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We're Going Back To School



School starts in Clark TODAY. Enjoy the year!

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Four new faces greet students at Clark School

▲ Classes begin today!



Tera McDonnell

Travis Weyh

Wanda Torres De Jesus

Trisha Marx

Today (Wednesday) the 2016-2017 Clark School year kicks off, as the school doors are now open. Superintendent Luanne Warren and Principal Jerry Hartley greeted students as one and all begin a new school term.

Four new faces will be greeting the students in the Clark school system. New to the Clark School

for the 2016-2017 term will be Tera McDonnell, Trisha Marx, Travis Weyh and Wanda Torres De Jesus.

Tera McDonnell

Tera McDonnell will be the K-12 vocal music instructor. She is originally from Watertown and is a 1993 Watertown High School graduate. She attended South Dakota State

University in Brookings and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

McDonnell taught in Henry from 1999 to 2002, Bridgewater-Emery from 2009-2014 and at Florence from 2014-2016. She and her hus-

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The Lynn Jurrens Agency is now open on S. Smith Street

Lynn Jurrens is the new American Family Insurance agent in Clark. With the Chad Smidt Agency relocating to Vermillion, Jurrens said he is super excited to expand to Clark.

With a successful American Family Insurance Agency in Watertown, Jurrens, who lives six miles west of Watertown, commented, "In 20 minutes I'm in my office in Clark. In 15 minutes I'm in my office in Watertown."

"We're seeing people, more in-person in Clark. That is a good thing. We need to make this commitment, with an on-site location - we are here. We are a part of this community and we want to invest in the community," said Jurrens.

The Jurrens Insurance Agency includes: auto, home, business, farm and life insurance. Kim Lewis is the office manager. She is married to Darin, a native of Clark, who is now a retired 25-year military veteran.

Darin, in Kim's words, "is the second son of Pat and Wally," and they have two grown children, Robert 23 and Kacy, 22. The Lewis' are building a home eight miles south of Clark, "and it is nearing completion," she said.

Lewis has eight years of experience in the insurance business, much of it in Leavenworth, Kansas. Lewis was in the Watertown office prior to the Clark move, "I'm

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The Lynn Jurrens Agency is now open at 104 S. Smith in Clark. Jurrens, left, is an American Family Insurance agent, in Watertown and now has expanded to Clark. Kim Lewis, right, is the office manager.



When crows nest is up - scoreboard will be moved

"Our intention is to play football games at the new sports complex, west of the high school," said Clark athletic director Jerry Hartley and then he added, "but there is a great big 'but' involved."

That 'but' is whether or not the crows nest (press box) gets built in time, to be located near the bleachers on the west side.

"This is a big week for us to get the crows nest built and we'll know by the end of the week if it will become reality," he said.

One can see the partially built crows nest lying on its side by the bleachers at the CHS Sports Complex. Once the crows nest is up, the scoreboard will be

moved from Dakota Style Field in Dickinson Park to the sports complex.

Above, the scoreboard stanchions are being put in place in the southwest corner of the stadium. Kyle Gaikowski and Westside Implement have really stepped up in helping us, said Hartley. Gaikowski is working just right of the stanchion.

Bob Bjerke and the sports complex committee have been instrumental in bringing this entire sports complex to completion.

This week, the sidewalk north of the bleachers is going in and the goal post sleeves are in with the goal posts to be bolted in the near future.

County law enforcement has had a busy week

Stabbing Incident

"On Sunday, August 21, at approximately 1500 hours, the Clark County Ambulance and law enforcement responded to a stabbing incident at 181st St. and 428th Ave. west of Naples," reported Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw.

He stated that there was apparently a construction crew living at the site and two of the workers

had gotten into a fight. One of the workers ended up getting stabbed in the arm.

The victim, Daniel Bien, age 26, from Sioux Falls, was transported to Prairie Lakes Hospital where he was treated and released.

Both the suspect, John Munoz, age 29, from Del Rio, Texas and the victim were arrested. The victim had outstanding warrants

from other counties and the suspect was arrested for aggravated assault.

Responding units were the Clark County Ambulance, officers from the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark Police Department, Hamlin Sheriff's Office and the SD Game, Fish and Parks.

High Speed Chase

Clark County Sheriff McGraw also reported a high speed chase that began at about 6:40 p.m. on Thursday evening which resulted in the arrest of a 20-year old Clark man. According to the sheriff's report, the chase lasted 25 minutes.

Authorities say the pursuit began when Cody Detravious-Dumar Jones was pulled over by a Clark County Deputy Sheriff on a traffic stop. Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw says Jones pulled away during the stop. Jones was clocked at speeds in excess of

100 miles per hour near Casey's Slough on Highway 212 east of Clark.

Jones exited Highway 212 at one point where he drove down main street in Henry and then back out onto County Road 27. Jones continued to elude as he veered back three miles south of Henry on a gravel road. At this point the chase was called off.

Jones was found at a residence later and arrested for Aggravated Eluding, which is a class 6 felony. He was also charged with failure

to have insurance, possession of a revoked license, driving while having a suspended drivers license on two counts, speeding and reckless driving.

Sheriff McGraw stated that there were no outstanding warrants on Jones at the time of his arrest.

Assisting the Clark County Sheriff's Office were the Codington County Sheriff's Office and South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Many 4-H memories are made at the South Dakota State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair is Sept. 1-5, 2016, in Huron. Each year thousands gather at the State Fair. Growing up in 4-H, the South Dakota State Fair is the culmination of the entire year's hard work. 4-H families use the State Fair as a working vacation, camping the entire week on the fairground campsites. More than 50 Clark County families spend the entire week at the Fair.

McGraw Family

"There's always something to do at the South Dakota State Fair for 4-H families," notes Kim McGraw, 4-H Youth Advisor who has spent the last 19 years camping and working at the event.

"One thing I've always told the families of the 4-H kids, you can be as busy or as relaxed as you choose to be at the fair," reiterates McGraw.

It turns out to be a lot of early mornings for the exhibitors with livestock. A lot of shows start at 8:00 a.m., so it's before that when

the work begins to have their animal in tip top shape.

McGraw's duties over the years have mainly been working with dairy goats and dairy cattle, where she's been on the committee and chaired them over the years.

"The last six years my State Fair experience has been spent in the open class dairy barn working with cattle families. I've always stayed at the fair. It's convenient to have a place to go to cool off (usually) during our breaks."

Her three children, Tate, Tye and Taylor have always known staying at the State Fair. "When they were really little, it was more boring for them. But now that they are older and showing their meat goats, they have chores and more to do at the fair and enjoy it."

Last Friday, the family was busy taking their animals to the vet to see if they were healthy enough to go to the fair. They were also going to the Brown County Fair for practice for Tate and Tye. Taylor is a Clover Bud/beginner in the 4-H



This is the perfect picture to highlight memories of the South Dakota State Fair. Pictured above is Glen Warkentien with his State Fair Grand Champion calf, 'Butch', in 1955, which is 61 years ago. Warkentien still calls Clark home, along with wife Jeanette.

organization and Clover Buds don't exhibit yet at the State Fair. She did exhibit locally however at the Clark County Achievement Days.

Tye McGraw stated that it's fun when his dad brings back some cousins with him when he makes a trip home to do chores. "They don't want to leave," states McGraw. "Going on rides" is a favorite of their children too and they experienced watching bull riding at the rodeo last year mentioned McGraw.

With the South Dakota State Fair starting the end of this week, the preparing starts today for many 4-H families who make it their annual ritual of camping at the fair grounds.

For some it's a continuation of family vacations from the farm when they were growing up and in 4-H. Now it's their children who are showing their livestock.

Schmidt Family

A 'showcation' is what Brett and Rochelle Schmidt call it when they leave the farm to show their cattle,

be it the State Fair in Huron or for instance at the recent National Junior Simmental Association in Des Moines, Iowa (where their daughter Nicolette earned sixth overall steer in the competition).

Rochelle was formerly a Sour who graduated from the Hamlin School and Brett is a Willow Lake graduate and both have fond memories of looking forward to and camping at

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 16.....	82	60	0
Aug. 17.....	80	56	tr
Aug. 18.....	75	61	tr
Aug. 19.....	71	52	tr
Aug. 20.....	65	49	.06
Aug. 21.....	74	49	0
Aug. 22.....	82	61	0
2016 precipitation to date			14.54
2015 precipitation to date			18.25