



Terry and Angela O'Neill home



Fred and Patty Rosenau home



David Clausen home



Rob and Lisa McGraw home

A new store could be coming to Clark

Some important things were learned Thursday night at the Clark City Council September meeting. This meeting was held on Sept. 3, as the regular date was Labor Day. Mayor Larry Dreher was absent from the meeting and no reason was given as to why. Council chairman Louann Streff presided over the meeting.

During the meeting the council met as a board of adjustment and approved the conditional use permit of commercial retail zoning by David and Robin Woodring. It was announced that a Dollar General store will be going in on their property at 518 First Ave. E. A new building will be constructed at this address in the near future.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell also told the council that the Hi-Way Motel, in Clark, has been sold to a pair of gentlemen from Bryant. This discussion was held prior to the approval of authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with RS Architects, of Sioux Falls. This was followed by the council authorizing bids for the golf course club-

house/community center bids.

As this was approved, councilman Dennis Larson commented that this would be a 'hard sell', with Luttrell then promoting how the city needs to be progressive and that this isn't a tax increase issue and that many of the 'red flags' on project stopping issues have been rectified. She then handed out the architects drawing of the clubhouse/community center, that will be able to seat 350 people.

The 2016 budget appropriations was the next item on the agenda and Luttrell went over each of the categories on both the revenue and expenditure side.

Because of the lagoon system project, Luttrell proposed that sewer rates be raised \$10.00 per month in 2016 and \$7.50 per month in 2017, to get to the \$17.50 (approximate) per month raise which will need to occur to help fund this project. No action was taken at this time concerning either next year's budget or the sewer fee hike.

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Two indicted for sex crime charges

Kimberly J. Zachrisson, Clark County Deputy State's Attorney released this statement late last week.

On March 16, 2015, David Kohrs was indicted by a Clark County Grand Jury for three counts of Sexual Contact with a child under the age of Sixteen and 10 counts of Solicitation of a Minor. The alleged incidents occurred between June of 2013 and February of 2014. Sexual Contact with a Child under the Age of Sixteen is a Class 3 Felony, up to 15 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary and/or a \$30,000 fine. Solicitation of a Minor is a Class 4

Felony, up to 10 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary and/or a \$20,000 fine. Mr. Kohrs is currently scheduled for jury trial on November 2, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

On August 28, 2015, Colin Gerhardt Anderson was indicted by a Clark County Grand Jury for four counts of Rape in the First Degree. The alleged incidents occurred between May of 2014 and July of 2015. Rape in the First Degree is a Class C Felony, up to life in the South Dakota State Penitentiary and/or a \$50,000 fine. Mr. Anderson is currently scheduled for jury trial on January 7, 2016.

New house construction in Clark

▲ Four homes to be completed in 2015

Construction has been ongoing in Clark in 2015 with the addition of four houses and the basement dug on the fifth house in the city limits.

The large piles of dirt at 1125 North Smith Street are from the start of construction for the one-story 42' x 92' home of Jason and Kylie Steen.

Right next door to the Steen site is the nearly completed home of Terry and Angela O'Neill at 1111 North Smith Street. A dark gray color with white trim, the home has four bedrooms and four bathrooms and has a finished walk out base-

ment that goes to the backyard. Behind the house that measures 54' x 60' is a new workshop that is 42' x 72' in dimension. The family hopes to be in their new home in about a month's time and construction started in May.

Fred and Patty Rosenau are building a house at the south dead end and a little to the west at 300 South Idaho Street. It's a 50' x 80' structure with a four stall car garage. It faces the east and the outside will be a medium brown color when completed. It's a four bedroom, three bath home with a full

basement. The couple is hoping to spend their first Christmas there this year.

David Clausen is building a house located behind the Ringneck Lodge on the western edge of Clark at 669 1st Avenue West. It will be a two bedroom, one bath home and the structure will have no basement. The large garage has two doors with plenty of clearance above for Clausen's vehicles. The house with its pre-built walls, was started about three weeks ago. With a tan color in mind for the exterior, Clausen is planning on being in his new house

by the time pheasant season gets going he said.

Rob and Lisa McGraw are still working on the finishing touches to their new home at 411 North Commercial Street.

Construction started in August of 2014 for their three bedroom, two bath house which they moved into in May of 2015. It has a double car oversized garage and the family plans on finishing the basement in the future as well as a deck to the east.

Outlook for September is for above average rainfall

The month of September is more likely to be wetter than average in South Dakota, according to the updated National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Aug. 31, 2015 climate outlook.

"This revision to the forecast for September is a bit of a change from what we saw a couple of weeks ago," explained Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. The most recent outlook from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center predicts that all of South Dakota will likely be wetter than average for the month. "In the previous outlook for September, most of our state was shown to have equal chances of wetter, drier, or near average rainfall," she said.

Edwards added that cooler than average conditions are more possible in the western half of the state, another change from the previous September 2015 climate outlook.

"Cooler and wetter conditions for the fall are somewhat expected because they are often associated with El Nino conditions," said Dennis Today, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist.

The previous climate outlook, Today explained, indicated that cooler and wetter was more likely in October and November and less likely in September.

"The updates are a result of new computer model forecasts that are now available for the first couple of weeks in September," said Today.

Today added that while there are no imminent concerns with a wetter and cooler month ahead, the outlooks do increase the chance of some potential issues.

"Recent wetter conditions have eliminated most dryness across the state," Today said. In east central South Dakota, moisture levels have reached a point of excess, with soils wet from the recent heavy rains.

Two stations in eastern South Dakota, Clear Lake (8.60-inches) and Bryant (7.24-inches), set all-time August precipitation records. Another 30 stations across the state ranked in the top 10 wettest Augusts.

Edwards said that additional wet conditions this fall could increase soil moisture and wet grain issues during fall harvest, which could slow down harvest progress. "Cooler conditions could compound concerns by slowing in-field drying," she said.

The wet conditions could also lead to mold issues in grain, which livestock producers need to be aware of when feeding the 2015 crop to livestock. "Whenever there is excess moisture during harvest, mold issues can arise in grain which can

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Sept. 1	79	62	0	
Sept. 2	85	62	0	
Sept. 3	86	66	0	
Sept. 4	82	66	.31	
Sept. 5	76	67	tr	
Sept. 6	78	53	0	
Sept. 7	70	52	0	
2015 precipitation to date	18.64"			
2014 precipitation to date	14.14"			

Grandmother's antiques still in use

▲ Wirkus keeps items 'rolling' along

When one sees an antique, they can only imagine the many stories that go with them. How they were used and what they were used for and who used them.

Karn (Rasmusson) Lee from Tronhiem, Norway showed her granddaughter Margaret (Harper) Wirkus in person, how she used her rolling pins and the very heavy sewing machine that she brought over with her when she came to America in 1902.

Wirkus currently still uses the two rolling pins she inherited from her grandmother in her baking - something she loves to do and shares with others at craft fairs and at holidays. She has a large wooden one she uses a lot for her cut-out cookies and pie crusts and the patterned lefse rolling pin to make lefse.

"I remember when I was only about six or seven years old, I was already sentimental about things and asked her if I could have her rolling pins," said Wirkus. "She said yes and she'd leave me her little sewing machine too. Grandma spoke Norwegian but I knew enough of it that we could communicate. I think we did a lot of sign language too."

The sewing machine is also from Norway and is a very heavy iron machine that uses a wheel turned by hand to sew. "My mom told me that she would use that machine to sew the binder canvas aprons that were on the binders in the field, that made the wheat bundles. It is a heavy duty machine. I also have the little oil can that went with it. The machine still turns. She sewed all of her own clothes and my moth-



When Karn Rasmusson arrived at Ellis Island on September 14, 1902 on the ship named 'The Cymric', she had two large trunks with her that contained the two rolling pins and her very heavy sewing machine.

Her granddaughter Margaret Wirkus of Clark shown above, inherited the antiques that were brought from Norway. She uses the rolling pins in her baking.

Coming from Norway

Rasmusson came to America in 1902. Her future husband Peter Larson Lee came over in May of 1892 according to the passenger records on the ship named 'Umbria'. He was from Dramnel, Norway. Both sailed out of Liverpool, England it was noted on their records. They had corresponded for years said Wirkus.

Her grandfather changed his name from Peter Holmslien to Peter Larson Lee after he got here. His father's name was Lars and as he was the son of Lars, he became Larson and Lee was taken from the Holmslien name as he thought it would be harder to pronounce, so the Holmslien name was shorted to Lee.

Wirkus' grandparents married two years after Karn arrived to

America. She was 40 years old when she married in Spring Valley Township of Clark County.

Two years later, their only child Grace was born. Shortly after, they bought a farm in Day County and Grace started school at Lily. She graduated from Lily High School in 1910.

After Grace married Cloyd Harp-
Wirkus
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