



Traders advance at State B

The South Dakota Amateur Class B Baseball Tournament is ongoing at Caldwell Field in Mitchell, with championships of both A and B this coming Sunday. Last Sunday, the Clark Traders defeated Four Corners (West River - 40 miles west of Pierre), 11-5.

Tonight (Wednesday), at 7:30 p.m. Clark takes on Wynot, Neb. in quarterfinal action. Against Four Corners, Trader centerfielder Brent Griffith fields this base hit. For more on the Trader victory, turn to page 6.

Photo by Matt Gade, Mitchell Daily Republic

Ionizers to be installed in all rooms of Clark School

At the August meeting of the Clark School Board it was decided to purchase bipolar ionization units for all classrooms, offices, lockerrooms and gyms at both Clark School buildings.

Two Allied Climate Professionals, LLC, from Aberdeen made the presentation at the board meeting. Following the half hour discussion the board approved the purchase of 14 commercial ionizers at \$850.00 per unit and 31 individual units at \$525.00. Installed, the cost will be approximately \$32,000.

The school board, in consensus, favored these ionizers which will go in the uni-vents of the air circulation school systems.

Board president Robert Steffen stated that this is a proactive move to aid in the prevention of COVID-19, as well as flu and other harmful air components and he is in favor of this purchase.

Superintendent Luanne Warren 'piggy-backed' off that endorsement by saying, "Anything we can do to mitigate and help issues for our students and staff, is a good step and a help."

Allied Climate Professionals will install the individual ionizers right away and will install the commercial ionizers as they become available, in about two weeks. Ionizer filters will be changed approximately every three weeks.

The board unanimously approved this purchase.

In other business:

The following items were declared surplus: PE supplies - table tennis set, archery supplies, basketball cart; Fordham Colony - outdated materials for K-8 for: read-



Clark middle/high school administrative assistant Renae Mudgett touches the plexiglass barrier installed this summer at Clark School.

As the world attempts to return to a kind of normal in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, plexiglass has become essential. Concession areas also will have plexiglass at Clark School.

ing, Harcourt Science, Holt Math.

The milk escalator clause contract with Land of Lakes was approved.

The Duenwald Transportation contract modification of \$18,000 from 2019-20 to 2020-21, was approved after discussion.

Policy handbooks; elementary, middle/high school and staff, were approved. Some minor clerical changes were made and approved. It was stressed that all personal stuff was not allowed on social media, whatsoever, regarding the staff.

Facility updates were detailed by the superintendent. With one week before school starts, she commented that she felt good about the physical facilities, it was the things with no control over such as the St-

urgis bike rally, State Fair and the like that really has her nervous, regarding the pandemic.

ShyAnn Springer was hired as a middle school Language Arts teacher. Mikel Seefeldt's contract was amended to add junior high football. Myra Lewis will be a full time elementary Special Education aide, not part-time.

Homecoming is slated for September 11.

Seven students, involving four families, will be doing distance learning to start the school year, reported Warren.

The meeting ended with reports by new elementary principal Renae Dahl and new middle school/high school principal Travis Ahrens.

100 years ago this week the 19th Amendment was ratified

Women received the right to vote in 1920

"Simple justice demands that women should have the ballot and in this opinion, I am warmly seconded by my wife, who desires to vote, as I think all sensible women should."

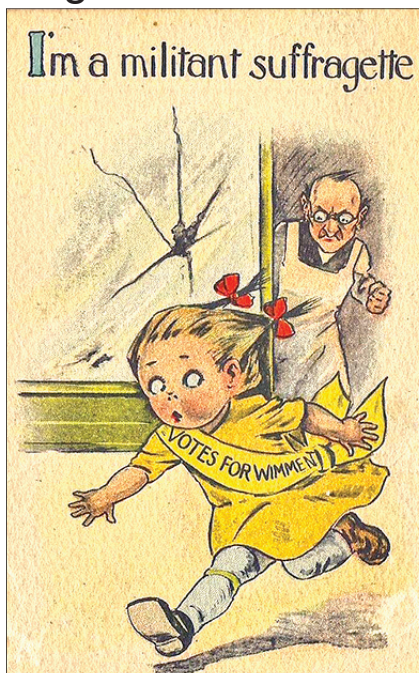
This quotation is from John Pickler, whose wife Alice Pickler was state president of the South Dakota Equal Suffrage Association. She also supervised the SD Women's Christian Temperance Union.

It's 100 years ago on August 18, 1920 that the 19th Amendment was ratified into the U.S. Constitution, forever protecting women's right to vote.

South Dakota became the 21st state to ratify the 19th Amendment on December 4, 1919. S.D. male voters approved on Nov. 5, 1918, a state constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote in this process.

Taken from the Clark County Courier in the Oct. 21, 1920 issue, in the article entitled The Sample Ballots have been issued to voters, the story reflects the new change.

In the second paragraph, it reads: Owing to the fact that each voter



This is an old vintage postcard that was sent from Evelyn Jenkins to her grandson Doyle Jenkins. Doyle is the father of Clark resident Jim Jenkins and this photo copy is courtesy of Brian Jenkins. This post card reflects the times of the women's ongoing battle for their right to vote.

was mailed a copy of each of the three ballots and as the women are legal voters this year, the number of ballots required was just four times the amount that was used in former elections in this county and the job of printing them was the biggest ever submitted to a printer in this county.

It went on to say that the Courier force was 'real busy' in getting the job in keeping their big cylinder press in a steady hum for several days in turning out the order. The bill for the paper stock was almost 200 dollars.

On page eight of that same issue in a political ad for Warren G. Harding - one portion of the ad was directed specifically to the women voters.

Women voting

Women especially have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that Senator Harding will be the next President.

Their sons are taken in war. Their husbands and fathers are

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Water isn't sticky - but the Dry Lake #2 expanse is!

A two and a half hour discussion, by way of a ZOOM (Internet) conference was held last Tuesday during the Clark County Board of Commissioners meeting.

The topic was Dry Lake #2 and what can be done, or what options are available to stop the flooding in this area. This is a very complicated, problem area, as lake water continues to rise. Farmsteads are at risk if the water levels continue to rise.

At the July 21 meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, 10 individuals talked to the board about this Dry Lake #2 flooding issue.

Last Tuesday, Chris Laveau with the US Geological Survey and Mark Rath with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led the lengthy discussion.

Area producer Thomas Lamb had many timely questions and each one led categorically to finding, or at least attempting to find options of moving Dry Lake #2 water out of Clark County.

This excessive water, that does not have a natural outlet is not in-

clusive to just Clark County. The entire 'lake and pothole' geographic areas of eastern North and South Dakota are saturated, as 30 years of above normal rainfall has brought about a third less area of farmland in these two states.

The water level on October 7, 2019 was 1,764.3 feet at Dry Lake #2. On July 28, 2020 the water level was 1,766.7 feet, an increase of 2.4'. Natural outlet (water flow) is 1,773.5', that is 6.8' above current level.

SD DENR Water Rights Program analyst Rath opened discussion by encapsulating the situation thusly: "I used LiDAR and determined the natural outlet for Dry Lake #2 to be located northeast of the lake near the town of Naples. If lake levels got high enough to naturally spill, water from the lake would flow towards the Big Sioux River by way of Marsh Lake and down through the Lake Norden to Lake Poinsett chain of lakes. In order to relocate and/or lower the outlet allowing water to flow from the lake, a flood control permit would need to be applied for and issued by the Water Management Board.

"The two South Dakota statutes that pertain to flood control permits are SDCL 46-5-47 and 46-2A-11. In order for the Water Management Board to consider issuing a flood control permit, the applicant would have the burden of demonstrating the requirements as laid out in SDCL 46-2A-11 are met. This likely would require an engineering analysis to determine the effects downstream and may also involve obtaining flood easements from downstream property owners who

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WEATHER				
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Aug. 4.....	76	54	0	
Aug. 5.....	77	56	.01	
Aug. 6.....	77	56	0	
Aug. 7.....	80	58	.04	
Aug. 8.....	83	70	.04	
Aug. 9.....	84	64	.46	
Aug. 10.....	87	62	0	
2020 precipitation to date	13.55			
2019 precipitation to date	24.03			

Achievement Days COVID style - the success goes on

The 2020 Clark County 4-H Achievement Days were held August 3, 4 and 5 as the Clark County Livestock Event. A total of 156 animal exhibits were shown by Clark County 4-Hers.

2020 COVID-19 style Clark County 4-H achievement days were without spectators, the Dog Show and static exhibits. Many Clark County 4-Hers have qualified their livestock project for the South Dakota State Fair, in Huron, September 3 - 7.

Monday started off with the beef show in the morning.

There were 36 beef exhibits this year, with 36 purple ribbons being awarded. Overall Champion Breeding Heifer went to Madelyn Caulfield with her Maintainer. Reserve Breeding Heifer went to Mitchell Schmidt with his Commercial Heifer. Champion Market Heifer went to Mitchell Schmidt and Reserve went to Ericka Dale. Champion Market Steer went to Mitchell Schmidt and Reserve went

to Conner Mudgett. Overall Champion Market Beef went to Mitchell Schmidt with Reserve going to Conner Mudgett.

There were 16 goats exhibited this year, with 16 receiving purple ribbons. Overall Breeding Meat Goat was won by Lincoln Reidburn with Reserve going to Tye McGraw. Champion Market Doe went to Lydia Reidburn with Reserve going to Alivia Gehrke. Champion Market Wether went to Lincoln Reidburn with Reserve going to Lydia Reidburn. Overall Champion Market Goat went to Lydia Reidburn and Reserve going to Lincoln Reidburn.

The Swine Show had 28 exhibits with 27 receiving purple ribbons. Champion Purebred Barrow was won by Sam Hovde with Reserve Purebred Barrow going to Alexia Schmidt. Champion Purebred Gilt was awarded to Cayson Bratland and Reserve Gilt to Sam Hovde. Champion Crossbred Gilt was awarded to Cayson Bratland and Reserve Gilt to Sam Hovde. Champion Crossbred Steer went to Mitchell Schmidt and Reserve went

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Achievement Days went on, but much different than usual. With no spectators, no static exhibits, only livestock shows went on in 2020. During the goat portion of livestock judging, from left to right Coy

Nichols, Taylor McGraw and Alivia Gehrke, all compete under the watchful eye of judge Jeff Vanderwal.