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## 'Clark Stories' is a book written by 1968 CHS graduate Bob Christenson

"We've let the cat out of the bag," joked author Bob Christenson of his new book *Clark Stories*.

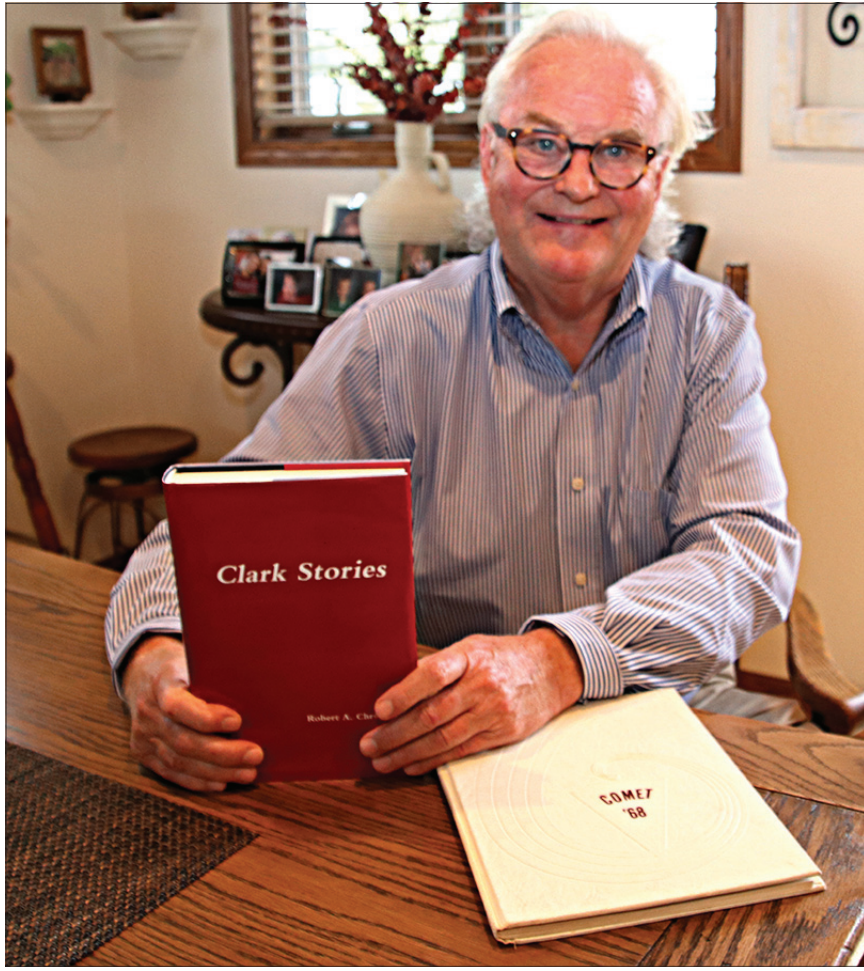
"I didn't know there were so many cats," was the comeback of fellow 1968 class member Marshall Seefeldt as many stories from their notorious Clark High School Class of 1968 make for a lot of fodder for the book.

The book, written by former Clark resident Bob Christenson, is a collection of personal stories over the years that he has collected from his classmates, friends and family of life in Clark in years passed. Christenson currently lives in Sioux Falls with his wife KrisAnne where he's practiced law at Christenson Law since 1985. Christenson is a 1968 graduate of Clark High School.

The year 1968 was dubbed by Time magazine as "The Year That Shaped a Generation". Hippies, assassinations, the Vietnam War and protests, dress code changes and changes in attitudes were experienced in the 1960s.

### Skip Day 1968

A protest took place at Clark High School in 1968 on Easter Monday in the form of a walkout followed by a picnic near Willow Lake while police were searching west and east of town for the hooky-playing students. 'Skip Day' was the brainchild



Bob Christenson, CHS Class of 1968, has recently published the book *Clark Stories*. A book filled with just that - stories from the high school class of 1968 as well as other interesting stories from that era as told by the people who experienced them.

of Margie Lura's mother Irene who put the idea in her daughter's head. Margie and her co-horts Peggy Heig and Peggy Bruflat soon began the secretive plan of reclaiming their Easter Monday vacation. The vacation day was taken due to a snow day that year. All seniors went to school that day but soon after arriving jumped in their get away cars and headed south and west.

A fake drivers license and hot dogs on the grill were involved before the picnic at a lake. Word soon spread that all involved (54 seniors out of 67 and some juniors and sophomores) were now expelled and a parent needed to come to school the next day to talk to then principal - Bud Elkins, before their unexcused child could return to school.

Charlie Wagner recalled standing in the long line of parents with his father outside the school that morning. "I heard dad start talking with other dads recollecting the mischief of their school days and thought to myself that things would probably turn out okay that day."

Margie (Lura) Roling recalled hearing how her mother was called about her daughter's absence and replied "I know. I gave her the

'Clark Stories' (continued on page 3)



Sarah Weisbrod and Grace Adam, both of Clark, recently returned from a trip to Sydney, Australia. Not only did they visit the Sydney Opera House shown behind them above, they performed on the stage with the 2018 Honors Performance Series Choir. The choir of approximately 70 people were chosen from auditions sent in from the United States, Canada, China, Guam and South Korea among others.

## Adam and Weisbrod perform 'Down Under' with Honors Choir

"Making new friends and singing with people who love music and singing as much as I do," was one of the favorite things that Grace Adam mentioned regarding her summer trip to Australia to sing.

Sarah Weisbrod and Grace Adam, who are also good friends and both from Clark, auditioned for the 2018 Honors Performance Series Choir last year and were chosen to perform.

"Aside from just being there in Australia, I loved singing with the choir and how all of our voices flowed together," stated Weisbrod. "We all blended and it was perfect."

The honors choir performed eight songs for the public with three of them being acapella. An honors band and honors orchestra also performed along with the honors choir on Saturday, July 21. The choir was accompanied by a fellow on the piano named Daniel for their songs that were not acapella. Grace sang

alto and Sarah sang soprano. The group performed in the afternoon and that evening enjoyed a Finalist Celebration Cruise on the Sydney Harbour - the Captain Cook Cruise seeing the opera house from the water.

Practices started for the approximately 200 students in the choir, Adam & Weisbrod (continued on page 3)

### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 11	85	65	0
Sept. 12	84	62	0
Sept. 13	78	67	0
Sept. 14	73	63	0
Sept. 15	91	66	0
Sept. 16	89	72	.28
Sept. 17	61	53	.26
2018 precipitation to date	13.38		
2017 precipitation to date	15.85		

## Kai Moromikawa is a junior at Willow Lake High School

▲ Staying with the Chance and Melissa Burke family



Kai Moromikawa of Okinawa, Japan is one of four foreign exchange students who are attending Willow Lake School for the 2018-2019 school year. His host parents are Chance and Melissa Burke.

Senior Micah Burke, above, will be playing basketball with his foreign exchange brother this upcoming basketball season.

"I'm happy every day," stated Kai Moromikawa of his experience so far in being a part of the Willow Lake community and a junior at Willow Lake High School.

The 16 year old who will turn 17 on November 14, arrived in August and is spending this school year in the home of Chance and Melissa Burke. The Burkes have three children, Chance Jaden, Mikenna and Micah.

"It was 24 hours of traveling for Kai to get here," said Melissa Burke of her exchange son for the 2018-2019 school year. "He's finding out how when one lives here you drive every where to go to events. Where Kai lives in Okinawa, Japan, he takes the bus to school and is there in 15 minutes." Taking the train, bus or riding bike is common transportation in Japan. One must be 19 years old to get a drivers license in Japan noted Moromikawa who also added that 'driving is scary' where he lives with so much heavy traffic in tighter spaces.

Our wide open spaces with a lot

of farmland is one of the first things he noticed after arriving to Clark County. "Less crowded" is something he is enjoying while here.

Kai is the son of Osamu and Chisako Moromikawa. Both of his parents work for the Oceans Hotel in management. He has one brother Kou who attends Nagasaki University and is 19 years old. His mother enjoys painting and his father does a lot of surfing. Surfing and basketball are what Kai lists as his favorite sports.

With Okinawa being a tropical island, it is warm all year, however summer is his favorite time as that is when he can surf. He can also play the piano and at home has a pet French bulldog named 'Avis'.

When Moromikawa was in middle school he played basketball with Sho Sunagawa on the same basketball team. Sho was a student last year at the Clark School with the exchange program.

"He was the reason I came here,"

Moromikawa (continued on page 7)



## 'Restaurants' was the 2018 Clark Homecoming theme

'Restaurants' was the theme for the 2018 Homecoming at Clark. Students had fun playing on words and catch phrases from the various franchises. 'Taco 'bout a Victory' was the message on the Taco Bell float put together by the sixth grade class. Waving their hardshell tacos, the group chanted for a victory which came to fruition with a 56-7 score over the Dakota Grizzlies at the football game Friday night.

One wondered who shrank the staff at the local Hardees restaurant. With their appropriate orange colored

visors for employees, the first grade students resembled the dress code at the local Hardees restaurant. Their sign says 'Where the Cyclones are the Star'. This entry earned the class first place in the elementary walking division. The second grade class earned second place in the walking division with their entry showcasing Jimmy Johns. Their signs read 'Cyclone Freaky Fast, Freaky Good'.

