

TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Mar. 22.....	49	29	0
Mar. 23.....	37	22	0
Mar. 24.....	46	22	0
Mar. 25.....	47	26	.05
Mar. 26.....	35	21	0
Mar. 27.....	50	21	0
Mar. 28.....	57	30	0
2016 precipitation to date	1.40		
2015 precipitation to date	.59		

Clark All-School Play is next week

What happens when an imaginary boyfriend turns out to be real? Cassidy Tyler, a magazine blogger, writes about a boyfriend who doesn't exist; however, when she returns home to attend her sister's graduation, her editor 'hires' someone to play the part of her boyfriend. These two have never really cared for one another at the workplace and you have the makings of a disastrous weekend, or is it?

Clark High School performs the romantic comedy, *Boyfriend by Blackmail*, on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Cast members include: Ally Monson, Cooper Hartley, Jen Hurlbert, Jos Hurlbert, Justus Reidburn, Lauren Fjelland, Rory Forest, Braxton Hartley, Noah Huber, Hudson Steffen, Jasmine Foster, Tavie Guzman, Marcie Foster, ShyAnn Springer, Sydnie Fjelland, Hannah Gruenwald, Mason Nelson, Chelsi Gehrke, Sierra Springer, Keith Myrvold, Lizzy Schmahl, Dylan Miles, Joe Streff and Gus Carlson.

Stage crew members are: Paige Rahm, Chantell Wren, Gabby Moes, Brooke Rahm and Nicole Luttrell.

Prom is Saturday at Clark High School

Prom at Clark High School is Saturday, April 2 with the Grand March starting at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Prom 2016 will have a Greek theme.

Many couples and several individuals will be in attendance for the Grand March.

The Clark High School will be the site of the banquet which begins at 6:00 p.m. Pictures in the gym will start at 7:00 p.m. Waiters and waitresses for the 2016 prom banquet are Cheyenne Jones, Alex Thomas, Katlyn Maynard, Gabby Moes, Brooke Rahm, Paige Rahm, Sierra Springer, Gunner Sander-son and Bret Lehna.

Pre-Prom is at the Furness Funeral Home from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. with food, prizes and pictures being taken.

The dance will take place from 9:00 to midnight at the gym. The after prom party will be held from 12:30 to 4:00 a.m. at the CHS gym and field house. Drawings for prizes will start at 3:00 a.m.

Kaufman ties for 43rd in Kia Classic

Clark native Kim Kaufman shot 1-under 71 on Saturday and Sunday to tie for 43rd in the LPGA Tour's Kia Classic in Carlsbad, Calif. She finished at even-par 288 (74-72-71-71).

Lydia Ko won the tourney, reaffirming her position as the top player in the world heading into the first major championship of the season.

Ko finished at 19-under 269 for a four-stroke victory over second-ranked Inbee Park.

First mother-son legislative duo hail from District II

"It's an awesome honor and a privilege to serve in the legislature and how much more so doing it with my mother," said Brock Greenfield, a South Dakota senator representing District II.

Lana Greenfield just finished serving her second year in the House of Representatives representing District II and is also Brock's mother.

"To my knowledge, I don't know of any other mother and son combination serving in the Legislature. It's so nice having him there with me, it's a good experience to work together. We'll spring board off each other in discussing different bills and our interpretations of them," stated L. Greenfield.

"There are some father-daughter and father and son relationships we know of. Don Haggard and his daughter Jenna Haggard serve as a representative and a senator for District 10.

"Representative Al Novstrup serves District III and his son David Novstrup is a senator, also for District III.

"I find it interesting that the parents are the representatives and the kids are the senators in the family relationships," noted L. Greenfield.

Looking back a few years the Greenfields recalled Dean Anderson and his daughter Debra - who eventually became speaker of the house were a father and daughter team although not in the same district. Also Tom Hennies and Don Hennies were brothers who in the past served in the House.

When asked "What made you



To their knowledge, Representative Lana Greenfield and her son, Senator Brock Greenfield are the only mother-son relationship in the South Dakota Legislative session.

Both ran and won in the 2014 election. Brock has

served in the Senate since 2000. There have been brothers, father-daughter and father-son pairs but never a mother and son combination at Pierre during session. Both Greenfield legislators are Republicans. Lana lives in Doland. Brock resides in Clark.

want to become a representative in the Legislature", their replies were:

L. Greenfield - "Don and I would always visit at the Capitol during session a couple times to see Brock. Brock would spark my interest in what's going on and I eventually thought maybe I should step up to the plate. Having owned two busi-

nesses and being a teacher for 37 years I thought I could bring something to the table with my experiences. I ran four years ago against incumbents and was defeated in the Spink/Brown County area District II at that time.

"The second time I ran, I'd gotten a call previously from a young man in Sioux Falls whose dad was

in the Legislature. He urged me to run saying I'd be a good candidate. Thinking it over I decided to run again. Brock ran for Senate (again) the same time I ran for the House and we both won."

B. Greenfield - "I interned at the Capitol in 1999 and was told by others that I was politically included. Rep. Dean Anderson called

me and urged me to run, as he had been asked but declined but stated he'd find someone. So I guess that someone was me. I thought about it, prayed about it and decided to run. Between Dean's help and my grandpa's, Gerald Dede's and my family's support I was successful.

"I turned 25 years-old a month and two days before the election. When I won and entered the Senate I was the youngest senator in South Dakota. I still am the youngest senator serving in the Senate."

B. Greenfield states that when making decisions in Senate on voting or when working with appropriations, "I always think of it as how would I spend my own money - does it make sense - does it sound feasible to me as it would be to my constituents."

"I echo that sentiment," added L. Greenfield. "You have to put yourself in the situation."

During the week days of session, the two each have their own vehicles to go to and from in Pierre.

"Sometimes on weekends though we may carpool to Cracker Barrel sessions together," stated L. Greenfield. "Or follow each other home if the weather's bad on weekends after session."

"One time I forgot my wallet at lunch and mom helped out and bought my meal for me," chuckled the younger Greenfield.

What surprised both of them in their expectations before working in the Capitol was not the parti-

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Rev. Tracy and Rev. Petersen are certified Police Chaplains



Rev. Mark Tracy, left and Rev. Kevin Petersen were recently awarded Police Chaplain certification.

"Having faith-based chaplains will be a benefit to the community and the county as a whole," said City of Clark police chief Jeremy Wellnitz.

These Police Chaplain Program graduates will be there to provide appropriate assistance, advice, comfort, counsel and referrals to those in need who may request support.

In times of need or crisis it is so important to have a ministry of presence available. Just to be there.

The Police Chaplain Program is a community first - police officer first presence ministry, at the service and under the authority of the officer.

Representing Clark County and the community of Clark are Clark United Methodist minister Mark Tracy and Clark Assembly of God minister Kevin Petersen.

"One thing, top on the list, is to be here for the police officers themselves," said Rev. Tracy. "These officers see things that can't be unseen. Our first role is to be there for all enforcement individuals; police, fire and EMT's."

Rev. Tracy continued that it is important to know that this program allows a spiritual element, one that is a ministry of presence. "We are there, not to push Christianity or a certain belief. We don't want to

replace the ministers of choice. We are there as a smooth transition at a very difficult time, not controlling, but being there to help. The heart of this is to serve in a time of need, not to promote our own ministries."

Said a little differently, the Police Chaplain Program creates a part-

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nership with various faith-based leaders of a community to respond and assist police and other law enforcement agencies and first responders, providing an overall better quality to the citizens.

"This is a valuable opportunity of ministry," said Rev. Petersen. "This

is a hands-on role, representing city and community, not wearing a pastor hat (until asked to put it on). We will always accompany the police. We are at the service and under the authority of the officer."

Rev. Petersen has been an active member of the Clark Community for almost a decade, as he has gotten to know many residents and their connections. "This is a perfect fit for the community. The city police are very positive about this chaplaincy."

Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz agreed that this is a very beneficial program. Said Wellnitz, "The goal is that by having the police and clergy working together during times of crisis or incidents that a more comprehensive response will be given to those in need."

Wellnitz concluded, "They will assist us in times of need. If a crisis, I envision they will be contacted. This will be beneficial to the community and the county as a whole."

Speaker stresses: "Your voice is powerful!"

▲ Don't be the voice of darkness

"Your voice is powerful! And what you do with it is up to you!" stressed inspirational speaker Hayden Loven at a middle school assembly at Clark School last Tuesday.

"Choose to 'speak life' into other people. Be a positive force with your words, protect the people next to you. Be kind. Don't be the voice of darkness tearing people down with your voice.

"Don't impact your community/your school to the dark," warned Loven.

Loven personally remembers a hurtful paragraph typed to him years ago. Cyberbullying drove him to trying to end his own life when a freshman in high school.

However... As he was putting the noose around his neck in the garage that day, the voices of his supportive and loving teachers over the years came back to him - and that made the difference.

"Tell your teachers thank you," he said. "They are not rewarded enough for what they do and how

they can affect our lives. They really care about what happens to you. "Be awesome for your teachers. Don't give them junk - give them joy. Don't give them frustration, give them hugs."

Loven gave an example of how good a powerful message for the positive can feel. He had all the students say "You're pretty awesome" to the person next to them and then turn to the other side and do it again. The smiles were evident after the experiment that the compliments were received and appreciated.

Loven's presentation was sponsored by Impact-Day County a group from Webster. Ed Damrau was a representative from the group which is affiliated with the Freedom Church in Webster.

Damrau and Hayden Loven's father worked together in previous years and Damrau knew of Loven's talents as an actor/speaker and his work with inspiring kids with his message.

Formerly from Minnesota, Loven began his talk last Tuesday in a

British accent and stayed in character. A master of voices since he was young, he perfected his accents and variety of speech in college. He had the students guess where he was from. As each guess came in - he changed immediately to that country's accent with astonishing accuracy. Australian, German, Russian, Scottish, Irish, Swedish and Italian, he mastered them all with is voice. He also did Elmo and Gallum from the Harry Potter movies whom he noticed sound kind of the same with Gallum being the older version.

He went on to tell his life story - how he was homeschooled in elementary and then went to a public junior high school. He used his talent with voices to fit in with the group. In his middle school years, he played with words and his voice to become more hurtful - making fun of people. He started by bullying with his words and eventually those words came back to him. Hurtful words were said back to



Hayden Loven spoke to Clark School's fifth through eighth grade students last Tuesday at an open assembly. Playing with his voice at first with the crowd, using a fake accent he showed how the human voice is a powerful thing - not to be taken lightly. His life story taught the group how serious hurtful words can be.

"Speak life into people, don't speak words of death," warned the survivor who was cyberbullied in his high school to the brink of suicide. However a teacher's words came back to him and changed the course of events.

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