

Soybean harvest is finishing; many producers waiting on corn

As of last week, there were a few producers starting to poke into their corn fields, getting test samples, noted the Henry Elevator manager - John Guest, Jr. "With the nice weather lately and breezes I think most of the area farmers are letting Mother Nature dry the corn fields out," stated Guest. "Some guys are combining wet corn for the feed lots. Those numbers are in the 24-26% moisture range with the over 100 day corn. The samples of the corn that we've had so far as of today (Friday, October 20) are in the 17-20% moisture range.

"I would say we're about 90% complete with the soybean harvest in our area," continued Guest. "Averaging the good with the bad, I'm hearing about 50 bu. per acre yield. The crop is really dry, coming in at about 10-11% moisture."

Jon Kleinjan, Extension Crop Specialist out of Brookings states that farmers in the Brookings area are 75% done with the soybean harvest. Going north from there, test plots indicate 66 bushels per acre which is higher than the five year average of 52 bu. per acre.

Kleinjan estimates that the corn harvest should be pretty good in the eastern part of the state. "If we hit the average we'll be doing good." The five-year average for corn is

183 bushels per acre.

"Corn is vulnerable to dry weather in June and July, however these modern hybrids are pretty resilient and it's surprising what they can do," said Kleinjan.

The few reports he has heard of producers harvesting their corn is that it's in the 20% moisture range.

In Clark at the Clark County Farmers Elevator, manager Jeff Olson estimates that his customers are about 80% done with the soybean harvest.

"I'd say in the low 40's for an average bushels per acre around here with the soybeans. The crop is a little better than expected but is still a little dry," Olson said.

"Too dry in some cases, losing some test weight. Weights are in

the 55-59 lbs. range. We have about 350,000 bushels piled up at different locations this year," he continued.

For corn, only about 8,000 bushels have come in as of last week at the Clark location.

In Willow Lake, the soybean crop is also coming in on the dry side with 11-12% moisture reported Duane Poppen at the Wheat Growers Elevator location.

"Our first load of soybeans came in on September 27 and we've been going good ever since the first of the month," said Poppen. "We're probably about 80% done I'd guess around our area. Some spots were

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 17.....	73	36	0
Oct. 18.....	61	36	0
Oct. 19.....	71	37	0
Oct. 20.....	71	55	0
Oct. 21.....	61	34	tr
Oct. 22.....	63	33	0
Oct. 23.....	53	33	tr
2017 precipitation to date	22.71		
2016 precipitation to date	18.36		

Mystery Snowman Clue
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Mystery Snowperson Contest
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Ghoulies and ghosties and wee little beasties

Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31, and this display is ready for the costumed throngs.

Directly south of the Rose Hill Cemetery by Clark is a large Frankenstein hay bale, complete with giant hands emerging from the ground. Behind this creation, in more ways than one, is the family of Nate and Megan Merkel. From left to right are 10-year-old Kate-

lynn with her Day of the Dead mask; 14-year-old Kolby in his grumpy cat attire; 11-year-old Taylor with his cry baby face and in front is seven-year-old Alayna in her one-piece unicorn costume. Gone are the years of cheap plastic masks with elastic strings that broke easily, having been replaced by digitally manipulated images and realistic creations on heavy tag board.

TRICKS & TREAT FOR HALLOWEEN

Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year and so far with no snow on the ground, leaves will be the only obstacles in the way as trick or treaters head out for their bounty.

Willow Lake will have their Halloween Carnival at the Willow Lake gym on Friday, October 27. Doors open at 6:00 for lunch/registration and the costume parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Carnival games will be ongoing until 9:00 p.m.

At the Bryant Parkview Assisted Living Center and Apartments, they welcome their dressed up visitors between the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Halloween night.

In Bradley, spooksters should come dressed for the party at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. It



will be held at the Bradley Community Center with food, fun and prizes continuing until 7:00 p.m.

In Clark, the Clark Care and Rehabilitation Center welcomes their young guests from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on October 31.

Residents at the Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center will be ready for their scary visitors on Halloween from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At Roetell Senior Living, they will be prepared with treats for their young spooksters between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and

8:00 p.m. on Halloween.

To have a safe and happy Halloween remember to be on the watch that evening for little ones on the streets, out and about on Tuesday, Halloween night.

Dakota Style chips are back on the market

▲ Questions will be answered in time

"We didn't want people to be without them any longer," stated Riley Dandurand, vice president and general manager at Dakota Style in Clark regarding their potato chips.

It's going on two years in February when the Dakota Style chips building suffered a fire at their chip making facility. Production came to a halt with the popular potato chips and once the local supply at stores was gone - they were not replaced. Until this fall.

"They're back," stated Dandurand. "For now they are made for us at another location with the exact same potatoes, the same seasoning and the same in and out temperature in the cooking process.

"We had 14 flavors of chips when the plant burned," continued Dandurand. "Probably seven or eight flavors will be coming back eventually. For now we've brought back four flavors in the smaller bags for

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Dakota Style owner Riley Dandurand stands next to his building at the Clark Industrial Park. Above, is where Dakota Style sunflower seeds are packaged. After a fire destroyed the Dakota Style building in February, 2016, the company has been working hard to get things back to where they were before the fire.

Clark's first lady mayor served 95 years ago



Hattie Pickles, second from the right in the back row was the first female mayor of a town in South Dakota back in 1922. She was the first mayor of Clark that was a woman.

A teacher in Clark County for 50 years as well as county superintendent of schools from 1904 to 1916, it was reported that she liked teaching best of all.

This photo taken of the Clark High School faculty in 1908 includes in the back row, left to right, Alma Froland, Alice Travers, Roslyn Carli, Pickles and Helen Tarbell. In the middle row are Frances Zender, Nina Brown, Geo Otte and Margaret Turnbull. In front are Matie Callahan and Mary Boetje.

Who was Hattie Pickles and why is she so important? In researching this lady who spent all her adult years in Clark we learned just how remarkable she was.

Hattie Pickles of Clark, an educator, school superintendent and college professor will also be remembered for being the first woman mayor of Clark.

According to the Clark County Centennial History book, she was one of the first woman mayors of a town in the United States when she assumed those duties in 1922 in Clark. Women received the right to vote in America, in 1920.

At the vote held on April 21, 1922, Hattie became the new mayor with votes being 266 for Pickles, 214 for H. B. Brown and 57 for E. P. Titus. She succeeded C. H. Miller who was the acting mayor.

'Miss Mayoress' and our new 'Mayorette' were terms used for her in the Clark County Courier issue of April 23, 1922 which yielded the results of the election.

"Our new mayorette needs no introduction to the people of Clark and Clark County where she has lived for years and was among the pioneer country school teach-

ers, was county superintendent of schools for two terms and is now in charge of the eighth grade in the city schools. She has been an efficient school officer, one of our best teachers, a splendid citizen and without a doubt will make a very good head official for our city government. After she takes office as such it is the duty of every man and woman to stand squarely back of her.'

The vote that year called out the largest number of votes ever registered in a Clark election - 537.

Excitement was created when the petition for Miss Pickles was brought out and it was talked over by many and decided that it would be just grand for Clark to set the pace in South Dakota and have a lady for mayor. Clark was reported to be the first city in South Dakota to elect a woman as mayor.

Previous to her mayoral campaign, the civic minded educator also ran campaigns for county superintendent of schools in 1904, 1906, 1908, 1912, 1914 and 1916. Winning all of these elections, she served as county superintendent from 1905-1016.

From 1923 to 1932, she taught

college courses at Springfield Normal - which later turned into the Southern State Teachers College at Springfield.

She was primarily an educator. The first school she taught at was the Crowley School in Elrod Township - the first school in Elrod Township on the Dan Crowley homestead. As the school grew it came to be known as the Maynard School or Elrod #56.

She taught in both rural and town schools and was a promoter of education. It was through her efforts that an educational building for school exhibits was constructed at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

She liked teaching the best of all she said and although a tough disciplinarian, she was loved by her students. She said once "it was my former students who helped get me elected".

Pickles lived to the age of 83 and is buried at St. Boniface Cemetery, Clark.

She was born in 1870 in Sterling, Ill. Her parents were William and Ann (Murphy) Pickles. He was from Liverpool, England and she was

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