



Gayle Wookey is shown in front of one of her unique flowerbeds combined with antiques at her home southeast of Clark.

Gardening is only one of the talents of Wookey's. Most recently, tanning a buckskin 'ye olde' fashioned

way' was an art she mastered. Basket weaving, some including deer horns is another art she's mastered and she's also no stranger to wood crafts and ceramics.

## From baskets to buckskins

Wookey's craft expertise expands

If one has seen the large elk horn basket hanging in the Lookout, then they have seen the handiwork and craft expertise of part owner Gayle Wookey of Clark.

And if one wants to see her once in a lifetime tagged two horned Oryx antelope, that too is hanging in the restaurant/lounge.

The oryx, she shot in the White

Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. "Only six out of state tags were issued and I was lucky enough to get one," stated Wookey who has been hunting with a rifle and a bow for many, many years. Her cousin Kevin Monteith in Wyoming did the taxidermy work for her when she dropped it off there on her way back home, a year ago in February.

Her next conquest is getting an elk in the Black Hills, a tag she's tried for, for the last 12 years and finally won this year.

### Basket weaving

To see her basket work, one would be impressed. Incorporating horns into a basket (drilling holes into the

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## Janet Hurlbert named 2016 SDSU Eminent Homemaker

South Dakota State University Colleges of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and Education and Human Sciences will recognize four individuals with the Eminent Farmer/Rancher and Eminent Homemaker Honor during a banquet September 23, 2016 at the McCrory Gardens Education and Visitor Center, Brookings.

The 2016 Eminent Farmers/Ranchers honored are Hugh Inghalls, Meade County and Al Miron, Minnehaha County. The 2016 Eminent Homemakers honored are Janet Hurlbert, Clark County and Rose Stee, Brookings County.

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Janet Hurlbert

## Pheasant numbers in South Dakota down from last year

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has completed the annual pheasant brood survey and the results show a 20 percent decrease in the statewide pheasants-per-mile (PPM) index from 2015.

The 2016 statewide PPM index is 3.05, down from last year's index of 3.83. "After two consecutive years of substantial increases in the statewide PPM index, a slight retreat was observed this year. Of the 110 routes surveyed statewide, 38 showed an increase in PPM while 72 declined from 2015," stated Kelly Hepler, GFP Secretary. "Weather conditions and available habitat are key factors to pheasant production and annual PPM fluctuations. We want to remind hunters that this year's index is twice as high as the

2013 index and higher than the 2.7 PPM observed in 2014 when hunters harvested 1.2 million roosters. Good pheasant hunting opportunities will exist in 2016."

From late July through mid-August, GFP surveyed 110, thirty-mile routes across the state's pheasant range to estimate pheasant production and calculate the PPM index. The survey is not a population estimate, but rather compares the number of pheasants observed on the routes and establishes trend information. Survey routes are grouped into 13 areas, based on a local city, and the index value of each local city area is then compared to index

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## 2016 Homecoming royalty picked!

Anticipation was in the air at the Clark High School gym at Tuesday night's 2016 Homecoming Coronation ceremony. Chosen as this year's Homecoming royalty were Marshal Jess Karber and Queen Michaela Flora. The two will reign over the rest of this week's Homecoming festivities.

The other candidates nominated to succeed 2015 Marshal Noah Huber and Queen Kathryn Paulson were Nicholas Weisbrod, Gus Carlson, Joseph Streff, Jennifer Hurlbert, Joslyn Hurlbert and Jocee Nelson.

The volleyball team will play Hamlin on Thursday, September 8 in Clark. The Homecoming football game will be Friday, September 9 at the Clark High School Sports Complex against the Britton-Hec-



Marshal Jess Karber



Queen Michaela Flora

la Braves. The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone volleyball tournament is Saturday in Clark.

### Parade a highlight

The weather always plays a major factor as to the success of the Homecoming Parade. The forecast for Friday is for scattered showers with temperatures in the 70'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 1:00 p.m. on Friday, which is a change from previous years, 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 "Around

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## School started Tuesday at Willow Lake with two new staff members



Chase Lettau



Joshua Friez

The 2016-17 school term is off and running at Willow Lake, as the doors opened on Tuesday, September 6. School started a little later this year because of the ongoing building project at the school.

New staff in the Willow Lake School system include Chase Lettau and Joshua Friez.

### Chase Lettau

Chase Lettau is the high school social studies teacher and will be assistant wrestling coach. He grew up in Pierre and graduated from T. F. Riggs High School in Pierre in 2012.

Lettau graduated from South Dakota State University in 2016 with a B.S. in history with a ge-

ography minor. He was a student teacher in Rutland and worked for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks for five summers.

He is single and lives in Clark.

### Joshua Friez

Joshua Friez is originally from Sioux Falls and is a 2010 graduate of Lincoln High School. He graduated in 2015 from the University of Sioux Falls with a B.A. in music education with instrumental focus and vocal endorsement.

Friez will be the K-12 instrumental and vocal music teacher. He was previously a substitute teacher in the Sioux Falls School District.

He is single and lives in Willow Lake.

## Where were you when you heard the news of the September 11, 2001 attacks?

▲ Fifteen year anniversary of 9-11



Robert Paschen

It will be 15 years ago this Sunday that the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and a thwarted attempt to headed towards Washington, D.C. happened on the east coast of the United States. Four passenger airliners were hijacked by 19 al-Qaeda ter-



Barb Dalton

rorists in four coordinated terrorist attacks, orchestrated over time by the radical Islamic group.

American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 were crashed, full of passengers, into the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

American Airlines Flight 77



Jerry Olson

crashed into the Pentagon in Virginia and United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, Penn. Flight 93 passengers overtook the terrorists whose original destination was Washington, D.C. The attacks killed approximately 3,000 people and injured 6,000 others with three trillion dollars worth



Katrina Wiedebush

of total cost monetarily.

In visiting with local residents, disbelief and a feeling of sadness was a common thread throughout and some didn't realize that the planes were actually passenger planes that hit the towers until they returned home after work and saw the ongoing footage that filled



Chance Burke

the airwaves that day.

With the upcoming 15th anniversary of this never to be forgotten time in our country's history, several residents of Clark County were asked to share some of their memories of that day.

Robert Paschen: "At the time I was stationed with the Navy



Joyce Temple

Special Warfare group 10 in Rota, Spain. I remember coming across the quarterdeck of the building and started to yell at the servicemen all watching a TV, to get back to work. Then when I found out what was going on, we all watched it. After that

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