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**TOP
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WEATHER
Ryan Eggleston - Official
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Sept. 3.....	82	47	0
Sept. 4.....	85	62	0
Sept. 5.....	84	65	0
Sept. 6.....	84	65	0
Sept. 7.....	85	66	tr
Sept. 8.....	79	67	0
Sept. 9.....	81	65	0
2013 precipitation to date	16.56"		
2012 precipitation to date	14.32"		

Today marks the 12th anniversary of 9/11

Today, September 11, 2013, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance will be observed, as 12 years ago on this date 2,977 were killed in the terrorist attacks.

On this day, the President requests that the American flag be flown at half-staff. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Janet Hurlbert, Department President of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary calls upon its members, as well, to join the annual 9/11 Day Observance, known formerly as "Patriot Day". Congress has designated each September 11th to be a "national day of service" to the victims of the terrorist attack on our nation that occurred September 11, 2001, through good deeds and charitable services.

Clark Center church service is Sunday

The eighth annual Preservation Sunday service at Clark Center Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. This yearly service is to honor the founders and former members of the church.

Clark Center Lutheran Church is located three miles west, five miles north and 1/2 mile east of Clark. Everyone is welcome to the service and fellowship following.

PDR Youth Hunt is this weekend

The sixth annual PDR Disabled Youth Deer Hunt is this weekend, September 13-15, east of Clark.

PDR Hunt founder, Dean Rasmussen said, "After six years, just about everybody in town has some type of connection to this hunt and we love hosting it as much as the kids who come here to hunt."

Land owners in this farming community in northeastern South Dakota provide access to land. Volunteers attend to all of the special needs of these hunters. Custom, ground-level, covered blinds are constructed, transportation to and from the field is arranged, meals are planned and accommodations are reserved.

Historical Society to meet on Sept. 16

The Clark County Historical Society will start off the new season on Monday, September 16 with their fall meeting and potluck to start at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark House.

The Historical Society is made up of volunteers interested in preserving and enhancing the history of Clark County. CCHS president Greg Furness urges all interested individuals and families to attend the meetings. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass for the potluck supper.

City council discusses everything from housing codes to sewer rate hikes

The September meeting of the Clark City Council was lengthy and newsworthy. As Labor Day was the normal city meeting date, the city council met on Wednesday. Absent from the meeting were council members Louann Streff and Anthony Woodland.

The city is going forward with a \$5,000,000 wastewater treatment facility project. In order to do this the city of Clark is taking out a \$2,500,000 loan. The resolution passed by the council Monday evening expresses this project funding analysis and shows that in order to make the necessary loan payments that sewer rates will go from \$26.00 monthly to \$41.50 monthly by October 1, 2015.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell showed the details of the sewer line fees for the debt service. The 650 hookups will see a spike in the line fee and base fee by Oct. 2015 to aid in financing the Rural Development loan of \$2,500,000 at 2.75% interest over 40 years. A proposed monthly sewer rate with the new loan of \$41.50 will offset the \$8,593.19 monthly payments incurred.

Librarian

Kim Taylor has been the acting librarian since the beginning of last month at the Clark City Library. The council voted 3-1 to approve the

library board recommendation, but as this was not a majority (4) of the council, it is non-binding.

Councilman Lon Reidburn was opposed to this recommendation as he wanted more information, feeling that the application process should have been more open. Voting to approve the applicant were council members Kerry Kline, Vicki Orris and Belinda Hanson. This librarian recommendation will be an agenda item at the October council meeting.

Property Maintenance Code

The city council gave first reading to the ordinance regarding International Property Maintenance Code. Luttrell informed the council that this is a recognized or model for dealing with property that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing buildings. This is where the phrase, "up to code", comes from.

City attorney Chad Fjelland noted that this would be needed to be applied uniformly. "This code for enforcement is there for when you need it," he said and he urged the council to read the manual thoroughly. "This is very, very detailed stuff."

At the October council meeting a **City council**
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Fall sports are going strong

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones fall sports are in full swing and September is chocked full of athletic activities.

Above, Cyclone quarterback Tyson Jenkins gets a lead block from Dylan Wicks, 52 and Noah Huber, 78. The Cyclones were defeated 36-0 in this Eastern Coteau Conference match up by Hamlin, at Dickinson Field on Friday.

The ECC football schedule continues for Clark-Willow Lake throughout Sept. Contests include: Sept. 13, Waverly-South Shore in Waverly, Sept. 20, Deuel in Clear Lake and Sept. 27, Tri-State in Clark.

Clark's Homecoming is set for Sept. 27 and Willow Lake's is Oct. 4.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Volleyball Tournament is this Saturday at the Clark High School gym and field house starting at 9:00 a.m. Teams participating include: Clark-Willow Lake, Aberdeen Christian, Elkton-Lake Benton, Webster, Hitchcock-Tulare, Madison, De Smet, Aberdeen Roncalli, Winner, Redfield-Doland, Lake Preston and Britton-Hecla.

Cross country also has a meet this week, Thursday at De Smet.

Photo by Lisa Paulson

Curtis Boyd lost his eye at Pork Chop Hill

▲ Thee soldiers who lost right eyes, reunite



The same eye, the same regiment, the same hill. On Pork Chop Hill in South Korea in 1953 was where Curtis Boyd, left, of Bradley lost his eye to shrapnel while serving in the Army. He later met Bob Krause, center and Duane Broten while in Army hospitals who were from the midwest who did the same exact thing.

The men traveled back home in their self dubbed - 'three guys with three eyes road trip' in Broten's 1950 Pontiac from San Francisco to the midwest and hadn't seen each other since until being reunited recently.

School board officially adopts 2013-14 budget

One of the decisions made at the September meeting of the Clark School Board was officially approving the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget.

Clark School business manager Heidi Sigdestad went over all the changes which had been made from the preliminary budget.

This is the first time in a long time where the school board will not have to worry about deficit spending. A \$300,000 opt out of the tax freeze goes into effect the second half of this fiscal year, allowing the school \$150,000 from the opt out.

Both Sigdestad and superintendent Brian Heupel feel that the school budget is in very good shape moving forward this year.

In other business:

▲ An athletic co-op meeting was held recently with board representatives and administrators from Willow Lake and Clark. Both board representatives, Kim Seefeldt and Trudi Gaikowski commented that they thought it was a good, productive meeting and that the co-op is working well between the two schools.
▲ ACT scores of Clark students

were discussed. Composite scores the past five years include: 2009 - Clark 22.0, State 22.0; 2010 - Clark 20.7, State 21.8; 2011 - Clark 20.9, State 21.8; 2012 - Clark 22.4, State 21.8; 2013 - Clark 21.3, State 21.9.

▲ Goal setting and strategic planning for the school, the school board and school administrators was discussed as far as a date that will work to bring in a clinician. This date will probably be a couple months down the road, was the consensus.

▲ The board approved placing a \$4,500 bid for the 130' x 250' of land located north of the athletic complex.

▲ With this hot weather the past two weeks, the school will be pursuing, with preliminary discussion, the cost of a cooling system.

▲ Belinda Hanson will be the boys and girls basketball cheerleading advisor.

▲ School enrollments were discussed and 366 will be the magic number for school funding budgetary purposes.

▲ No executive session was necessary.

Veteran Curtis Boyd of Bradley went to a reunion the end of August where he met two veterans he hadn't seen in 60 years that he had a lot in common with.

The three guys with three eyes road trip' was what they called it, when Korean veterans Boyd and Bob Krause rode with Duane Broten in his 1950 Pontiac from San Francisco to the midwest in 1953.

Boyd, Krause and Broten all had in common that they had lost their right eyes in combat on Pork Chop Hill near the 38th parallel between North and South Korea in the summer of 1953.

They hadn't seen each other since then.

Until Labor Day weekend 60 years later once again they laid eyes on each other with a reunion at the Crystal, Minn. VFW hall.

"The place was full, with veterans and relatives of Bob and Duane's. There was also a WW II veteran there in his 90's who could get around good and was sharp as

a tack. We spent about four hours together on Saturday night, taking pictures and catching up. We had a good meal together, too," said Boyd. The three friends were interviewed by the local media and toasted by all who assembled. They also received a special award presented by a POW/MIA club.

"We also found out we all have birthdays in October, but in different years. I was born in 1933, Bob was born in 1931 and Duane in 1932." If one did the math, in 1953, Boyd was only 20 years old when he sacrificed for his country in the Korean War.

"We all lost the same eye at the same battle, (the infamous battle on Pork Chop Hill). We were all in the 17th Regiment but in different companies. I was in company 'H', in a machine gun squad. I carried a 30 caliber machine gun that was air cooled. We had water cooled ones that were bulkier, so those were set up stationary as well as our 50 caliber ones. I knew how to shoot all

three.

"That day there was me, a gunner and an assistant gunner and eight ammo bearers who kept us supplied with ammunition. We were all along Pork Chop Hill on the south side of the parallel. It was named Pork Chop because it was shaped like a pork chop bone. It was right next to a big hill we called 'Old Baldy'. There was nothing at the top of Old Baldy as it had been bombed and shelled and napalmed so much, that is how it got its name. Our regiment was all along Pork Chop Hill. I found out later, Bob and Duane were also in the infantry, probably also carrying the 30 calibers.

"The enemy liked to hit anytime it got really dark. Generally from midnight to 6:00 a.m. was when most of the action went on. We mostly slept when we could, more so in the day so we could be awake

Boyd
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These are two vehicles involved in the two-car fatality collision at the intersection of S.D. Highway 25 and S.D. Highway 20 last Thursday at 5:53 p.m.

The 2007 Mercury Grand Marquis, left, was driven by Floyd Maas. Maas died of injuries received in the



crash. The 2013 Volkswagen SUV, right, was driven by Ted Warkenthien and his wife, Kim, was a passenger. Both received injuries, but have since been released from a Watertown hospital. Both were wearing seatbelts.

Fatality accident occurs at the SD Highway 25-20 intersection

Floyd Maas, Crocker, was killed in a two vehicle crash accident at the intersection of S.D. Highway 20 and S.D. Highway 25, five miles east of Bradley, Thursday.

According to the South Dakota Highway Patrol release: Floyd August Maas, 89, was westbound on Highway 20 at 5:53 p.m., driving a 2007 Mercury Grand Marquis. At

the intersection with Highway 25, Maas ran a stop sign, and his vehicle was struck by a northbound

Accident
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