



TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 21	14	-15	0
Jan. 22	11	-15	0
Jan. 23	20	-19	0
Jan. 24	34	12	.06
Jan. 25	34	7	0
Jan. 26	27	-13	.03
Jan. 27	-3	-16	0
2014 precipitation to date			.17"
2013 precipitation to date			.08"



Monson to chair FCCLA District I

At the District I FCCLA meeting held in Webster on January 17, Ally Monson won the spot as the 2014-2015 District I Chairperson. This position also qualifies Monson as a 2014-2015 State FCCLA Officer. Her exact office will be assigned at the State meeting at the end of April in Sioux Falls.

In order to become chairperson Monson had to fill out an application, go through an interview, do an onstage speech and answer on stage questions about FCCLA. Emily Binger was appointed District I Secretary for the 2014-2015 year.

Hartley named Principal of the Year

Jerry Hartley



Clark High School principal Jerry Hartley has been named the Region 1 Principal of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. Region 1 is the northeast region.

For the past 13 years, 12 of those years as principal, Hartley has worked for the Clark School District, his alma mater.

Hartley has enjoyed his years as an administrator in Clark. "At times it has been very challenging, but overall it has been a lot of fun. The day to day interaction I've had with staff, students, parents and community have helped me realize how important these interactions are to student success. I am very proud of the strong relationships formed between these stakeholders and how much they care about the students in our district," he stated.

Hartley and his wife Robin live in Clark. They have four children, Christopher is a computer programmer in Watertown, twin sons Braxton and Cooper and a daughter Taylor.

Aimee Zachrisson, Watertown, was named Assistant Principal of the Year from Region 1. Aimee, her husband Dayne and daughter Camille were former Clark residents. Dayne was the minister at the Clark and Garden City United Methodist Churches.

Coffee is on at the old Legion Hall in Raymond

If one wanted to know what was going on in Raymond, they would only have to go for coffee around 9:00 a.m. at the old Legion Hall as that is now the locale for the time honored 'coffee' in Raymond.

Gene and Wanda Bethke are the owners of the former Legion hall which was built around 1911. They purchased the building in March and the south side of the front of the building is where local residents gather nowadays since the closing of the Trading Post grocery store in mid January, where morning 'coffee' was held previously.

"The store closed on Saturday and we were here on Monday," said Mary Lou Mehlberg, local resident. "We usually bring our own mugs and everyone chips in with bringing something to eat."

Donuts, donut holes, banana bread and peanut brittle were on the table last Thursday when residents 'went for coffee'.

"Somebody always brings something," said Florence Hink. "For a while when the grocery store was between owners, I had people come to my house once a week. I had up to 17 or 18 at one time for coffee."

Paula Carlson had a table in the back of the grocery store for many years when she owned the Raymond Grocery and owners of the location since have kept up with the tradition. Then 8:00 a.m. was the coffee start time with another coffee group coming in the afternoon. For a time it was more so the men in the morning and the ladies in the afternoon. Anytime of day when two or more would gather, the coffee table had activity throughout the day.

"We solve all the world's problems right here," kids Brenda Yost. "I remember when I first moved here, I was told by the coffee group - 'You better just sit down and tell us about yourself or we'll have to make up our own story on you.'"

What's up and current is usually the topic of the day but the conversation can go anywhere on any given day.

"Politics is the worst for arguments," laughs Dean Bymers. "That's when we can get into some heated discussions. The conversations can get a little scary once in a while."

"Usually we'll have some card players and cribbage players," added Ted Mehlberg. "We're missing our summer crowd now but we often have a game going of cards or cribbage after a while."

"Our Saturdays have turned into show and tell days," continued Mehlberg. Lately Brian Jenkins has been bringing over antique toys and Jim Jenkins, Mehlberg, Bethke, Ralph Hurbert or whoever wants to will bring an item of interest sparking even more conversation and reminiscing.

Last Thursday - how cold it was that morning and school closings started off the day. Reports varied from 15 below to 19 below depending where you lived and even what time of day you looked at your thermometer.

Then conversation went to the Legion building and its history. The small room next to the coffee room was where a telephone operator once worked and slept there it was said. Doctor's offices, lawyers and a dentist were on the upper floor and a mercantile store was on the main floor.

"All the offices must have had their own pot-bellied stoves for heat as there were a lot of chimneys up there," noted Gene Bethke.

"I remember when we had a spookhouse up there for Halloween about 30 years ago," added Bymers. "We had fun with that. Butch Claussen was in charge of it and local volunteers helped. They walked through all of the upstairs rooms. In one I recall we had a chainsaw scene behind a curtain and the shadows made it look like we were attacking someone with the chain saw. We'd rattle old log chains, too."

"When we were looking around up there before buying the building I saw the words 'You're the next to die' written on the wall," added Wanda Bethke. "That had to have been from the spookhouse, those words were still there."

Three apartments were in the building at one time and several businesses have come and gone in the big building in the early 1900's. Discussion then led to the Raymond State Bank as Brenda Yost's sister Margo found the bank's embosser stamp at a rummage sale in Sioux Falls and bought it for her. Brenda then passed it on to Dionne Jespeth as her family name is Danforth and her grandfather was president of the bank. Mehlberg also had a few items from the bank's early years to share with the group.

Before the Raymond Baker Post 209 American Legion bought the building in the late 1950's it was owned by Charlie Larkin who stored potatoes in the basement. "That's why there were so many holes in the floor, he stored potatoes in the basement," said Bymers, also a Legion member.

Water and mold problems in the Legion building forced the group to rebuild. Their first turkey raffle was held in November of 2012 in the building that also houses the Raymond Fire Department vehicle.

The Masons and Eastern Star also met in the former Legion building. The Bethkes purchased the building in March of 2013. Their son Anthony and his friends, all in hazmat suits, went to work stripping out the lower level and getting rid of all the mold and Gene devised a system to help prevent so much water in the future. Walls were replaced and fixed and the front part of the building now houses six beds with partition areas and the coffee room more so resembles a living room with a couch and TV in the corner. The Bethkes are content.

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Gathering for 'coffee' in the mornings still goes on in Raymond, despite the recent closing of their former location, which was the Trading Post.

The former old American Legion building, now owned by Gene and Wanda Bethke is the new location for the 9:00 a.m. coffees, Monday through Saturday. The coffee is on a timer and usually ready when they get there in the historic building that has gone through a lot of upgrades this past summer by the Bethke family. The Bethkes purchased the building last March from the American Legion Raymond Baker Post #209.

Petitions may now be circulated for local boards

Vacancies for positions on local governing boards will begin this Friday, January 31. Petitions may be circulated and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014.

Position openings include:
Clark: The mayor's position, a three-year term, held by incumbent Larry Dreher is open as well as council seats in Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

In Ward I, Vicki Orris is the incumbent, in Ward II, Kerry Kline is the incumbent and in Ward III Lon Reidburn is the incumbent, all are for three-year terms. Also in Ward III is a one-year term up for election, currently held by Tony Woodland. Jackie Luttrell is the City of Clark 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 Terry O'Neill. Dianne Easthouse is the business manager at Henry School. Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

Garden City: One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Doug Loomis is the incumbent for this three-year council position. Jeanette Warkentien is the finance officer for Garden City.

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

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Future journalists and photographers putting out a fifth grade newsletter



The fifth grade class at Willow Lake Elementary is taking on the challenge of doing a monthly newsletter. It's named the Cyclone Elementary News. The students are learning a lot on the computer and in language skills with this project says their teacher Lori Hovde, who is shown helping new student Mackenzie

Editors, writers, photographers and publishers are what Willow Lake Elementary fifth graders are aspiring to nowadays with their monthly school newsletters. Typesetters and proofreaders are also vocations they are learning as they compile the information received from classes preschool up to the fifth grade. The newsletter is called the Cyclone Elementary News.

"They are learning a lot with this project," says fifth grade teacher Lori Hovde. "There is a lot of tech-

nology involved and the language arts curriculum, which ties in with the standards we have to meet. Meeting deadlines and working independently are also skills being learned in the newsletter project.

With their first newsletter in September, one in October and a November and December letter combined, the class is currently working on the January publication, their fourth letter.

Elementary computer teacher Cheryl Hovde set up a template for

the students with Microsoft Word's newsletter and since then, the students and their teacher have run with it from there.

Stories and reports are collected from all of the classes and printed out for the students to edit as they see fit and type into their newsletter.

Each student compiles his own version of the monthly newsletter and places the pictures and stories together.

"It's easier now than it was at

first," said student Morgan Burke. "Getting it all in and typing it all is the hardest part. Sometimes I have to write it over if it doesn't sound right. My favorite part is seeing and taking the pictures. I took the picture of the third graders and their new dictionaries."

Sam Hovde added, "The worst part is the typing for me. Last month one class only had one sentence and this month they have more so I have to cram to get it all in there. Some of it can't fit and that's the challenge of it."

Chayla Vig commented, "The picture captions can be a problem. Trying to name everybody and spell their name right. Usually someone in our room knows how to spell it right."

"Names are sometimes a problem," added Mrs. Hovde. "And I'd say proofreading is our biggest challenge."

"We and the teacher both proofread to see if we find different things," said Emily Hervi. "We can put the pictures above the story or below the story."

"I wish I could type faster," added Zachary Redinger. "It's actually kind of fun. Names are spelled different sometimes, like in my name, people think it's with a 'c' or 'k' but it's really a 'c' and 'h.'"

"It's actually fun to work on," said Brayan Soto. And Shane Wicks added, "It is fun to experience new things and see what the other classes are doing."

Each student makes their own version of the newsletter and saves it in their personal folder on the computer. "Willow Lake Elementary has a rolling cart full of 20 laptops that can roll from room to room

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