



Yes, this is an original World War II Nazi flag with the swastika symbol. Brought back from the war over 70 years ago, this flag was found in a pile in the basement of the Clark Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 by local branch historian George M. C. Thompson. The flag will now be going to the Clark County Historical Society.



The German Nazi flag, shown above last week, is 9' wide. Presenting the flag are Thompson, Clark County Historical Society president Greg Furness, Clark Legion representative Bob Bauman and Clark Legion Commander Rob McGraw.

World War II Nazi flag has 38 signatures near swastika

Could you imagine the look on Cagley-Smith Post #60 historian George M. C. Thompson's face when he came across this World War II Nazi swastika flag. Thompson, a.k.a. Cowboy, was digging through old stuff at the Clark American Legion Hall. When the Clark Legion

moved across the street on Commercial, more than two decades ago, some items were just tossed into piles.

"I just love history, especially military history," Thompson said, and when he found this flag awhile back, he spent hours on the Inter-

net, trying to make heads or tails of all the signatures around the swastika on the Nazi flag.

"It wouldn't be fitting to put it on display in the Legion Hall," said Thompson, so he just kept it folded up and out of sight.

"This flag is of significant impor-

ance," continued Thompson. "I don't understand how it can be just put in a bag and put away."

That is where one's mind can wander and wonder exactly what did cause this German flag of yesteryear to wind up at Clark, South Dakota.

As four interested parties on this subject sat around a table at the Furness Funeral Home, each had a theory of how this flag came to a resting spot here, and why 75 years after the war, that it hadn't been dealt with.

The four were Thompson, Clark

Legion long-time member Bob Bauman, Clark Legion Commander Rob McGraw and Clark County Historical Society president Greg Furness.

The Nazi flag will now become property of the historical society

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Earlier this month former Clark High School student Michael Bethke, left and special education teacher Susan Schmit accepted the South Dakota Outstanding Transition Services Award for 2015 from Governor Dennis Daugaard, center.

Clark School District is honored with 'Outstanding Transition Services' Award

Clark School District #12-2 received a nice state award recently, as Gov. Dennis Daugaard presented awards to South Dakota businesses and workers who have contributed the most in 2015 to the employment of people with disabilities.

According to the award presentation, "The Clark School District

has been providing transition services for high school students with disabilities for many years, implementing innovative strategies and partnerships with other entities to create increased opportunities for

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Soybean harvest begins in the area

Autumn begins today but it sure hasn't felt very fall like lately. It has been hotter than usual for September. The row crops are edging closer to harvest and the soybean harvest has begun. Not much talk about that first early frost. The average frost date for much of Clark County is the first week of October.

It's early to ask area elevator managers about harvest, but many producers, if not already started, are itching to get going, as fields look very promising for optimistic results.

Clark: Jeff Olson at Clark County Farmers Elevator said he knows of two producers who have started with the soybean harvest and he thinks the corn harvest is probably about three weeks away.

Vienna: Paul McDaniels at the Cargill Elevator said that the bean harvest is just getting off to a nice start, with weight looking good at 56-58 and the crop looks good to this point. "We will make a big hole in the bean crop in the next two weeks," he said.

Both Wheat Growers and Wil-

low Lake representatives said that farmers are optimistic about both the bean and corn crops, but that not enough product has been seen at this time to say too much.

Corn silage is complete, for most cutters, most producers sound optimistic for harvest and rain is predicted for Wednesday into Thursday. By the end of the month, all elevators should be seeing lines of trucks and if all factors remain the same, the words harvest and Thanksgiving will not be used in the same sentence.

WEATHER

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Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 15	78	64	0
Sept. 16	81	61	tr
Sept. 17	68	45	0
Sept. 18	56	40	.22
Sept. 19	64	39	0
Sept. 20	75	52	0
Sept. 21	83	56	0
2015 precipitation to date	18.86"		
2014 precipitation to date	14.32"		



Clark High School 2015 Homecoming Royalty is Marshal Noah Huber and Queen Kathryn Paulson. The pair will reign over the remainder of the Homecoming festivities after being crowned Monday evening during the Coronation ceremony.

Paulson is the daughter of Bruce and Lisa Paulson. Huber is the son of Joel and Jill Huber.

Paulson and Huber reign over C.H.S. Homecoming

Homecoming, the 85th annual at Clark High School, is going full tilt. The festivities began Monday at Coronation with the 2015 royalty being selected. Noah Huber and Kathryn Paulson were named CHS Homecoming Marshal and Queen,

respectively. They were crowned by the 2014 royalty, Marshal Mike Bethke and Queen Alexa Helkenn.

Other royalty candidates included Braxton Hartley, Rory Forest,

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PDR Hunt is great opportunity for 'KIDS TO BE KIDS'

By Mike Costanzo

Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, even sight disabilities were no handicap for the youngsters attending PDR's Disabled Youth Hunt in Clark. All nine were hunkered in their individual deer stands experiencing something many of their able-bodied friends have yet to: an authentic White-tail deer hunt.

Rob from Coleman is the dad of a sight disadvantaged lad. His son, Marcus, who is legally blind was beaming after taking a deer during the PDR Hunt. Rob stood by his son proudly and commented "This tops ANY big game hunt I have EVER been on." It is not often these kids hear accolades for their physical accomplishments. Calvin from Tauton, Minn. picked up the nickname High Caliber Cal from his peers for his prowess on the PDR shooting range. Conversations at deer camp are filled with one common element; the excitement of accomplishment. Upbringings, cultural differences, even their physical disabilities are non issues at camp. Instead the hunters' exchanges at deer camp sparked like kindling into friendly con-

versations. The enthusiasm for the hunt verifies the PDR organization's motto that it is a place WHERE KIDS ARE KIDS.

Jordan from Ortonville, Minn. summed up his reason for coming to the PDR Hunt, "It's the thrill of being in an amazing adventure." And, whether a deer is harvested or not (six were this year) a confidence comes to all of them from the challenge of it all. By the end of the weekend these youth are now full-fledged hunters and leave with a healthy spark of attitude that they didn't come with. The real trophies from the PDR Hunt are the treasured memories hanging in the participants' minds.

Above left, James practices shooting Friday evening, before the big day on Saturday.

Center, Jacob arrives and is greeted by his guide, Andy Wookey.

Right, Alan and Marilyn Forbragd, along with a PDR hunter are shown by the PDR sign Friday evening.