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Garden City couple killed in plane crash

A single-engine airplane crashed Sunday morning north of Groton, killing Doug and Tina Hansen of Garden City, according to the Funeral Home notices on page four of the *Clark County Courier*.

The Groton Fly-In/Drive-In was last weekend with events that include airplane rides.

The crash occurred around 11:00 a.m. at the Groton Municipal Airport.

The plane was a 1997 American Champion 8KCAB fixed-wing, single-engine aircraft, according to information from the Federal Aviation Administration. It was registered to Doug Hansen.

The plane crashed under unknown circumstances near the runway, also according to FAA information.

Scott Meints, Brown County Emergency Management director, said the crash was related to activities at the air show.

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration had control of the scene and are investigating. The airport is about four miles north of Groton along State Highway 37.

Sunday's accident was the third fatal airplane crash in South Dakota this year, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Clark School Board meeting dominated by COVID discussions

The September meeting of the Clark School Board, Monday, was loaded with newsworthy items, almost all COVID-19 related.

By joint decision of the Clark-Willow Lake sports co-op and athletic directors, local sporting events will not be open to the public, until an all clear is given. Tier 3 is now in effect regarding sports.

Tier 3 of the COVID athletic attendance policy limits only players and their parents to home contests until further notice. Only parents of students directly involved in the evenings' activities will be allowed to attend games. Siblings of players will not be allowed to attend. There will also be NO student population at these events and concession stands with limited service will be available.

This information has also been sent to the visiting teams.

The two schools are urging help in mitigating any possible spread of the COVID virus so that the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones can return to "normal" spectator attendance at the games. Games will be live-streamed for viewing.

Regarding COVID-19, two new policies were incorporated by the school board at Monday's meeting, one regarding attendance, the other dealing with essential worker policy.

The COVID attendance policy will follow CDC guidelines, including:

- ★ Close contact or possible contact following investigation by the school and/or DOH tracing results in 14 days from the identified positive date.

- ★ In order for someone to return to school after suspected illness without close contact, they must be symptom free for 24 hours, doctor clearance, OR negative results of COVID-19 testing.

- ★ Students or employees must remain away from school or school activities until COVID test results are made available. In the event that the health care professional has deemed it necessary to be tested, you must stay home until test results are in.

- ★ The school district will provide weekly COVID updates pertaining to school on webpage and will keep board members and stake-holders informed as to staff and student issues.

As far as the essential workers

policy:

All school employees are deemed as essential workers to keep the school district operational throughout the school year. In order for these employees to have the opportunity to continue working in the school building even though they may be considered close contacts with one who has a positive test for COVID-19, the following requirements should be met:

- Employee must be tested for COVID-19 with a negative result prior to returning to school and continue to be symptom free.
- The employee must wear a mask or shield for at least the next 10 days in order to maintain safety for self and others.
- Regular hired staff are to be with students as much as possible for the benefit of educating them.
- The ability to find number of subs is getting extremely difficult with several staff members gone.

To this point, one Clark High School student has tested positive for COVID-19. "We are closely contact tracing and those individuals, in contact with the positive case are quarantined for 14 days," said superintendent Luanne Warrne. "We are strictly following CDC guidelines, as it has been determined in South Dakota that local decisions will be made regarding COVID, not statewide guidelines."

The passing of the 2020-21 school budget took quite a bit of the two hour meeting time. Clark School is receiving \$183,600 COVID related

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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 1.....	83	55	0
Sept. 2.....	87	49	0
Sept. 3.....	76	47	0
Sept. 4.....	86	43	0
Sept. 5.....	85	45	0
Sept. 6.....	86	53	0
Sept. 7.....	62	45	.70
Sept. 8.....	52	36	0
Sept. 9.....	60	32	0
Sept. 10.....	65	32	0
Sept. 11.....	58	39	.50
Sept. 12.....	68	50	.11
Sept. 13.....	67	48	0
Sept. 14.....	76	51	0
2020 precipitation to date	16.73		
2019 precipitation to date	30.96		

Grand Jury indicts Brooks on drug charges

On August 24, 2020, the Clark County Grand Jury indicted Clinton Brooks, age 41, of Clark, South Dakota, on two counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) in connection with alleged distribution that occurred in June of 2020.

According to Clark County State's Attorney Chad Fjelland, Brooks turned himself in to authorities on August 28 and his Initial Appearance in Circuit Court is scheduled

for September 21, in Clark. Each count of Distribution of a Controlled Substance carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in the state penitentiary, a \$20,000 fine, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Additionally, Brooks is also currently charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and faces revocation proceedings related an earlier Possession of a Controlled Substance sentence.



A little rain doesn't stop Homecoming Parade school spirit

Even though it started raining (again) right before the beginning of the Clark Homecoming Parade on Friday, school spirit endured and the students persevered. Above the fourth grade class chanted as they came down the street with their Arby's-"We have the win" slogan - versus - we have the beef. This year's theme was commercials.

Winners of the Homecoming Parade categories were: Elementary - First place, second grade with "Trix - Silly Falcons, winning is for the Cyclones"; Second place was the first grade with "Energizer Cyclones keep going and going".

In middle school, the first place award went to the eighth grade with

their entry of "Lucky Charms - You're magically defeated". Second place went to the sixth graders with their "Wendy's take on Where's the competition".

In high school, the freshmen won first place with "Doritos - Cyclones for the Win". In second place were the sophomores with their "Dr. Pepper - It's a sweet victory" entry.

The business community winners were: First place - Woodring Plumbing with "Charmin - Cyclones are Charmin clean - Wipe the Falcon Heiries" and second place honors going to the Clark Family Dental office with "Lucky Charms - Welcome we Lucky Charms".

Council approves plans of new Historical Society tractor museum

The September meeting of Clark City Council began with the council sitting as the Board of Adjustment (BOA), handling a conditional use permit and variance.

Glenn Handke is interested in building an agriculture/tractor museum adjoining the current Clark County Historical Society museum grounds.

Handke will purchase the lot currently owned by Angie Benson, construct a steel panel sided storage building and donate land property and its contents (antique tractors) to the Clark County Historical Society to become part of the museum.

This building will be located north of US Highway 212, directly

west of the Beauvais House, on the corner of US Highway 212 and N. Dakota Street.

The BOA agreed to the museum conditional use permit as well as the variance to construct the building.

The council meeting lasted two hours and twenty minutes, with much discussion time spent on the 2021 budget items. Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell detailed the budget line items, answering councilmen questions and noting any changes from 2020. The first reading was held for the 2021 budget ordinance.

Base water rates will raise from the current \$13.50 to \$17.00. This

water bill raise had its first reading of the ordinance, Wednesday and will be voted on at the October meeting, on Oct. 5.

In other business:

▲ Jessica Nordhus, representing the Clark Chamber of Commerce, was granted permission to have beer sales by the Golf Course staff during Oktoberfest activities on Oct. 3, in a designated adult area.

▲ During the department updates, city policeman Jeremy Wellnitz talked security and voiced his concerns for new cameras.

▲ The August police report indicated 1,830 miles traveled and 42 calls for service during the month.

There were 11 911 abandoned/nuisance calls. Two cases were referred to the States Attorney, one for simple assault domestic and the other for intentional damage to property \$400 or less. One citation for simple assault domestic was issued in August.

▲ Those present included, council members, Nick Dalton, Derrick Dohmann, Shane Hagstrom, Dennis Larson and Terry Schlagel. Andrew Zemlicka was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Kerry Kline, Finance Office Jackie Luttrell, City Attorney Chad Fjelland and Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz.

Jeremy Overby is new agent at Wishard Insurance

"I'm excited to be back in Clark. It's fun to see people I haven't seen for years," stated Jeremy Overby, a 1996 graduate of Clark High School.

He has opened a Wishard Insurance office - Clark location at 104 South Smith Street in Clark and the office just celebrated its official ribbon cutting last Friday afternoon.

Jeremy's previous work has been in management and in industrial sales before joining in the family business. He is the son of Greg and Dianna Overby of Clark. Jeremy's wife Carrie is also an insurance agent with Wishard Insurance, working out of the Watertown office. A Florence High School graduate, her former profession before joining Wishard was in special education, teaching and in administration. Jeremy and Carrie Overby have two grown children, Brooklyn and Brady. Brady works at 3M in Aberdeen and Brooklyn is studying in Minnesota to become a dentist.

Their business cards state they are an insurance family, which is very true.

Jody Peterson of Willow Lake and Toby Wishard of Watertown, Carrie's siblings, are also insurance agents with Wishard Insurance which their mother Rita Wishard started back in 1997. Rita is a Henry native and is married to Steve Wishard. The couple live near Florence as do Jeremy and Carrie Overby.

All three of Rita and Steve's children are in the business now and all bring different strengths to the business.

Jody (Kyle) Peterson of Willow Lake, who sees clients at her office in Willow Lake by appointment, has her nursing degree.

Toby (Janelle) Wishard was a former deputy and later sheriff with the Codington County Sheriff's department.

"With a teacher, a salesman, a nurse and one with law enforce-



Jeremy Overby, seated at right, will be the man to see at the Wishard Insurance office in Clark. Part of the family business, Jeremy's wife Carrie seated across from him at the table, is also an insurance agent at Wishard Insurance. Behind them are, left to right, Toby Wishard, Rita Wishard and Jody Peterson,

all family and agents within the business working together and helping each other out when needed.

Rita Wishard started the business in 1997 and enjoys working with her children in the business. Overby has updated the building at 104 South Smith Street in Clark.

ment experience, our strengths come together and we can cover all of the bases," stated Rita Wishard. "We all help each other in this business. I love going to work and seeing my kids everyday."

"I never dreamed that they would all be working with me someday. All three of their professions suffer burnout and the timing was right to come together and help people along with me."

"Mom set up a nice precedent," added Carrie Overby. "We're all here to help people we're not here for ourselves."

"Insurance can be so confusing," continued Carrie. "Our nicest com-

pliment came from a lady who told us that no one had ever explained her policy to her like we did, so that she could understand it."

"We are honest with people, too and will tell them if their existing policy is a good policy and they are well covered, they should stay where they're at, if it's not better for them to go with us."

All of the Wishards and Overbys give back to the community as well, in volunteering in their previous occupations.

Carrie is on the board for Codington County's People Against Child Hunger (PACH) and is also a court appointed special advocate working

with foster children.

Toby volunteers for local law enforcement projects and Jody is currently working on her Master's of Divinity degree and is the worship leader at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark.

Jeremy is the new member of the business, getting his Property and Casualty license a few months ago to come on board, although he's been helping the group since last fall. All of the agents go where they are needed to help their clients the best. "If Jeremy has to be in Watertown, either Jody or I will come to

Wishard Insurance (continued on page 3)