

## City retention pond construction to begin in the near future

The City of Clark held their September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, the regular date.

"We really have a lot going on right now," said Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell. At the top of the list is the \$7.1 million retention pond project, which will begin construction this fall, "more likely sooner rather than later," she said, as ground work could begin by the end of the month.

A special city council meeting is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 21. This meeting is necessary to go forward with annexation plans on the east edge of Clark, south of US Highway 212. The one business involved at this time in this annexation process is Midwest Veterinary Service.

Forest City Enterprises LLC (Midwest Veterinary Service) is going through this process because they requested annexation.

Because of the 'large plate on the city's table' at this time Luttrell noted that moving on with other annexation areas of the city are on hold at this time. However, the city council did approve the annexation

study, done by First Planning District of Watertown, at the Sept. 6 meeting.

The 2017 budget is nearing finalization and time was spent discussing restricted money being set aside for maintenance and upkeep. The 2017 budget was given first reading by the council.

### In other business:

▲ An hour-long closed session was used by the mayor and council to discuss contractual and personnel items. No action was taken following the executive session.

▲ The council accepted the low bid from Foothill Contracting out of Webster, SD for \$3,087,610.50 and awarded a contract contingent on both DENR approval of the bid and closing of the SRF loan.

▲ The council accepted Ashley Kaufman's resignation from the Golf Board and approved Jeff Seefeldt to replace her.

▲ The city council accepted Emily Bastian's resignation as co-manager of the golf course, effective

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## Homecoming football was played west of C.H.S.

Friday night was a beautiful night for football and as this picture attests, the bleachers were full for the Homecoming game.

Give credit to the C.H.S. classes of 1966, 1971 and 1976 for helping to fill the bleachers.

This game was the first game held at the Clark Football Stadium and athletic director Jerry Hartley was hard at work to get the field and

complex ready and also was organized in getting everyone from the parking lots to the bleachers.

It also should be noted that Bob Bjerke and an entire community, including the Clark School Board, helped make this a reality.

The Britton-Hecla Braves, with 14 fourth quarter points bested the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones on the field, 14-8.



The 2016 Clark High School Royalty were chosen on Tuesday night at coronation and helped reign over the Clark Homecoming Parade on Friday. Queen Mi-

chaela Flora, left and Marshal Jess Karber enjoyed Friday's nice parade weather in the afternoon.

## Nice fall weather helps make CHS Homecoming Parade fun for all

Beautiful weather always contributes to the degree of success to the homecoming parade and the 2016 Clark High School Homecoming Parade was a huge success. The weather certainly helped, but a larger than usual crowd and three CHS class reunions made for a very nice homecoming parade.

The 2016 Clark Homecoming Parade with the theme 'Around the

World' winners included:

Elementary walking (kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades): First place - Third grade USA - Uncle Sam wants a Cyclone Win; Second place - Second grade - Passport to Victory - Cyclones have a passport to Victory; Third place - First grade - Canada - Cyclones will play a good game, "EH".

Middle school floats (5th, 6th,

7th & 8th grades): First place - 7th grade, Kenya - Can you beat the Cyclones; Second place - 6th grade, Mexico - Cyclone Victory Fiesta; Third place - 5th grade, Egypt - Building the Temple of Cyclones.

High school floats (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades): First place - Ju-

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## Cyclone athletic co-op is back in existence

The Clark School Board approved the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone co-operative agreement 2017-2021, at Monday's September board meeting.

In April of this year the Clark School Board had voted to end this Cyclone co-op, but now the Cyclone co-op is back in existence, through 2021.

Clark superintendent Luanne Warren commented, "Many individuals have put in long hours and hard work, with several meetings, to bring this to a reality. Board members from both schools came to an agreement, watching the dollars, with some minor tweaking."

In a nutshell:

Each school will have two (2) school board members on the Co-op board. This Co-op board will meet three (3) times per year; once in August, another before the winter sports seasons begin and the third meeting in the spring. The administration of the Co-op will be the task of the athletic directors, superintendents and principals. The districts will split all costs on a 50-50% as it relates to AD's, coaches, transportation, uniforms, equipment purchases and tournament costs.

There will be two athletic directors, one from each school, with different responsibilities. The head athletic director representing Clark, will be responsible for scheduling games, hiring officials and transportation scheduling all athletic activities for junior high to varsity activities. The assistant athletic director representing Willow Lake will be responsible for completion of reports and rosters in

accordance to South Dakota High School Activity Association, home game programs, asset and inventory control and all other expenses and purchases needed for the co-op.

The intent of this agreement is to schedule contests as close to 50-50 as possible. The AD will do his/her best to get LCC games (South) scheduled in Willow Lake and NEC games (North) scheduled in Clark.

One football game will be played in Willow Lake, the satellite school according to SDHSAA Grade 9-11 ADM enrollment as part of their Homecoming Celebration. All other home regular season and play-off football games will be played in Clark, the base school according to SDHSAA Grade 9-11 ADM enrollment.

Clark athletic director Jerry Hartley said he wanted to put in his 'two cents' and he thanked Clark co-op board committee members Bob Steffen and Todd Fjelland for all their hard work.

Said Warren, "A lot of work and discussion has gone into this agreement and I feel it is a fair athletic agreement."

Hartley then told the board about the 2017-18 athletic schedule, as it is now set. "We have nine basketball doubleheaders scheduled for that season and the Northeast Conference and Dakota 12 Conference will play a 'challenge day' with the girls slated to play at Sioux Valley and the boys, in Madison," he said.

### 2016-17 Budget

The fiscal year 2016-2017 budget was officially approved, after much discussion business manager Mary Nelson opened the discussion going

through the various funds.

Strategic plans for the Clark School District, within the capital outlay budget, is where the discussion led, as the Clark School District currently is levying \$1.40, per thousand, for capital outlay. This \$1.40 would generate \$865,000.

Eight hundred and sixty five thousand is \$140,000 more than the original 2016-2017 capital outlay plan and superintendent Warren then spoke of where this money would be spent.

Said board president Steffen, "We want to stay frugal, but if we need it, going forward, we need to get things done while we got it." He then questioned if an opt out will be necessary in the future? (Opt out decisions are based on the general fund, not capital outlay; whereas capital outlay is more maintenance of building and grounds, equipment and the general fund is 80 to 85 percent certified staff salaries).

It was then noted that by 2020,

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#### WEATHER

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Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 6	69	57	0
Sept. 7	74	52	.02
Sept. 8	71	51	.15
Sept. 9	64	46	tr
Sept. 10	68	44	0
Sept. 11	77	53	0
Sept. 12	64	45	0
2016 precipitation to date	16.04		
2015 precipitation to date	18.64		

## Scott Hansen repeats as Casino Speedway track champion

"If it wasn't for the fans, it wouldn't be worth it," said Scott Hansen of Garden City, who's been racing cars since he was a teenager.

The 1992 Clark High School graduate most recently was the high point man for the year at the Casino Speedway in Watertown, earning him the track championship.

Hansen earned the 2016 Casino Speedway track championship in the Midwest Modified division. He also won second in the Modified division track championship and took first place in the modified feature race that evening. This is Hansen's second track championship at the Casino Speedway, as he also took the honor in 2015.

In 2010, he earned track championship honors at the Dakota State Fair Speedway in the Modified division.

Coming up soon is the Wissota 100 at the Huron Speedway where Hansen will race against drivers from seven states and three provinces in Canada. He will be driving

in the Race of Champions, a race in which one has to qualify for in advance.

Every Sunday evening one will find Hansen racing his 'A-Mod' in the Modifieds division and his 'B-Mod' in the Midwest Modified division at the Casino Speedway. An A-mod is the top of the line with a B-mod, the next step down, with not as much horsepower. The B-mods average about 50 mph on the track with the A-mods averaging 60 mph on the quarter mile track, noted Hansen.

Hansen's race cars have a Chevrolet front end with the rest of the car being a custom made all tube frame. With Hansen being more of a Chevy/GMC man, he has Chevy engines, built by Spits racing engines out of Owatonna, Minn.

The chassis are pretty much the same on both of his cars but the rear end and suspensions and the engines are what make the difference between the A-Rod and the B-Rod.

"It's more technical than people

think," noted Hansen of the present day car races. "Each of my cars has a transponder that records each lap. There is a buried wire under the start/finish line and every time I pass that, it records and calculates your scoring and timing like a stop watch. It's a lot easier to keep score with the computer age and the transponder."

So when a crash happens and cars must start over again, the transponders help in lining up the cars in the order they were last on the track.

Drivers also wear 'raceeivers' - earbuds attached to a small device when which worn a driver can hear directions from race officials, such as the lineup when starting over, in a race after a crash happens, or other directives from officials.

Most of the heat races are eight laps around the track and a feature race can be 20 laps around on average noted Hansen.

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Submitted Photo  
Scott Hansen and his wife Amy, of Garden City, are shown with his trophy as he won first place in the feature race and also earned track champion at the Casino Speedway in Watertown recently.

Hansen races his A-mod in the Modified division and his B-mod in the Midwest Modified division. Both are #31 as that has been his number since he started racing when only a teenager.