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The Josephs, Raymonde, left and Montas, along with Haiti Solar Oven Partner (HSOP) activist and board member Gene Bethke, put together a solar oven at Flat Iron Park, in Clark. Flat Iron Park was just used as a back drop, as the Haitian representatives gave an informational meeting, Thursday, at Clark.

## Haitian leaders stop in Clark to talk solar ovens

Everyone understands that we live in a global economy. Evidence of the world getting smaller in relationship is found daily.

The latest example of Clark County stretching out to the entire world is a breadpan, manufactured

in Raymond which is being used for ovens in the Haiti Solar Oven Partners program (HSOP).

Raymond farmer Gene Bethke has played a leadership role in the HSOP project since its inception almost 15 years ago and has delivered

ovens to Haiti on four occasions.

The Haiti Solar Oven Partners, a mission of the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church has been producing parts for solar-pow-

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## Bring on October, autumn and the hunting seasons

As the season transitions from summer to fall, it is an exciting and busy time of the year. One wants to get as much done as possible with moderate daytime temperatures and cool, sleep-friendly nighttime temperatures. The fishing poles and golf clubs are put away and rakes and bowling balls suddenly appear.

What makes everything even more enjoyable is the prospect of a bountiful harvest, especially after a nice, substantial rain last week. The official rain report in Clark this last week was 1.64" giving us 2.04" for the month of September and 18.60" for the year.

Approximately 18.5 inches of moisture for the year heading into October is nice and the trend these past two years has been dry, but we have received some timely rains, especially the two nice rains during the middle of July, a week apart.

The frequency and intensity of heavy rainfall events are increasing nationwide. The amount of rain

falling in very heavy precipitation events increased 17 percent from 1958 to 2012 for the Dakotas and other Plains states, according to the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

The Colorado floods are a recent prime example of this.

### Freeze/frost

Concerning crops and frost damage in the county, very little damage is visible, but some could have occurred Friday night depending upon where one lives, but most temperatures did not dip below freezing.

However it is the time of year when sooner or later, it is going to freeze.

Some row crop harvest has begun in Clark County, but most fields are still a ways off and not enough product has come into area elevators to share yield and test weight numbers.

The forecast for Friday, the Clark

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## 2013 Homecoming royalty picked!

Excitement filled the air in the Clark High School gym at Tuesday night's 2013 Homecoming Coronation ceremony. Chosen as this year's Homecoming royalty were Marshall Trevor Mudgett and Queen Cecilia Streff. The two will reign over the rest of this week's Homecoming festivities.

The other candidates nominated to success 2012 Marshal Rhett Florey and Queen Cortney Binger were Adrien Bjerke, Kalli Bell, Morgan Huber, Jakob Weisbrod, Corey Janisch and Nick Young.

The volleyball team will play Sisseton on Thursday, September 26 in Clark. The Homecoming football game will be Friday, September 27 at Dickinson Park against the Tri-State Tigers.

### Parade a highlight

The weather always plays a ma-



**Marshal Trevor Mudgett**



**Queen Cecilia Streff**

factor as to the success of the Homecoming Parade. The forecast for Friday is for scattered showers with temperatures in the 60's.

Parade entries are asked to line up on Idaho Street, starting at the Catholic Church, north past the elementary school and around the swimming pool park. Starting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, the parade route will be south past the Catholic Church to Highway 212, east to Commercial Street, then north to the Nursing Home. Entries may return on Idaho Street and floats should be dismantled following the parade.

The theme this year is "Franchise Advertising Slogans". Entries will be divided into three categories - A: elementary school walking; B: elementary and middle school floats and C: high school class and organization floats.

The entries will be judged on the

### Homecoming Spirit Week

'Spirit Day' helps make Homecoming week special with different themes throughout the week.

Monday was 'Animal Day'. The fun continued on Tuesday with the theme being 'Western Day'. Wednesday's theme is '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. In keeping with tradition, Friday will be Cyclone Day.

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 17	65	55	0
Sept. 18	87	58	1.55
Sept. 19	68	47	.09
Sept. 20	61	41	0
Sept. 21	68	38	0
Sept. 22	81	52	0
Sept. 23	81	52	0
2013 precipitation to date	18.60"		
2012 precipitation to date	14.44"		

## 'All of Raymond' in graphite pencil

▲ The 63 Raymond resident project is finished

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the only project that has been done like this," began artist Joan Putman of Raymond. "I'm always thinking or looking for my next art project."

Her most recent endeavor finished is a culmination of a project started years ago with the drawing of every single resident in the town of Raymond. That's 63 people in all, who call Raymond their home town.

"I drew them in pencil (graphite) looking at their photographs blown up to an 8' x 10' size," said Putman. "I tried to catch their personality. The biggest challenge would probably be the mouth and glasses when drawing a portrait of someone. You want just the suggestion of glasses on the face, they shouldn't stand out."

"It was fun to do. My husband David was the photographer. It was his idea at first and it took off from there."

"No one has seen the collection," confided Putman. The collection's premier will be held on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13, 2013.

The showing will be held at the former Clark County Mercantile Store. Also at the showing will be:

Greg Furness and his *Clark County Postcard* book; author Jane Green with *Plain Jane Adventures*, volumes I and II and author Tracy Nickels with *Dancing Wheat* and *The Dance Continues*.

'All of Raymond' is thought to be the first artistic effort of its nature. At the gallery showing, Putman is planning on making small scrapbooks of the collection as well as souvenirs.

Putman has made it a long term effort or goal to bring art to rural South Dakota. She started by painting a series of murals in the windows of the Raymond Legion Hall, later recruiting the help of others. All windows depict the 1920's era representing the Raymond community of that time.

A Coca-Cola mural in Willow Lake with the help of high school kids and murals at Doland, Sioux Falls and Bryant followed.

The Little Fellow mural, Desnoyers Hardware handyman and a scene inside at the Playhouse were projects finished in Clark as well as her involvement with the Postcard mural and Mr. Tom's art students a few years back. Putman also exhib-

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Artist Joan Putman's favorite quote is 'As music is poetry of sound, so is painting the poetry of sight'. This quote is from James Whistler.

An artist from Raymond whose long term goal is to bring art to rural South Dakota, Joan's latest accomplishment has been 63 graphite pencil portraits in a series titled 'All of Raymond'. A one-of-a-kind project to her knowledge the collection features the pencil sketches of 'All' of the Raymond residents.

## Gardens were very productive in 2013



John and Arlene Berger are shown in front of their large garden on Grant Street. One can see some of the 22 butternut squash that are all ripening on his four plants. "I'm going to garden until I get old," says 82-year-old John Berger who has been working in a garden since he was 10 years old he says. Berger grew up near Lake City which is in the Britton area.



Ron Antijunti stands in front of his well-manicured garden located in the town of Bradley. In two parts, he switches crops over from year to year and likes to keep on top of the weeds with his rototiller. "It was a pretty good garden this year, but it had a slow start," stated Antijunti who has been gardening for most of his life and enjoys his grandkids harvesting his pumpkins in the fall.

'We've got to plant a lot of pumpkins', urged Holly Bratland to her husband Tim in regards to the Main Street Miracle Garden in their back yard in Willow Lake.

Their king size pumpkins which were still growing at press time will be given away for a donation to the garden as 'giving' is what this garden is all about.

Bratland grew up in Lubbock, Texas, the daughter of Larry and Ruth Ann Hunter and says her father taught her that it is better to give than receive with the hands on lesson of giving away their many pumpkins on people's doorsteps in the fall. "We'd leave them on people's doorsteps, often anonymously. That's how we were taught that lesson." She continued, "Giving to and helping others is what this garden is about. Our donation plot has 'keeper' food planted such as squash and onions, things with a

long shelf life to go to those in need and to those who love to garden but aren't able to anymore. It's a community garden spot too for those who don't have the room to garden in their backyards. Every year we make improvements and additions, like next year we'll be putting up a new sign for the garden. This was an exceptional year for growing. You should have seen Edna's carrots," ended Bratland.

"The garden did wonders this year," stated Edna Pearson, one of the garden's renters. "I'm still getting zucchini and cucumbers. I've made 12 gallons so far of refrigerator pickles and canned a lot of Virginia slicers and cinnamon hot pickles. I was able to give away a lot of green beans, zucchini and other produce to my neighbors and friends who don't have gardens.

### Gardens

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