

Medical marijuana ordinance discussed at special city meeting

A special meeting of the Clark City Council was held Friday, at the Ulyot Building. The primary reason for this meeting was to enact Ordinance #568, concerning medical marijuana.

As the voters in South Dakota legalized both medical marijuana and recreational marijuana at the ballot boxes last November, the state, county, tribal and municipal government bodies will need to pass legislation/ordinances that regulate marijuana.

The state has set October dates to start with the regulating of marijuana, beginning with medical marijuana. No local government ordinance can go above and beyond or outside of what the state of South Dakota mandates.

The preliminary, potential city ordinance will allow for one local dispensary, with a fee of \$5,000 and the only state mandate at this time is that the location of this service cannot be within 1,000 feet of a school.

City attorney Chad Fjelland, as he discussed the medical marijuana ordinance with the council, said it is a very fluid process and things could change after the public hearing held September 8. The next council meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 1 and the council will give first reading to Ordinance #568 at this time.

First District Planning Association, Watertown, will be working with the various government entities to bring about wording in place, prior to passage. Not all government agencies will pass the exact same ordinance, but will be similar

in nature, said Fjelland.

The location will be commercial or highway commercial; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and the city liquor officer will also oversee this area. The council will meet briefly on Tuesday, Sept. 7 to vote on this medical marijuana ordinance prior to the Sept. 8 public hearing.

Nesheim house

After the death of Gordon Nesheim, his house on N. Commercial Street has been sold. A motion was approved to obtain an easement on this residence and maintain this structure, including a hold harmless clause.

The house is in the right of way by six feet and that is why a variance easement is needed.

Med Van

City finance officer Alaina Wellnitz queried the council as to how much should be budgeted in 2022 for the Clark Med Van Service. The

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| Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer | | | | |
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| Aug. 18..... | 93 | 71 | 0 | |
| Aug. 19..... | -- | -- | -- | |
| Aug. 20..... | 92 | 71 | .25 | |
| Aug. 21..... | 81 | 52 | .08 | |
| Aug. 22..... | 74 | 52 | 0 | |
| Aug. 23..... | 77 | 58 | .02 | |
| 2021 precipitation to date | 13.86 | | | |
| 2020 precipitation to date | 14.71 | | | |



The 2021 Clark High School Homecoming royalty candidates in the back row, left to right are Chad Kolden, Chasity Lewis, Logan Hurlbert, Teagan Ortberg, Emmah Mitchell and Tyler O'Neill. In the front row, left

to right, are Gunnar Kvistad and Hunter Lee. Coronation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

C.H.S. Homecoming theme is "Cartoons"

▲ Coronation is Tuesday, August 31

Ninety-one years ago the tradition of Homecoming started at Clark High School. The celebration of Homecoming 2021 is the week of September 7-10 and the theme is 'Cartoons'.

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Marshal will be on Tuesday, August 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

During Homecoming week, or "Spirit Week", each day has a different dress up day. Tuesday the theme is 'Squad Day'. The fun

continues on Wednesday with the theme being 'Celebrity Day'. Thursday's theme is 'Throw Back Thursday' and Friday, September 10, is 'Cyclone (Spirit) Day'.

The Homecoming Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. on September 10. The Cyclone football game will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School Sports Complex, west of the high school, against the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers.

Queen Candidates

Chasity Lewis is the daughter

of David and Myra Lewis. She is active in FCCLA, National Honor Society, cheer, choir, plays and Special Olympics. Her future plans are to attend Northern State University for psychology. She then plans to get her masters degree and study clinical psychology.

Logan Hurlbert is the daughter of Russ and Sherray Hurlbert. Her activities are FFA, volleyball, National Honor Society, All-School play, One-Act play, 4-H, band and choir. After graduation from high

school she plans to attend South Dakota State University for exercise science and nutrition. Then to University of South Dakota for physical therapy.

Teagan Ortberg is the daughter of Matt and Lacey Ortberg. Her activities include volleyball, golf, FFA, FCCLA, National Honor Society, All-School play, student council, band, Music Honor Society and choir. Her future plans are to at-

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Class of 2034 starts kindergarten

Classes at Clark School began Wednesday, August 18. Kindergarten student Abigail Bowers finds her desk with the help of mom, Tiffany. Dad Justin is just outside of the camera lens.

With an August start, the school air conditioning has come in handy.

SD teachers learn how mRNA vaccines work

By Christie Delfanian

Three South Dakota science teachers learned techniques to study how cells work through a four-day biology workshop at South Dakota State University. Those lessons, including how mRNA vaccines work, aim to help the teachers get their students excited about cutting-edge science.

"I am going to incorporate this into my genetics unit," said Bobbi Jo Bohnet, who teaches science to middle schoolers in Clark. "Life sciences is my favorite class to teach and this workshop is a perfect fit." This will be Bohnet's fifth year teaching in the Clark School District.

Tracy Chase, who has taught science at McCook Central in Salem for 18 years, said, "I participated in Dr. Nepal's iLEARN project in 2018. I really enjoyed it and the connections that I made, so I asked if there was room for me in this workshop—and there was." Brian LaBelle began teaching

high school science at Tiospa Zina Tribal School in Sisseton last year after a 31-year career in medical technology with the Indian Health Service. "I did microbiology every day there," said Labelle, a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. After spending his first year teaching online, he's looking forward to getting into the classroom and getting students excited about science—and what he's learned at the workshop will help him do that.

The teacher workshop is part of a four-year, nearly \$1.14 million National Science Foundation project that uses simplified cell circuitry, known as synthetic biology, to study how proteins are produced, degraded and modified.

"I wish I had them all as students—what they do is amazing," said assistant professor of biology and microbiology Nicholas Butzin, who leads the NSF project. This was his first experience with science teachers—and the first of three summers the workshop will



Science teachers Tracy Chase from McCook Central in Salem, left, and Bobbi Jo Bohnet from the Clark School District check bacterial growth as part of a four-day synthetic biology workshop at South Dakota State University.

be available for three teacher participants.

Butzin worked with professor Madhav Nepal of the Department

of Biology and Microbiology to plan the workshop, selecting topics

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For only the third time in 129 years this hardware store is changing hands

▲ Clark Ace Hardware opens September 1

Next Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 is an historical day in Clark business transactions. Alfredo and Shannon Garduno will become the owners of Clark Ace Hardware.

With the new Garduno ownership it gives opportunity to look back into the past 129 years; 11 years of Dekker Hardware and 118 years of Desnoyers Hardware. The longevity of this hardware store is very important to the community.

Dekker Hardware

One of Pam Dekker's best stories has to be the one of Henry

(H.T.) Desnoyers stopping her on the street 11 1/2 years ago and saying to her, "Only you can save this hardware store."

Strangely, or maybe not so strangely, the last 11 years have gone by quite quickly and Dekker feels very good about the condition of Dekker Hardware throughout her ownership and the ensuing sale to Alfredo and Shannon Garduno.

It was because of health reasons to H.T. Desnoyers that gave Pam the opportunity to purchase the hardware store.

Dekker started in the hardware business over 40 years ago. In June of 1980 Dekker worked for Phil Lee for six months before he sold to Kermit Swartout early in 1981. Clarence Mutschler then bought the hardware store a year later and was Dekker's boss the next 13 years. Jim and Nancy Weber were the next owners, for three years and then she moved across the street to Desnoyers Hardware for five years before a hardware store hiatus working at Cross Country Veterinary Service for four years.

"During my time away from the hardware business, I really missed it and knew that the hardware store was my niche," she said and then one day on the street H.T. gave her this offer she couldn't refuse.

Pam has owned Dekker Hardware from May 2010 until next Wednesday's transaction.

Desnoyers Hardware history

According to the Clark County Centennial History Book: H.T.'s grandfather Henri Joseph Desnoyers and his older brother Fer-

dinand arrived with the first train to Clark in 1882. My grandfather homesteaded in this community while Ferdinand built a business firm in the area of the present City Hall building. He sold dry goods, primarily. In 1892, Henri started the store in the location of the present Desnoyers Hardware. His son, Henry Sr., joined his father in a full partnership and they continued this arrangement until Henri's death in 1943. Henry Sr. died in 1961 and his wife, Ann, mother of H.T. operated the store until H.T.

completed his college studies and joined the firm in 1968.

The family has been involved in community leadership and support these many years. Fire destroyed the first store, built by Henri. Much of that side of Commercial Street burned at that time. In 1900 Henri was back in business in the present store building. In 1951 the store was doubled in size with the removal of the dividing wall and moving stock into the north half of the

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