Each of the three mornings began with opening ceremonies. On Thursday, Mobridge on the first base line, played Wahpeton, on the third base line. Umpires were Matt Clark, plate and Dan Lund, bases. The Clark American Legion Color Guard are Bob Schlueter, Dala Albright, Bruce Brekke and Rob McGraw.

One can tell that the baseball field is one to be proud of, as many community man hours and finances have gone into Dakota Style Field at Dickinson Park.



Clark water tower being painted and repaired

Maguire Iron, Inc., Sioux Falls, is repairing and painting the Clark water tower. City of Clark lead maintenance employee Darin Altfilisch stated that this is a three-week project, plus, that began last Thursday.

The water tower is being painted inside and out and during this time there will be reduced water pressure.

Maguire Iron employees are shown working on the water tower exterior, Monday.

Tragedy on the water at Indian Springs

Tragedy occurred on the water at Indian Springs last Thursday morning, July 8. According to Clark County Emergency Manager David Lewis, two boats collided around 10:30 a.m.

Christopher Kayl 49, of Worthing was pronounced dead at the scene as his body was launched into the water. Kayl's obituary appears on the Anderson (Canton) Funeral Home website.

Two others were taken to Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown with non-life-threatening injuries and two more sustained minor injuries that did not require hospitalization. Lewis says the accident was weather-related. He says there was fog and rain in the area when the one boat T-boned the other southeast of Black Claw Bait and Tavern. Lewis says all involved were adult males. Agencies responding to the call

were the Clark County Sheriff's Department, Clark Police Department, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, Watertown Fire Rescue Ambulance, Clark Ambulance, Codington County Search and Rescue, and Clark County Emergency Management.

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
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July 6.....	92	66	.54	
July 7.....	67	59	.57	
July 8.....	71	59	0	
July 9.....	74	60	.15	
July 10.....	77	62	--	
July 11.....	76	61	1.21	
July 12.....	81	61	0	
2021 precipitation to date	11.25			
2020 precipitation to date	10.50			

Clark School Board begins anew with superintendent Travis Ahrens

▲ Steffen re-elected board president; Fjelland vice president

July is the month when school boards begin anew. At Monday's meeting of the Clark School Board, new superintendent Travis Ahrens began his school leadership tenure with a 90-minute meeting.

Ahrens introduced new high school/middle school principal Jennifer Heggelund, along with elementary principal Renae Dahl and business manager Mary Nelson.

The three main sections of the

meeting included the 2021-2022 budget hearing, election of board officers and oath of office of re-elected members and passage of routine business and policies as well as board committee assignments.

Robert Steffen and Todd Fjelland were re-elected president and vice president respectively of the Clark School Board.

Oath of office was given to Greg Marx and Nathan Luvaas as they

were re-elected to three year terms on the school board.

Annual routine business

The school board meeting was set for the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the high school library. Dacotah Bank was designated as depository for all district funds. Clark County Courier is the legal newspaper for the school district and the continuation of the School Food Service agreement

with the state of South Dakota was authorized. Rodney Freeman was designated as legal counsel, superintendent Travis Ahrens authorized as the Title II and School Improvement Coordinator, administrator for all Federal programs, truant officer and transportation supervisor. Board president Steffen was designated as the voting member

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Summer activities occupy Clark City Council agenda

The July meeting of the Clark City Council was held Wednesday, July 7 in the council room of the Ulyot Building. The meeting lasted an hour and a half, with many healthy discussions of the agenda items.

The department updates portion led off the meeting and finance officer Alaina Wellnitz shared with the council that one issue in the community is non-licensed drivers are driving golf carts throughout town.

A valid driver's license is needed to drive golf carts on city streets.

Golf course manager Tammy Rusher was next. She had several topics, starting out by needing a new mower. Councilman Derrick Dohmann led the mower discussion, with no decision being made during the council meeting, but a direction was given to look for a commercial mower and to start with the local dealer, Westside Implement.

A special meeting could be called

later this month to approve this mower purchase.

Rusher then talked golf carts. The cart lease with MB Golf Carts is up at the end of the season. The golf course manager then talked purchase numbers and leasing numbers. Plus, there is a cart shortage, so the earliest golf carts would be available is April 2022. If a call is made at this time a March/April delivery date could be a reality.

Leasing, rather than purchasing, was the council consensus. Because of the early deadline, a decision will be needed soon. Currently the golf course leases seven carts, owns three (and two old ones) and 12 will be decided upon to lease so that 15 will be the total. Also discussed was a utility vehicle for the grounds crew.

Finance officer Alaina Wellnitz

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It has been well documented that the Clark FCCLA Quiz Bowl Team, consisting of, left to right, Hudson Fuller, Sarah Weisbrod, Amy Splinter, Macy Steen and Gunnar Kvistad, is spectacular. The quiz bowl team accepted the national championship plaque recently at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference, in Nashville, Tenn.

Clark FCCLA Parli Pro and Quiz Bowl teams place and win at National Conference

Trading in face masks for red blazers, more than 4,500 students from around the country got a taste of normalcy at Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference, June 27-July 2, 2021. The conference was held in Nashville,

Tenn. After over a year of mask mandates, social distancing, and virtual learning, FCCLA's student members reunited in person to participate in professional development opportunities, career exploration, and youth leadership sessions

aimed at advancing families, careers, and communities through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

The Clark High School Parli Pro team consisting of Sadie Streff, Chad Kolden, Ashleigh Moeller, Teagan Ortberg and Heath Hem-

mingsen received recognition for their top win in this event. The team place 3rd in the nation.

The Clark High School Quiz Bowl team consisting of Sarah Weisbrod, Gunnar Kvistad, Macy Steen, Amy

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On the right is the Clark Parli Pro team that won third place at the national conference. Team members pictured with FCCLA National Vice President of Finance, Kaden Fox, are left to right, Sadie Streff, Heath Hemmingson, Fox, Ashleigh Moeller, Chad Kolden and Teagan Ortberg. Tammie Paulson is the Clark FCCLA adviser.