

Municipal filings can begin Friday

▲ Also for the Henry School Board

The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

2017 Municipal and Henry School Board openings include: Clark, Raymond, Garden City, Bradley, Willow Lake, Vienna and Henry School.

Petitions for any of these boards may be obtained from the town finance officer or in the case of the Henry School from the business manager at the school office.

Petitions may be circulated beginning this Friday, Jan. 27 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. at the Henry School) on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017.

Clark: Four council positions and the mayor position will become vacant in Clark due to the expiration of the present terms of office. In Ward I, there are two council positions, currently held by Vicki Orris and Belinda Hanson, one is a three-year term and the other is a one-year term. Ward II council with incumbent being Kerry Kline has a three-year term available and Ward III with Dennis Larson being the incumbent, also has a three-year term. The position of mayor in Clark, currently held by Larry Dreher will also become vacant, this is a three-year term.

Willow Lake: Two positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward I - a two-year term held by Jeff Terhark and in Ward

II - a two-year term currently held by Luke Zelinski. Heidi Madsen is the Willow Lake city finance officer.

Henry School: Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. Two three-year terms are open with the incumbents being Adam Hartley and Paula Blue. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School.

Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

Raymond: One three-year term currently held by incumbent Larry Brannan will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

Garden City: One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. One three-year term currently held by Doug Loomis is open. Jeanette Warkenthien is the finance officer for Garden City.

Bradley: One three-year term position presently held by Eric Caulfield will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warkenthien.

Vienna: One three-year term position currently held by James Lewandowski will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Vienna is Nancy Roberts.



January has shown us a little bit of everything

More boots were carried than were worn last Friday at the Clark Elementary School as school was dismissed at 3:05 p.m. in 37° weather. Shown above, second grade teacher Melissa Nesheim stops Mason Wookey to put his hat on him which he didn't think he needed that day. In the foreground are Jakob Steen and Cole Wangness.

Residents had a respite from bitterly cold weather over the week and weekend with nice dry roads before the next round of moisture early this week.

January weather, to this point, has had a little bit of everything. The first week of the new year saw five times the low in double digits below zero.

School has been canceled three times this month already. The weather on page five of the *Courier* is one to keep, as four times during the middle of the month, the temperature got above freezing. Plus, a bullet was dodged this week, as it seems the 8" to 12" of snow will stay south of our area.



New homes in the country outnumbered new homes in the towns it was discovered as the *Clark County Courier* tallied the building permits for 2016 last week. This year's annual construction story reports the totals and projects of county residents as they add to their properties.

1. The home of James and Stephanie Arthur who moved into their new home in time to celebrate Christmas.



2. This home located east and south of Clark is owned by Andy and Holly Wookey who moved into their new home this fall.

3. This hunting lodge located just south and east of Clark was built by owner Cyrus Mahwoodi and has been named CT Wildlife.



\$10,510,365 spent in 2016 Clark County construction

Clark County tallied \$10,510,365 in estimated building project costs over the past year. This figure includes 108 permits in total for the towns of Clark and Willow Lake and the rural area. Last year 105 permits were taken out in the county in comparison with a total of \$11,915,220. The year 2015 included the \$3.4 million Willow Lake

School permit taken out.

In the past year, new construction in Clark County (out of the city limits) tallied \$10,051,150 according to the 56 permits taken out in 2016.

In the city of Clark, according to the 28 permits acquired for building within the city limits, the total came to \$451,015.

One may note that these numbers are approximations in estimating the cost of construction usually being on the low side when all is said and done. These are the amounts given by the property owners on the building permits. They are not the assessed values of the finished projects.

Looking back, construction to-

als in 2015 were \$6,099,000 in the county with 70 building permits out of the city limits and in the city of Clark, \$2,297,820 (30 permits).

The city of Willow Lake construction totals in 2015 were \$3,518,300 with \$3,453,000 being the Tellinghuisen Inc. school and gymnasium projects.

The lions share of the county to-

tal was the \$2,300,000 in the building of Clark Community Oil's new C-store building on the east end of Clark. Coming in second in the top totals is a new building at the Silverlake Colony at \$1,500,000.

Construction in the amount of \$910,000 in total is ongoing at the Collins, Hillcrest and Fordham Hutterite colonies. A house, a truck

wash, scale house, grain bin and a grain leg are the additions being built.

Grain bin construction was down this year compared to previous years. Not including the colonies, only three grain bin permits

County construction (continued on page 10)

A snapshot of who we are

Clark County is the 43rd largest county in South Dakota by population and contains eight census-designated places. The largest places in Clark County by population are Clark, Willow Lake and Bradley. Clark County is bordered by Beadle, Codington, Day, Hamlin, Kingsbury and Spink counties.

Households in Clark County have a median income of \$49,016. The average male salary is \$50,714 and the average female salary is \$31,937. The most common indus-

tries, by number of employees, are agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, healthcare and social assistance and retail trade. The highest-paid residents, by median earnings, work in arts, entertainment, recreation, transportation and warehousing and finance and insurance.

With 3,562 people in Clark County, 15.9 per cent live below the poverty line. This is approximately the same as the national average of 15.5 per cent.

- The median age of people in Clark County is 44.6.
- 97.8 per cent of the residents are U.S. citizens.
- There are 1,453 households in the county. 77.8 per cent of the housing units are occupied by the owners, the median value of which is \$74,800. Most households pay less than \$800 in property taxes.
- 23 per cent of households have children under the age of 18. Single-person homes make up 32.5% of the total, and 16.4 consist of a per-

son over 65 living alone.

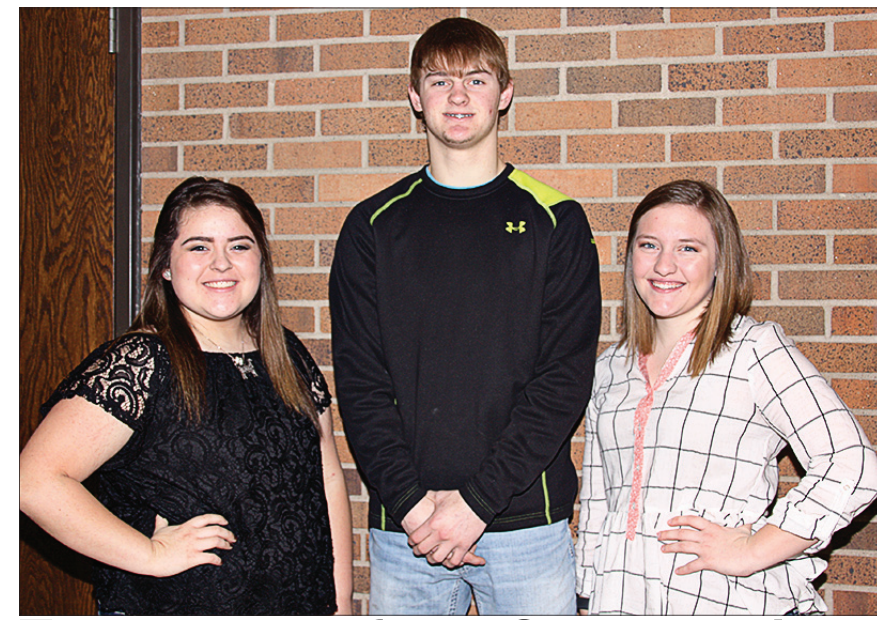
- For every 100 females in the population there are 97.4 males.
- In terms of ancestry, 52% of the population is of German descent, 29.4% Norwegian, 9.7% Irish, 7.8% English, 5.4% Swedish and 3.5% American.
- 397 households speak a language other than English at home.
- The average commute to work is 16.3 minutes, although 1.5% of the workforce do a 'super commute' of more than 90 minutes. The national average for travel from job to home is 24.6 minutes.

Clark County does not appear on the lists of counties with the highest incidents of diabetes, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases or homicides.

The county has a total area of 967 square miles, 9.9 square miles of which is water. The population density is 4 people per square mile.

The first settlement in Clark County was established in June of 1879. In May of 1881 the governor

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Three actors from Clark receive outstanding one-act play awards

Clark High School students performed their one-act play last Wednesday at the Region II B contest which was held in Watertown. 'Play the Hand That's Dealt', written by Claudia Hass was performed by the cast.

Shown above, left to right Tavie Guzman, Justus Reidburn and Jennifer Hurlbert, were all awarded outstanding actor awards.

Their play director Corrine Kallemeyn stated that she appreciated all of the hard work in the short amount of time they had this year with school delays etc... "I am super proud of the entire cast and crew for the stellar performance on Wednesday. You are all rock stars," complimented Kallemeyn.

Wage by Gender for Common Jobs in Clark County

Based on data from Northeast South Dakota PUMA

