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The moon graciously slipped behind a cloud during the fireworks display Friday night in Clark, which made excellent viewing for the skyrockets and bursts.

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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
July 1	58	51	.23
July 2	68	50	0
July 3	74	53	0
July 4	79	63	.16
July 5	85	65	0
July 6	81	62	0
July 7	78	56	.03
2014 precipitation to date	10.52"		
2013 precipitation to date	14.36"		

Garden City Alumni Reunion is Saturday

The Garden City All-School Reunion will be held at the United Methodist Church in Garden City on July 12, 2014.

Registration and social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Delores Halajian at 1-605-882-2678.

Calcutta Tournament is this weekend

This week is a golfing highlight of the Clark Municipal Golf Club summer with the Calcutta running Thursday through Saturday. Note that it has been moved up a day from traditional scheduling.

The scramble will begin on Thursday along with practice rounds being played all day. The tourney begins Friday and ends on Saturday afternoon.

Northeast Field Station tour is today

The annual Northeast Field Station Farm Tour will be held today, July 9 at 4:00 p.m. and run till dusk. The tour is located on the Junction of State Highway 20 and Codrington County Highway 11 or 2.5 miles west of Exit 193 on I-29. The tour will wrap up with a pork loin supper.

The Field Station will host four tours including: Weed management, management of corn rootworm in continuous corn and Bt resistance in South Dakota and small grain variety tour.

The last tour will be a catch all tour and will feature Anthony Bly, SDSU Extension Soils Field Specialist who will discuss wheat nutrient deficiency symptoms; Greg Reicks, SDSU Precision Farming Research Associate who will discuss soybean planting dates and maturity groups and Howard J. Woodard, SDSU Soil Fertility and Management Researcher who will discuss nutrient cycling in crop residues.

Rotary Baseball Tourney is Saturday

The Clark Rotary Clark-Willow Lake Legion Baseball Tournament is this weekend at Dickinson Park.

The six-team tourney begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and concludes with the championship tilt at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

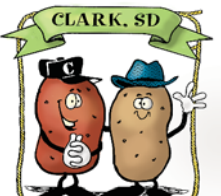
Teams participating include: Clark-Willow Lake, Volga, Milbank, Aurora, Miner-McCook and Parkston.

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #1

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is again having the Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head contest in conjunction with Potato Day on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Clue #1: Two partners in life, two minds that are kind. Happy to help others out in a bind. They are farmers, producers and laborers since birth, in early years, both potato harvesters of the earth.

Send answers to: Cassi Bloom, 604 S. Smith St., Clark, SD 57225.



Ryan Easthouse is shown at his desk when phone calls at the busy regional Clark branch office of Northwest Transportation Services, Inc. Originally from Henry, Easthouse dispatches 15 trucks all over the lower 48 states specializing in bulk products. "We primarily haul agricultural and food commodities in bulk throughout the continental United States," stated Easthouse who manages the regional Clark office which recently moved to 120 1st Ave East in Clark.

Easthouse has office on north side of US 212

Northwest Transportation Services, Inc. has moved their Clark office to 120 1st Ave East in Clark.

Henry native Ryan Easthouse is the manager and hopper dispatch for the established company which has been in business for 20 years with the last 14 of them having a regional branch office in Clark.

No stranger to the Henry, Clark

and Watertown areas, Easthouse graduated from Henry High School and is the son of Howard and Diane Easthouse of Henry.

Easthouse is currently single and has one daughter, four year old Jayla who is looking forward to attending Clark School's preschool this

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Flowers are special to Solberg on N. Utah Street

Keeping up with a tradition that started 30 years ago when Les and Darlene Solberg bought their home at 304 North Utah Street in Clark, Les tends to the flower garden located across the street from his home. Darlene died eight years ago and since then, landscape stones have replaced the original field rocks and a small flag has been added. "Now it's more of a memorial garden in her memory," stated Les Solberg who is pictured pulling a weed from the bed. "I get

the most colorful flowers I see every spring to add to the bed. Darlene loved flowers, so I keep it going in her memory. I mulch it and fertilize it in the fall. I've found that works better than fertilizing it in the spring."

The flower bed surrounds a tall flagpole in the center and is located just north of the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool in Clark. The Solbergs raised three daughters together, Kim, Jody and Pam.

Chicken request again denied by Clark City Council

The July meeting of the Clark City Council deviated, time-wise a little from the norm, as much of the public portion of the meeting dealt with public input and a 45-minute executive session for personnel discussion also ensued.

Regarding public input, Clark-Willow Lake American Legion baseball coach Brock Greenfield was in attendance, requesting funds to run the baseball program. A year ago the city council gave him \$3,000 and after Greenfield detailed to the council all of the expenses incurred by the team, he was granted the same amount this year. The council did ask him if he would approach the Willow Lake City Council and also request funds, as several Willow Lake ballplayers play on the team. The team still plays

American Legion baseball, but no longer has Legion sponsorship.

The second public input item was Clark resident John Boyko requesting to have chickens, outdoors, at his residence on North Commercial Street, in Clark. A year ago Boyko came to the council also requesting chickens. The difference being that at that time he was attempting to change the Clark ordinance. Since then he had learned that he could obtain special permission from the council and not necessarily change the ordinance.

His special permission request was that of five hens maximum and no roosters. The council vote was 3-2 in favor of the chicken request, but to obtain special permission, four votes are necessary, so the motion to grant chicken exception

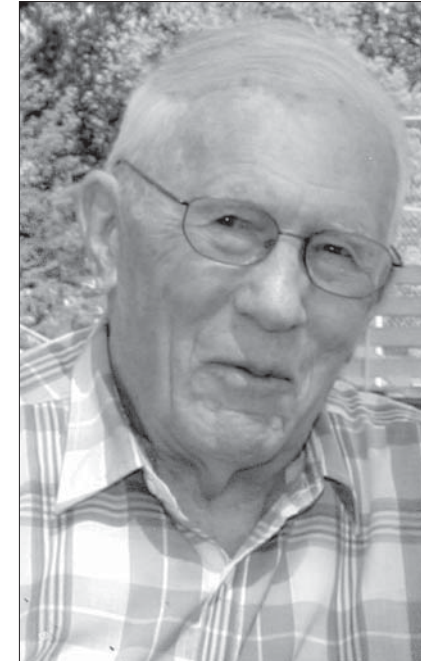
failed. Voting in favor of this action were council members Vicki Orris, Kerry Kline and Belinda Hanson. Voting against were Dennis Larson and Louann Streff. Councilman Tony Woodland was absent.

Boyko stated that he wanted to be on the agenda at the city council's August meeting with this same request.

Departmental updates

Even though the departmental update portion of the meeting was not too lengthy, some important matters were discussed.

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher said that excluding the finance office, employee hours currently are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This could be subject to change, he said, and he also talked about the importance of having someone on duty every day,



Ralph Johnston

the early 1930's, work was hard to find and if one could find work for a dollar a day, it was a fortunate thing.

Johnston went to Washington state and picked apples for five dollars a day, if he worked real hard. He also shoveled coal in Detroit, Mich.

When his grandfather became sick, Ralph put in his grandfather's

entire crop. After his grandfather died, Ralph's grandmother gave him the team of horses in appreciation for all of the work he did for them. It was selling the team later that enabled him to afford tuition for college.

He attended the Mitchell Business College in 1938 and it was there he met the love of his life, Shirley Green. "I thought she was so beautiful when I first saw her. Then I found out later, she was just as nice as she was beautiful," admitted Johnston. The couple married on June 5, 1941.

His first job after marriage was for an automotive supply company after which the couple moved to Fort Peck, Mont. and he worked for a weather station. After that he joined the Army and soon became a paratrooper with the 508 parachute regiment.

After his honorable discharge, the couple moved back to his grandfather's farm which had been in the family since he homesteaded in 1884.

Ralph and Shirley enjoyed raising their four boys on the farm, Dennis, Dean, Darrel and David. All of his sons graduated from Bradley High

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Shot clock will be used in Class A basketball

The biggest change since the 3-point line was installed some 30-years ago is coming to South Dakota Class 'A' basketball. In the 2014-15 girls and boys basketball seasons, the 35-second shot clock will be introduced.

"I am absolutely in favor of a shot clock and all the coaches I've talked to feel strongly supportive of it to make high school basketball even better," said Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone head boys basketball coach Jerome Nesheim.

Nesheim continued that he didn't really feel that the average fan will really notice a change except at the end of the half or the end of the game.

"A shot clock will help clean up the game," he said. "It will improve the flow of the game and eliminate that frustrating foul down the stretch when your team is behind, just to put the opponent on the free throw line.

"So, we won't see a 'foul fest' anymore, plus we won't see a lengthy stalling tactic scheme either. Teams will be forced to place strong 35-second defense as well as having to shoot the basketball. That is a good thing. Defense should be that important and kids really like to shoot the ball and that is what a 35-second shot is creating."

Colleges and S. D. Class 'AA' schools have had the 35-second shot clock for several years and with the 2014-15 school term it will have

trickled down to Class 'A' in South Dakota. Class 'B' won't have the shot clock, but Nesheim feels it's only a matter of time before everybody in South Dakota is using a shot clock.

"If we are playing a Class 'B' school at their place, we won't have a shot clock," the coach said. "But when they come to our place, there will be a 35-second shot clock."

Also, it's not mandatory on the junior varsity or middle school games so it's up to the two teams to decide if they want to use the shot clock or not, explained Nesheim.

Both Clark and Willow Lake will have installed shot clocks by the time the girls season rolls around, noted Nesheim, and he was the only coach quoted on this issue, as to date, a girls basketball coach has not been hired.

Clock operators will also have to be added to the bench where the scorer and timekeeper sit. Volunteers will be trained on how to and when to use the on/off and reset buttons.

Nesheim feels that once the shot clock is implemented it will be here to stay. "I think this change is good for basketball and I see almost all states incorporating this move within the next couple of years. I think it will seem like this will have been around forever when the next generation of basketball players arrive. Kind of like the 3-point line," ended Nesheim.

City council

Clark Chief of Police Jeremy Wellnitz gave his June police department report; he logged 1,030 total miles, had 63 calls for service, 12 warnings, six speeding tickets, two possession of drug paraphernalia and one no driver's license. He also investigated a burglary, investigated multiple phone threats and investigated a rape. He also reported that at last weekend's Street Dance, the attendance numbers were down, but there were 10 underage drinking citations handed out.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell, in her report, said that she is starting the 2015 city budget and busy with multiple abatements in the community. Two house tear downs in the near future are the Dennis Ander-

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