



Soybean harvest is going strong in Clark County

Soybean harvest is beyond half done in Clark County and as the forecast is for a dry rest of the week, things could wrap up by the weekend or early next week.

Above, Don Pommer, in the combine, harvests this soybean field approximately seven miles northeast of Willow Lake, just off SD Highway 25.

Tony Heer, grain manager at the Clark County Farmers Elevator re-

ported that the soybean harvest is going well, with test weight averaging 57-58 and yields all over the board; with 40-45 on the west side of the county and 50-55 for most of the county.

"We should be going strong the rest of the week, as ground conditions are now allowing producers into the field," said Heer and he ended that most producers feel the yield is better than expected.

Pheasant season opener is Saturday

Comparable to last year. That is how Game, Fish & Parks Clark County conservation officer Kyle Lenzner views the upcoming pheasant season outlook in Clark County. The 99th South Dakota annual pheasant season opens this Saturday, Oct. 21, the third weekend in October.

"I think it will be very similar," said Lenzner and he said, as he was archery hunting, before Monday's interview, he saw two large groups of pheasants.

"If you compare this year's pheasant population to when numbers were really high, then it won't be the same result. But, there are birds out there," said Lenzner.

The entire state is down about 45 percent from a year ago, but this number is really attributed to lack of birds in the Missouri River corridor, usually where the greatest amount of pheasants are found. "We took a drop, but not as big a drop as farther west," he stated.

The pheasant population has been plummeting in South Dakota in recent years and all factors: weather, habitat and predators could have played a little or big factor in their demise, depending on the situation and geographic location.

"My brood route survey was pretty much the same as last year," Lenzner noted and said that the valley region of the county has more birds, year in and year out.

Hunters averaged harvesting 1.5 to 2 birds a year ago in Clark County after the crops were harvested later in the season. The first couple weeks of the season, the numbers were lower, averaging about .5 to one bird per hunter with the bigger hunting groups. As the crops come out of the field, the averages go up.

The 2017 statewide PPM index of 1.68 is down from 3.05 last year and up from 1.52 in 2013. In the Watertown area, that Clark County is in the PPM survey for 2017 shows 0.81, last year it was 1.78 and the 10 year average is 3.11.

Finding and shooting the elusive Chinese Ringneck Pheasant begins this Saturday, for out of state residents.

Hunters from all over the country flock to South Dakota for the opening weekend of the pheasant season.

What Lenzner has been telling those who inquire, "If you put the time in, you're going to find some birds and have some fun."

Season Dates

In most of South Dakota the season runs from October 21 through January 7, 2018.

Shooting Hours

From October 21 through October 27, the shooting hours are noon Central Daylight Time to sunset. For the rest of the season, shooting hours are 10:00 a.m. Central Time to sunset.



Clark County game warden Kyle Lenzner stands next to a 'Game Production Area' sign south of Clark, on Monday.

This 721 acre GPA, known as Stair's Slough, was planted with brassica, a cover crop, to prepare CRP in future years.

The non-resident pheasant season opens this Saturday at noon.

Bryant Parkview Care Center announces closure

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce Bryant Parkview Care Center will be closing its doors on December 9, 2017. After many years of fighting to keep the Center operational, the Board of Directors felt that closure was the only option remaining at this time," said Nell Rust, Administrator at the Center.

The closure affects only the skilled nursing section of the Parkview campus. The Parkview Assisted Living and Apartments will remain open.

"We are proud of our long record of caring for our community at Bryant Parkview. It's a sad time for our residents, staff, and our community, but we will all continue to be proud of the good work we did each day,"

said Rust.

Bryant Parkview is working with residents, their families, and their physicians to find alternative placements for current residents. In addition, Bryant Parkview is engaged with its staff members to explore other opportunities for those that wish to continue in the Long Term Care profession.

Bryant Parkview began operations in 1968. The closure is primarily the result of many years of inadequate Medicaid reimbursement by the state and difficulty finding and retaining staff members.

"Bryant Parkview is grateful for the decades of support from the Bryant community and surrounding areas," said Rust.

Clark's blood drive is Tuesday, October 31

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lioness and Lions Club will be Tuesday, October 31 at the Clark Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling her at 532-3808 or 520-9544 or call United Blood Services at 1-800-917-4929 for more information.

Fall marks the beginning of spending time with family and friends, watching football, celebrating Thanksgiving, the holidays and the New Year. One way to give thanks for your health and take care of those around you, is to donate blood. Every two to three sec-

onds someone in this country needs blood. Hospitals don't close for holidays and the need for blood never goes away. It can only come from a volunteer like you.

To save time, donors can now fill out their Fast Track Health History online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old and in good health (16 and 17 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online).

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Oct. 10.....	53	26	0
Oct. 11.....	57	32	0
Oct. 12.....	66	40	0
Oct. 13.....	55	38	0
Oct. 14.....	53	30	.68
Oct. 15.....	53	29	0
Oct. 16.....	65	32	0
2017 precipitation to date 22.71			
2016 precipitation to date 18.36			

Clark County Rainfall 10/10 - 10/16	
*Bradley .75"	*Garden City .60"
*Crocker .58"	*Henry .80"
*Raymond .80"	*Vienna NA
*Clark .68"	*Willow Lake .90"
*Carpenter 1.0"	



Nicolaj Emil Melballe of Denmark fits right in with the Pete and Donna Weisbrod family of Clark for the 2017-18 school year at Clark High School. Emil - as he likes to be called sits between Sarah Weisbrod

holding the family dog - 'Bandit' and Josh Weisbrod with their mother Donna in the background. "I like it here - good family and good friends," says the personable exchange student.

Emil, from Denmark, is foreign exchange student staying with the Weisbrod family

Nicolaj Emil Melballe from Skanderborg, Denmark is the name of the exchange son who is spending this school year with the Pete and Donna Weisbrod family in Clark.

In the sophomore class at Clark High School, Melballe will turn 16 years old a week from today on October 25.

Melballe prefers to go by Emil (with a short e sound) and comes from a town of about 25,000 in Denmark. "Denmark is one of the happiest places in the world," he commented regarding his country's reputation in society. "I think it's maybe how our government works. It's more accepting. No one is home-

less there."

Melballe has two siblings at home in Denmark, an older sister Amalie, 19 and a younger brother Peter Bertram who is 11. His mother's name is Anne Dorthe and his father's name is Morten. Both work

Emil
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Henry School food service on a seven week menu cycle

Last week National Food Service Week was observed.

At the Henry School, Diann Redmond and Patricia Pike are the two who prepare the meals daily, arriving at 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. respectively and staying until 2:00 or 2:30 p.m.

Food service manager Redmond likes working with the Oncore computer software purchased shortly after the changes.

"We've gone to a seven week cycle with our menu. Once we decided on our menus that meet all of the requirements (for sodium, calories, grains, vegetables and saturated fat), it's nice to keep it that way. The cycle repeats itself with our menus," said Redmond.

The Oncore program also came with its own dietitians available. They came to the school early on and helped set them up with menus and analyzed recipes. "If I have a question, they'll email me right back," noted Redmond. "The administration is very supportive of our lunch program here."

"Henry is unique in that the school board has decided that the school will reimburse us for seconds for the students," continued Redmond. "The students really appreciate that."

"We know then that no students will go away hungry," added Pike.



Diann Redmond in the foreground, works alongside Patricia Pike in the kitchen at the Henry School as they prepare another nutritious meal for their students. A newer refrigerator, on the left behind them, helps with placement in keeping things cold.

Head cook Redmond uses an Oncore computer program to assist with meal preparation requirements. With family members at the school, the ladies hear back what's liked and what's not, regarding their menus. They run on a seven week cycle with their menus following all of the recommended requirements.

"Sometimes even seconds isn't enough for the bigger boys."

The school doesn't have a salad bar per se - students are required to choose a vegetable or fruit every day. As an option to their daily meal, they may choose a chef salad or a Caesar salad. The chef salad has egg, cheese and ham and the

Caesar has chicken and cheese in it.

"This generation likes to be healthy I think," ended Redmond. "They don't seem to mind the whole grains. Our buns look white but they are actually whole grain buns. Everything is whole grain now with our breads and pasta as it has to be."