

Clark High School Homecoming first started in 1928

The first Clark High School Homecoming was held on October 18, 1928. It was not called "Home Coming Day" until 1931. Until 1931 homecoming was called Maroon and White Day.

Research was gathered from Clark County Courier archives and had this research started with the 1933 files, a five-year C.H.S. Homecoming summary would have been found, saving several hours of turning pages in 90-year-old papers. (Starting in 1926, it took over two

hours of research to find this information.)

Going in chronological order, to repeat, nothing on homecoming was found in 1927, but in the October editions of 'The Maroon and White' found in the Clark County Courier, three excerpts follow, from 1928, detailing the big day and then the following week describing the festivities and telling who the first Homecoming Queen was, even though for two years she was described as 'Miss Clark'.

1928 - Coming Festivities

Everywhere excitement prevails, secret conferences are held and everyone looks very important. Why? Because Clark Hi is going to have a celebration. This week Friday is the day of this grand jubilee and it starts with a pep meeting Thursday night.

In the afternoon will be staged the "Big Parade". It will be headed by "Miss Clark Hi" who will be elected, by the student body, from the following nominees: Margaret

Brown, Grace Distad and Marian McClelland. Prizes will be given for the most beautiful and cleverest float. Each class and the organizations will be represented.

The main event of the day is the football game between Clark and Groton. Last year Clark called on Groton and brought home the little end of the score. This year, with the help of our boosters, we will return the treatment. "Turn about is fair play."

1928 - Maroon and White Day big success

Clark High School can well be proud of the array of colors displayed in the big parade Friday. Every class and organization had an appropriate float to represent them in it. They were represented by various classes of vehicles such as, baby carriage, horse and buggy, automobiles and hay racks.

As was mentioned in the last issue a prize was to be given to the organization having the best float.

The freshmen, represented by the "Age of Innocence", a very appropriate float, were the worthy and grateful recipients of the first prize. The juniors won second place on a motto float, "Be Square".

Three impartial judges were appointed to select the best float. They were: Mr. Joe Ware, Mr. Sterling Clark and Miss Mayme Flynn.

The crowning success of the big day came when our foot ball boys

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Bridge improvement grant recipients announced

▲ Clark County receives two grants

The South Dakota Transportation Commission awarded 26 Preliminary Engineering Bridge Improvement Grants (BIG) totaling approximately \$1 million at their meeting last week in Pierre.

The remaining \$8 million in BIG funds will be used for Preservation, Rehabilitation and Replacement grants to be approved by next April.

Grant recipients are: Aurora County, Beadle County (3), Butte County (2), Clark County (2), Day County (2), Fall River County, Jackson County, Keystone (2), McCook County, Meade County (5), Miner County, Moody County, Sanborn County, Sully County and Tripp County (2).

The two bridges in Clark County will be worked on and completed in 2018, according to Clark County highway superintendent Ryan Eggleston. Both are on the west side of the county.

"This grant isn't to replace the bridge(s), but rather the first step

in the process," said Eggleston. This preliminary engineering grant will define the type of structure and size of structure for bridge replacement. Clark Engineering is the engineering firm in charge of the Clark County bridge project.

One bridge is located 4.2 miles south and three miles east of Raymond and the grant is for \$35,890.08. The second bridge is located six miles south and three-tenths of a mile east of Raymond and the grant is for \$37,862.93.

"We have 18 bridges in Clark County," commented Eggleston and the talk turned to bridges located on the west, with ponds in the east, based on geographic conditions. Clark County is one of the few counties in South Dakota without a major river running through.

Fifty-two applications totaling \$1.85 million were received by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). Three cities submitted five applications

and 24 counties submitted a total of 47 applications.

Local governments are required to pay a minimum of 20 percent matching funds and have three years to expend the grant. Counties must have a wheel tax and a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan in order to receive a grant.

The BIG program was created in 2015 by Senate Bill 1. SD 1 set aside \$7 million per year from funds generated by license plate fees to be used to repair and replace aging local bridges. The SDDOT adds an additional \$2 million annually, making \$9 million available.

The next round of BIG program applications are due January 2, 2018, for the Preservation, Rehabilitation and Replacement categories. Applications are available online at <http://sddot.com/business/local/big/Default.aspx>



The 2017 Clark High School Homecoming royalty candidates in the back row, left to right are Brock Shult, Karli Paulson, Tania Gutierrez Ramirez and Ntai Stevens. In the front row, left to right, are Mekel Sanchez, Alexandria Thomas, Gabby Moes and Brady Rusher. Coronation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

2017 CHS Homecoming theme 'Disney Movies'

▲ Coronation is Tuesday, September 5

Eighty-seven years ago the tradition of Homecoming started at Clark High School. The celebration of Homecoming 2017 is the week of September 5-8 and the theme is 'Disney Movies'.

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Marshal will be on Tuesday, September 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

Following the coronation, the burning of the "C" will take place on the south side of the high school.

During Homecoming week, or "Spirit Week", each day has a different dress up day. Tuesday the theme is 'Tye Dye Day'. The fun continues on Wednesday with the

theme being 'Work Out Gear Day'. Thursday's theme is 'Pajama Day' and Friday, September 8, is 'Cyclone Day'.

The Homecoming Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. 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 Great Plains Lutheran Panthers.

Queen Candidates

Alexandria Thomas is the daughter of Chad and Tara Thomas of Clark. She is active in band, One Act Play, All School Play, Mathletes, Snow Queen, dance and volleyball.

Gabby Moes is the daughter of Adam and Allison Imberi of Clark.

Her activities are volleyball, band, dance, cheer and All School Play.

Karli Paulson is the daughter of Doug and Kimberly Paulson of Clark. Her activities include One Act Play, All School Play, Mathletes, National Honor Society and Snow Queen.

Tania Gutierrez Ramirez is the daughter of Maria Ramirez and Roberto Gutierrez. She is active in speech and Arts Club.

Marshal Candidates

Mekel Sanchez is the son of Kerry Kline of Clark and Michael

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On Monday, a full-scale exercise of an active shooter took place at the Clark County Courthouse. The shooter, Beth Raml of the Watertown National Guard, gets ready for law enforcement officers to enter the Clark County Courtroom. Raml has done several of these shooter exercises throughout the state of South Dakota.

Shooter on the loose at the courthouse

▲ Clark County participates in active shooter exercise

What was all of the commotion at the Clark County Courthouse Monday morning? "I'm thankful that it was just a drill and I'm also very thankful that we had an exercise to evaluate how we would respond in an emergency," said Clark County Clerk of Courts Tracy Aquayo of the full scale exercise of an active shooter.

Because of situations close to home, like Harrisburg and like Lennox, in South Dakota, each county courthouse will have, or have had simulations of an active shooter to help staff better prepare for a situation such as this.

"Responders did well," stated Clark County Deputy Sheriff/Clark County Emergency Management Director Michael Graving of the courthouse staff and all involved. "Everyone treated this as a real world situation," he said, as the courthouse was secured and locked down.

"In an active shooter situation,

one has to run, or hide or fight. You need to follow your best decision. Monday's drill allowed us to check and critique our alarm system at the courthouse and to know where our 'safe rooms/areas' are located," Graving stated in this drill to train responders as well as courthouse employees.

Many entities were involved in this response to the security system emergency situation, including all courthouse employees, Clark County Sheriff's office, Clark City Police, Clark County Ambulance, Clark Fire Department, GF&P, Emergency Management, National Guard, circuit court judge and court services.

At 11:00 a.m. at the Clark County Courthouse, Beth Raml, the (simulated) shooter (with soft pellet bullets), walked into the Register of Deeds Office. She shot the Register of Deeds, Andrea Helkenn in the arm and deputy Register of Deeds Luveta Wicks in the leg.

Raml then waited for law enforcement to show and on the second floor of the courthouse, she began a shootout. She fled to the third floor courtroom and waited in hiding (pictured on front page) for the officers to enter the courtroom after they checked all possible hiding areas.

After brief exchange of fire the shooter fled to the jury room where she was apprehended by the officers.

Afterward, rooms were searched, victims were escorted out by law enforcement and the critiquing process began, checking to make sure everything that could be done, was done properly.

"I was pleased how it played out," said Graving. "It was interesting. Everyone took it serious. That is important as it seems we are at the 'height of awareness' with active shooter situations."

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| Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer | | | |
| | HI | LO | PR |
| Aug. 22..... | 71 | 47 | 0 |
| Aug. 23..... | 74 | 48 | 0 |
| Aug. 24..... | 72 | 55 | 0 |
| Aug. 25..... | 74 | 60 | .66 |
| Aug. 26..... | 73 | 57 | 0 |
| Aug. 27..... | 74 | 50 | 0 |
| Aug. 28..... | 76 | 50 | 0 |
| 2017 precipitation to date | 15.16 | | |
| 2016 precipitation to date | 14.54 | | |

| Clark County Rainfall | |
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| 8/22 - 8/28 | *Bradley 1.80" |
| *Crocker 1.64" | Garden City .85" |
| *Raymond 1.50" | Henry .52" |
| *Clark .66" | *Vienna .88" |
| *Carpenter .95" | *Willow Lake .75" |



Class of 2030 starts kindergarten

Wednesday, August 23 marked the first day of classes at Clark schools for the 2017-18 school year.

Steve Ryan, above, accompanied Isabelle Minnick to her first day of kindergarten and remained to help her get settled in

teacher Stephanie Hagstrom's classroom. Isabelle is the daughter of Steve and Christianna Ryan of Clark.

This year 18 new kindergarten students began their school careers in Clark.