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## Zachar from Slovakia is Furness' 17th



Richard Zachar, left, arrived this August to the home of Greg Furness. He is the 17th foreign exchange student and 11th senior that Furness has hosted.

Zachar is from Prievidza, Slovakia and speaks the Slovak language, English and a little Spanish. He enjoys staying in shape by lifting weights and working out and hockey is his favorite sport.

"I want to learn English and know your culture," states Richard Zachar will spend his senior year of high school at Clark, and his host parent will be Greg Furness.

This is Furness' 17th foreign exchange student he has hosted in the last 21 years. "I'm looking at potentially having a reunion with all of my boys in the summer of 2015 in Italy. I've never had a foreign exchange son from Italy and have never been there so I thought that would be a good place to go. I don't want to show favoritism by going to one son's country and not another's," says Furness.

"In January I'm going to become a foreign exchange grandpa. Martin Metzler who was here in 1998 and his wife are expecting. Martin is a judge and his wife is a lawyer in Germany."

When Zachar first arrived to South Dakota, he was met by Furness and foreign exchange student son Philipp Wieland who was

visiting from Stuttgart, Germany. "They got along like brothers, kidding around and trying to out do each other in computer games," said Furness. Zachar admits he loves computer games, his favorites being World of Warcraft and Dota II. At home in Slovakia, he has a PC and a laptop. The larger PC he uses for games and on his laptop he keeps up on Facebook and emailing his friends. "In school we have never had computers and we can't use them. We write out everything. We can use calculators for math though," adds Zachar.

He also notices that here students text a lot more. At home they all have phones but use them for talking to their friends, not texting.

Zachar's father, also named Richard, is a medical doctor. His mother Jana is a sales representative and he has two sisters, Diana who is 21 years old and lives on her own and a two year old sister named Laura. "She is very cute," he says of his baby sister.

The countryside in Slovakia is similar to the Black Hills region with a lot of hills and trees. Zachar, Furness and Wieland went to the Black Hills shortly after he arrived this summer. Zachar is looking forward to seeing some big cities while he is here. Las Vegas is one he's heard about that he wants to see, "the city that never sleeps". (Furness is usually accommodating to his host sons, as far as visiting U.S. locations where they would like to visit.) "It's fun to go places with them, it's always new and fresh to them," continued Furness. "This fall we are meeting Robin Schroder from Norway and five of his friends on the west coast to see Los Angeles and San Francisco. We will come back through Las Vegas and also see the Grand Canyon."

"I'm lucky," agrees Zachar of his stay with Furness. He's also looking forward to maybe attending a professional hockey match. His favorite teams are the Chicago Black Hawks, Minnesota Wild, Pittsburgh Penguins and the Boston Bruins.

Zachar plays hockey back in Slovakia. He stays in shape with weight training and really appreciates Clark's Field House. "I train two days then rest one day," confides Zachar who tries to keep to that schedule. Floorball is another sport he enjoys playing in school when they have physical education. Hockey is played as a club sport representing his home town. He also admitted there are no band or art classes at his school.

He likes how Clark High School has the same classes everyday. In his school they have 12 subjects with the six on Tuesday being different than the six on Wednesday for example. He thinks it is easier here and he likes the fact he is getting good grades here.

Speaking English the way we do is a bit of a challenge as he's only

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The 2013 Clark High School Homecoming royalty candidates in the front row, left to right, are Adrien Bjerke, Cecilia Streff, Kalli Bell and Morgan Huber. In the back row, left to right, Jakob Weisbrod, Corey Janisch, Nick Young and Trevor Mudgett. Coronation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

## 2013 CHS Homecoming theme is Slogans

▲ Coronation is Tuesday, Sept. 24

Eighty-three years ago the tradition of Homecoming started at Clark High School. The celebration of Homecoming 2013 is the week of September 23 - 27 and the theme is "Franchise Advertising Slogans".

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Marshal will be on Tuesday, September 24, 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. Monday the theme is "Animal Day". The fun continues on Tuesday with the theme being "Western Day". Wednesday's theme "Hawaiian Day" and Thursday,

September 26, is "Class Color Day". The freshman color is green, sophomore color is pink, junior color is blue and the senior color is orange. The homecoming volleyball game against Sisseton is on Thursday.

Friday has been deemed Cyclone Day. The Homecoming Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. with the Cyclone football game starting at 7:00 p.m. at Dickinson Park against the Tri-State Tigers.

### Queen Candidates

**Adrien Bjerke** is the daughter of Bob and Lori Bjerke of Clark. Her activities include football cheerleader, FCCLA, flags, choir,

TATU, Youth Group and Sunday school teaching.

**Cecilia Streff** is the daughter of Paul and Louann Streff of Clark. She is active in National Honor Society, FFA, FCCLA, band, oral interp, one act plays and church youth group.

**Kalli Bell** is the daughter of Keny and Nan Bell of Clark. Her activities are lifeguarding, volleyball, track, FCCLA, TATU and flags.

**Morgan Huber** is the daughter of Joel and Jill Huber of Clark. She is active in volleyball, basketball, golf, band, FCCLA, football stats,

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This award winning smile says it all. The award was harvesting a deer with the first bullet on the first hunt at the P.D.R. Disabled Youth Hunt over the weekend, just east of Clark.

Felicia Charging Elk of Gettysburg, soon to be 12, is all smiles Saturday morning after she claimed her first deer.

## Access Allowed - Awareness Intensified

▲ Sixth Annual P.D.R. Youth Hunt a big SUCCESS

This past weekend was a wonderful time for eight disabled youth. Now in its sixth year, the P.D.R. Disabled Youth Deer Hunt is doing what it can to increase access and allow awareness for kids with disabilities.

Dean Rasmussen, the president and founder of the P.D.R. Disabled Youth Hunt said that his initial idea was simple: give physically impaired adolescents a South Dakota

hunting experience like the ones he regularly enjoys with his Clark County neighbors.

Seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter is strong testimony that every year the P.D.R. Youth Deer Hunt is well worth all the time and effort put in by the many volunteers.

Enjoying pizza after the hunt, first-year hunter Felicia Charging Elk beamed, "My first hunt! My

first bullet! I just can't believe it! It was so much fun!"

Now, the sixth annual event is in the books and more importantly in the memory banks of these kids. "It's about the kids. It's all about the kids, this weekend the kids get to be kids," repeats Rasmussen with a slight tear in his eye, as he knows this weekend is the highlight of the season.

## Bradley Christian School has begun its second year

The Bradley Christian School started their second year in session after Labor Day with four students this year. Tyler Stormo, Grace Olson, Mason Postal and Vincent Post-Kays make up this year's student body at the Christian school in Bradley. Tyler is a freshman and the others are all around five years old, so Pre-K or preschool is their grade this year. Their teachers are Mrs. Beverly Schlotte and Mr. Ray Olson.

Also new to the school this year are: a video projector; chemistry equipment; a propane heater; some cookware for the home ec class; a new bookshelf made out of older church pews and a large swing set. "The swing set is from the Webster school when they replaced some of their playground equipment," said Schlotte who is a former teacher in the Webster school district. "We took it apart and transported it here and with volunteer help, it was put back together again."

The school is directly across the street from the St. John's Lutheran Church. Members Anna and Bobby Postal spearheaded the idea of a Christian school before its start last year and Anna remains the superintendent of the school.

"Our students will be well-rounded with a good Christian foundation when they leave here," says Postal. "We use the A Beka Christian curriculum and the Saxon math curriculum and we adhere to the state's common core standards. When our kids graduate, they will have the same number of credits the state requires of public schools. They also take the SAT 10 tests when required."

School board members for the school are Anna Postal, Ray Olson, Austin Grimes and Delane Isaak.

Community members and support contributed to the school's fruition and also assist in teaching



The Webster school donated the large older swing set to the Bradley Christian School in Bradley. Enjoying this year's gift are left to right, Vincent Post-Kays, Grace Olson, Tyler Stormo and Mason Postal.

classes such as basic auto body and personal finance. Eric Caulfield and Susan Olson will be assisting in these areas respectively.

Computer skills and programming, home economics, physical education and music are also on the agenda. Mr. Olson is also teaching a little Spanish to the group. In music, guitar lessons are taught to Tyler and organ/piano lessons are taught to all students.

"Our day starts off with Tyler reading a science/news article to the younger ones and they report back in the form of a book report. Then it's calendar time for the younger ones and then devotions for all and the day continues as the students move on to the different stations with their classes.

Pre-K attends Tuesday through Thursday from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. Stormo goes to school Monday through Friday from 8:15 - 3:30. Mrs. Schlotte has Mondays off and Mr. Olson has Fridays off.

"Because Tyler goes all day, five days a week, he will probably have his requirements done by the first

week in May like last year," noted Mr. Olson. "We could start on next year's curriculum if we wanted. There's a benefit to being flexible."

Minister Marion Grimes continues to come over on Wednesdays for a contemporary worship service at 11:00 a.m.

"I whole heartedly believe God should not be taken out of our schools," ends supt. Postal. "He can offer so much help to our students, teachers and parents."

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

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Sept. 10 .....	81	59	0
Sept. 11 .....	82	52	0
Sept. 12 .....	72	48	0
Sept. 13 .....	72	47	0
Sept. 14 .....	69	54	.40
Sept. 15 .....	62	47	0
Sept. 16 .....	65	46	0
2013 precipitation to date	16.96"		
2012 precipitation to date	14.44"		