



Clark Elementary School's Spring Concert was held Monday night at the high school

Spring brought the breeze Monday night, as parents, families and students gathered at the Clark High School gym for the Clark Elementary School Spring Concert featuring students in preschool through fifth grade. Alicia Turnquist is the Clark Elementary music instructor.

The concert kicked off with the fourth and fifth grade singing the songs "Keep the Music Going" and "Grow Little Tree." Then, the fourth grade played "Amazing Grace on their recorders, center, followed by the fifth grade singing and playing "Peaceful, Tropical Island" on their ukuleles, above right.

Next, the preschool and kindergarten students sang and danced to the "DRM Tapping Song," pictured left. "All We're Meant to Be" was sung by the preschool, kindergarten and first grade students after that.

Other songs they performed included: "Teddy Bear," "Fais do do," "Frog in the Middle" and "Cantamos En Nuestra Escuela."

Then, it was the second and third grade students turn to perform. Together, they sang and perform the songs: "Catch the Rhythm," "The Things that Matter," "Rain on the Green Grass," "Charlie Over the Ocean," "Sing, Sing Together" and "Rocky Mountain." During the performance of "Rocky Mountain" Third graders, bottom right, accompany the song with instruments.

Closing out the concert was the fifth grade band. They performed "Creatures in the Attic," "Enchantment" and "Everything is Awesome."

Photos by Karli Paulson



Ordinance #585 approved, pool discussed at April council meeting

By Carolyn Olson

The April meeting of the Clark City Council meeting was held Monday, April 8. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting started off with public input. A concerned citizen brought up the need of housing in Clark and asked why it was voted against in March's regular city council meeting.

At the March meeting, the council voted down a resolution that would allow a tax break for newly constructed multi-family homes and/or residential homes. Due to this, developer Les McElhany decided against building his apartment complex on the south side of Clark.

Council member Melissa Ne-sheim's reasoning for the council's decision was, "I thought Les threatened the council, and constituents didn't want that tax break passed due to some of them who built new houses and didn't get the tax break."

Council member Brandon Kottke agreed, saying his constituents didn't want the apartment complex either. The City of Clark Finance Officer Alaina Wellnitz voiced at the end of the discussion, "I was told specifically by one resident that the last eight months of council meet-

ings have proven that we are intent on stunting the growth of Clark."

Item number five, Hay Ground Auction, was not discussed during the meeting.

A motion was carried to approve the bid for Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling garbage collection. The rate is \$15.15 plus tax per household per month. The City of Clark will have one 95 gallon cart, with household and recycling services picked up twice a month. Additional carts will be available upon request at a rate of \$8.00 plus tax per can per month.

Public Works Superintendent Darrin Altfillisch brought up to the council that he got the bid back for the chip sealing and top coat. He asked the council to approve it so he could sign the paper and send it back to get that project cleared. Altfillisch then addressed an issue with the bottom pipe coming down from the bottom of the water tower. He noticed last month that there were holes in the pipe. A bid was completed, and \$21,500 would be the cost to get the pipe fixed. There are concerns of freezing and corrosion if it doesn't get fixed. Lastly, Altfillisch stated the price of a new mosquito sprayer will be \$15,000,

and they will surplus the old sprayer. The board approved all.

In Other Business:

City of Clark Finance Officer Alaina Wellnitz brought to the board a new liquor operating license fee for the City to offer on premise for full serve restaurant liquor license. Further discussion and a fee will be determined at May's city council meeting.

The pool opening came up for discussion. As of now, the filter has yet to arrive. There are only four lifeguards signed up to work and no manager. A decision will be made by the first of May regarding the pool for this summer.

All department updates were approved.

Ulyot Building lights bid was approved.

Steve Berg and his wife may be selling a piece of property in town to the City of Clark.

The Hensleys and Nelsons got approved for new analog water meters. They will be charged an extra \$20.00 a month after they are installed.

Second reading - Ordinance #585 zoning was approved with scrivener's errors changes and changes to page 76.

Change order for meter project which was \$50.00 less than planned got approved.

Application to pay Brent Forest was approved.

Motion was approved to reappoint appraisers for last year's surplus items. The new appraisers will be Terry Schlagel, Corey Hallstrom and Brad Janvrin. The surplus items are a sewer snake, air compressor, Bush Hog rotary mower, stainless tanker and a Christmas wreath and bells.

Executive session began at 8:22 p.m. and ended at 8:28 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

May's meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
April 9	30	32	0.09
April 10	63	36	0
April 11	65	36	0.05
April 12	55	32	0.01
April 13	61	32	0
April 14	86	47	0
April 15	70	47	0
2024 precipitation to date			1.69"
2023 precipitation to date			2.30"

Celebrating 54 years of Earth Day

By Carolyn Olson

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. According to the United States Senate website, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force the environmentalism onto the national agenda. April 22 was selected as the date because it fell between college spring break and final exams, maximizing the greatest student participation and turnout. It has remained on April 22 to encourage even more students to participate in celebrations and protests. Every year, thousands of rallies, concerts and outdoor activities are organized worldwide.

Despite being celebrated in the United States for almost 20 years, Earth Day has now become an internationally recognized day and is celebrated across more than 192 countries. Every year, about one billion individuals across the globe are united and mobilized for the same cause, greater environmental awareness and climate action.

Earth Day kicked off a national conversation about the lack of environmental laws in the country which led to the adoption of some of the most important and comprehensive federal laws on environmental protection.

According to the Earth Day Organization website, every year, Earth

Day has a different theme. This year's theme is 'Planet vs. Plastics.' The theme calls attention to an environmental issue or goal which hopes to bring people together to inspire change.

Climate change is undoubtedly the biggest environmental issue we face today, and we are running out of time to combat it. The latest reports according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warn that global temperatures will very likely rise 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by the year 2040. It's now or never to limit global warming.

According to the Climate Pledge website, "The Climate Pledge is a commitment to be net-zero carbon by 2040. Amazon co-founded The Climate Pledge with Global Optimism in 2019. The Climate Pledge is a cross-sector community of global companies working together to address the climate crisis and solve the challenge of decarbonizing our economy." Despite the progress on the climate pledge, it is clearly not enough. But, we all have the tools and options to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Activities one can do to get involved and celebrate Earth Day are gardening, planting trees, composting and recycling. Savor the physical and psychological benefits of spending time outdoors. Getting outside is good for your body and your mind!



'A Heavenly Night' Prom held in Clark Saturday night

Clark High School's junior-senior prom was held April 13. A large crowd filled the gym to watch the students in their Grand March Saturday evening.

Members of Clark's junior class spent last week decorating the high school gym with the 'A Heavenly Night' theme. Junior class members attending prom are pictured on the left. From left to right: Parker Schmidt, Randy Robles Torres, Zane Werdel, Izabella Shero, Blake Lenzen, Valley Roebke, Katelynn Merkel, Avery Clausen, Lauren Luvaas, Avery Lee, Charlee Peterson, Ashlan Wren, Alex Reil, Hannah Heiman, Griffin Musser, Taly

Ortberg, Waylan Olson and Zach Ambrose.

Pictured on the right are Clark seniors that attended the prom. In the back row, from left to right: Bryce Klancke, Collin Gaikowski, Jack Helkenn, Collin Woodland, Taylor Merkel, Tyson Huber, Christian Gonzalez, Donavon Epps and Cayden Binger. In the front row, left to right: Nadia I Granados Jimenez, Brianna Dale, Sara Thonvold, Danielle Batchelor, Nevaeh Rusher and Ella Wellnitz.

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