



Rivalry Renewed

Cyclones defeat Roncalli in classic nail biter

Even though it's been a number of years since Clark-Willow Lake has played 11-man football, with Aberdeen Roncalli coming to town, it was an instant renewing of the rivalry.

For what seemed like a decade-long, a decade ago, every time these two teams got together the outcome wasn't decided until the final gun sound-

ed. This held true Friday night at the Clark Sports Complex as the Cyclones squeaked out a 20-19 Northeast Conference win over Aberdeen Roncalli.

Cole Brenden, above, is shown gaining some of his 107 yards on 17 carries.

Pheasant season opener is Saturday

The 2021 South Dakota non-resident pheasant hunting season begins this Saturday, October 16. For the second consecutive year, each day of the season begins at 10:00 a.m. The season ends in January, 2022. The three rooster daily limit remains the same.

"As harvest continues more birds are becoming visible," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Zach Thomsen. "There are birds out there."

Thomsen feels that there will be an uptick in hunters this year as last year the pandemic kept non-resident hunters away, for the most part. "Out of state hunters won't be staying home this year and we should have a fairly normal hunting year," said Thomsen and he added, that the pheasant hunting experience and tradition will continue.

Weather-wise, the high temperature Saturday and Sunday is to be in the high 50's with the low in the upper 30's, good hunting weather.

"Yes, the weather is to be conducive to hunting this weekend," said Thomsen. "It will be good for dogs. The weather should allow the dogs to pick up the scent and be able to retrieve, without overheating."

The majority of soybeans are out of the fields and that will benefit the hunter as well, said Thomsen. Some corn has come out but there still is a lot of corn left in the fields.

The pheasant outlook is pretty much the same throughout the county with high numbers west and south, he said. "Slough grass



With the non-resident 2021 pheasant season opener this Saturday, Clark County Game, Fish & Parks conservation officer Zach Thomsen reminds all hunters of the 660-safety zone. "Safety is the most important element of the hunt," said Thomsen. Hunting again begins daily at 10:00 a.m.

and CRP 'got lost' and concentrated bird groups will be found in habitat-based areas," Thomsen said.

The biggest priority of course is safety," said Thomsen. "Plus, it's ultra important to respect land owners and respect the land."

Season dates

In most of South Dakota the season runs from October 16 through January 31, 2022.

Shooting hours

The shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time to sunset. Central Time is used statewide for opening shooting hours. "Early in the season, late afternoon/evenings will be the best hunting," the G,F & P officer said.

Pheasant season
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Fire Prevention Week is on display

Clark Elementary School students made a field trip to the Clark Fire Department during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4 - 8. The students visited in two groups.

As part of the older group is just showing up above, many fire department 'display props' are shown, that

the Clark Fire Department described in detail.

In the foreground is the airbag; and going back, the car that the 'jaws of life' were demonstrated upon; smoke and how to handle it and the role the ambulance and EMT's perform.

Commissioners hear updates from dairy farms and Dry Lake #2

At the October 5, 2021 meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners summarized updates were given on two county issues: the two dairy projects and the geological survey of Dry Lake #2.

Riverview LLP, the owner of both Clark County dairy projects, had representative Brady Janzen give a status report on both dairy projects.

One dairy will be 10 miles west and five miles south of Clark and one dairy will be four miles west of Willow Lake and a little south.

Said Janzen, "The Clark area dairy construction is complete and 850 (dry) cows are already there and milking will start Oct. 15." Janzen invited the commissioners for a tour once operations are in full

swing. Regarding the Washington dairy, near Willow Lake, Janzen reported that dirt work is 60% done and will finish in the spring. This road improvement project has been pushed into 2024.

Apartment buildings are starting
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New Clark County deputy

Lindsay Stiefel is the new Clark County Deputy Sheriff. Starting a week ago Monday, Stiefel joins Sheriff Rob McGraw and deputy Tad Heaton on the county law enforcement staff.

Stiefel is married to Jeremy, who works for Moeller Sheet Metal and they have three sons, Dominick Pilla, 16; Atticus, 13 and Cohen Stiefel, 8. Prior to becoming the Clark Deputy Sheriff she was a 911 Police dispatcher for the city of Watertown the last five years. She also was a reserve officer with the Watertown Police Department the last year and a half.

"I'm looking forward to my new position," she said. "It gives me the opportunity to have a 'hands on' vocation in the community in which I live."

Body found Saturday in Dry Lake #2

Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw reported Saturday, October 9, the body of a missing angler was found at Dry Lake #2 at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The name of the 75-year-old Sioux Falls deceased male is not being released.

According to the sheriff's report: "The body of a 75-year-old male angler from the Sioux Falls area was recovered from Dry Lake #2 by Willow Lake. Other anglers noticed a pickup and boat trailer that hadn't been moved for several days and reported to GFP officer. Assisting in the recovery were personnel from SDGFP, Clark Police Department, Clark Sheriff and Codington County Search and Rescue."

SD bridge is dedicated in honor of U.S. Army Air Corps CPT Elmer Rusch

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs hosted a State Bridge Dedication Ceremony to honor U.S. Army Air Corps Combat Veteran Captain Elmer Rusch.

The ceremony was held Friday, October 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the DePuy Military Hall on the SDSU Campus in Brookings.

The South Dakota HWY 14 Bypass Bridge over the east branch of Six Mile Creek, just west of Medary Avenue in Brookings, will be dedicated to CPT Rusch.

Notes from Elmer's nephew Sen. Arthur Rusch's remarks:

- Herman Rusch and Clara Michalsen married in 1903 in Holstein, Iowa - children of German emigrants.

- Two children were born there - daughter Laura in 1905 and son Alvin in 1906.

- Around 1910 the Rusch family moved to South Dakota and settled

near Raymond in western Clark County.

- Three sons were born there - Clark in 1911, Elmer in 1913 and LuVern (Sen. Rusch's father) in 1916.

- Most people in South Dakota had a difficult time in the Depression- Dust Bowl years. The Rusch family had a particularly tough time.

- Herman got sick and was hospitalized in 1920 and never returned.

- The 1937 death of a daughter left three small children to be cared for

- After high school Elmer spent several years working as a farm hand in SD and with his mother's relatives in Iowa.

- 1934, Elmer is in CCC camp in Black Hills near Custer.

- He graduated and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in 1941.

- Elmer started at Ft. Leonard Wood and served at a number of bases in the US.

- In 1944 he was one of the hundreds of thousands of Americans in England preparing for the invasion

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 5.....	82	51	0
Oct. 6.....	80	57	0
Oct. 7.....	76	56	0
Oct. 8.....	76	57	0
Oct. 9.....	80	57	0
Oct. 10.....	69	50	1.04
Oct. 11.....	53	44	.05
2021 precipitation to date	19.56		
2020 precipitation to date	16.98		