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TRICKS & TREATS FOR HALLOWEEN

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year and so far - so good with pleasant temps and no snow to date.

Clark's Pumpkinville and Bradley's Halloween Party were held last weekend with many ice princesses, zombies, super heroes, ninjas and witches present with a few minions thrown in - just for fun.

Willow Lake will again have their Halloween Carnival at the school gym from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with the costume contest parade starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

At the Bryant Parkview campus, staff and residents will welcome the



spooksters a day early on Friday, October 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In Clark, the Golden Living Center welcomes trick or treaters from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Residents at the Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center will be ready for the children trick or treating from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At Roetell Senior Housing, they will be prepared with treats for the little dressed up visitors from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Have a safe and happy Halloween and remember to be on the watch for the little spooks out and about on Saturday, later afternoon going into the evening.

Today, October 28 is Winter Weather Awareness Day

Summer has come to an end and the leaves are falling off the trees. That can only mean one thing, winter is fast approaching. To assist in refocusing on the hazards that winter weather can bring, time has been set aside devoted to the hazards of winter weather. In South Dakota, Winter Weather Awareness Day is October 28.

A little bit of attention paid to minor details during the pleasant days of fall will pay huge dividends during the long winter season. Do those drafty windows need a quick shot of caulking? Have you had your furnace checked to make sure it's operating correctly; especially if it's a gas burning furnace? How are the belts, hoses and tires on the

family vehicle? Are you afraid that the battery in the family vehicle won't make it another winter? Do you remember what the various winter weather advisories, watches and warnings mean?

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Mystery Snowman Clue
47th Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest
"Frosty's parents are from Clark County. One from the south and one from the center or middle as some may say."
Send guesses to Janene Gehrke, 209 1st Ave. W., Clark, SD 57225.



This mule must be in pretty good shape

Law enforcement, city employees and several available volunteers had some 'fun' Wednesday morning and quite a workout.

A mule, owned by Mel and Linda Schortzman, got loose Tuesday afternoon and by Wednesday morning a group of about eight 'vigilantes' were on a mission to corral the mule.

It was about a two-hour 'horse chase' Wednesday morning, with Tyler Silkman and his sister Jamie finally roping the mule in the trees near the Luttrell Kennels on the west edge of Clark. One can tell by looking at the mule, by this time in the chase, the animal had been roped, but was just

too strong to hold.

This photo was taken while the animal was being chased at the golf course, or in the back yard of Darlene Terrill. The mule wasn't smart enough to stay off of all the greens on the golf course.

The Schortzman's are new residents of Clark, having purchased the house and area formerly owned by Todd and Brenda Jenkins, on the northeast corner of town.

Mike Geise, with his back turned, is closest to the camera, John Luttrell is in front of Geise and policeman Nate Nickeson is behind the mule.

Corn harvest is over two-thirds completed

The soybean harvest is all but done in Clark County and the corn harvest is going strong.

"I'd say the corn harvest is between two-thirds and three-quarters complete," said Tony Heer of Clark County Farmers Elevator and he commented that if it hadn't rained on Thursday and Friday of last week, that producers would be even further along.

The weather this fall has been very dry and conducive for a timely row crop harvest until the inch of rain which fell Thursday evening into Friday.

The soybean harvest started about six weeks ago and is all but finished, with above average results.

The same can be said about corn harvest results. Area managers are reporting yields in the 150-200 category with most producers in that 180-190 range. Test weight is excellent at 55 to 60 lb. and the corn is dry, in that 13-17 area.

"We could be done by the middle of November if the weather continues to cooperate," said Wheat Growers Willow Lake manager Rick Flatten. "It could be even sooner than that, as things are moving right along," he stated.

For a dry year, this late October, early to mid November time frame is fairly normal and if the ground

stays dry, even after the recent rains, producers could and will get much accomplished in the next 10 days.

"It's been going fast and furious," said Mike Madsen at Wheat Growers in Carpenter. "It's been really dry; really good harvest run time. The corn crop is above average."

Heer, at Clark County Farmers Elevator agreed that the corn is looking awfully good. "I'm hearing 185-190 bushels per acre, weight at 58 to 60 lb. and the majority of (moisture) corn at 14-16."

Weather Outlook

It has been a very dry and mild fall to this point and as November comes, so does colder, winter-like temperatures. The forecast is for normal highs and lows, highs in the 40's and lows around 30°, but as moderate as temperatures have been, that could be quite an awakening that cold weather is coming.

Forecasters at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center recently issued the U.S. Winter outlook which fa-

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Clark County Rainfall 10/20 - 10/26	*Bradley 1.20"
* Crocker 1.90"	* Garden City 1.00"
* Raymond 1.77"	* Henry 1.50"
* Clark 1.37"	* Vienna 1.80"
* Carpenter 1.50"	* Willow Lake 1.40"

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Oct. 20	71	44	0
Oct. 21	56	33	0
Oct. 22	59	33	1.12
Oct. 23	57	36	.25
Oct. 24	55	37	0
Oct. 25	57	38	0
Oct. 26	48	38	0
2015 precipitation to date	20.23"		
2014 precipitation to date	15.17"		



Halloween costume contest is downright spooktacular

The Halloween costume contest brought out everyone from infants to nine years old at Clark's FFA Pumpkinville festivities last Saturday evening. Clark's annual Halloween costume contest was hosted by Clark High School art teacher Kristin Janisch. Members of Clark High School's yearbook staff, including Mason Nelson, Cheyenne Jones, Jennifer Pickrel and Keith Myrvold, judged the event and handed out prizes to winners in the cutest, scariest and most creative categories.

Shown above are cousins, left to right, Josh Lau, Bella Prebil, Colin Jacobson, Austin Lau and Max Prebil who were in Clark for the weekend visiting their grandmother, Ardella Jacobson.

There were many participants with winners being: In the infant category - cutest was Erving Roebke as a pumpkin; scariest was Lucas Johnson as Batman Lego man and most creative was Allie Schmidt

as a cow. Two to three-year-old winners - cutest, Ella Wookey as a witch; scariest, Tre McRae as a vampire and most creative, Devin Jacobson as a dinosaur. For the four to five-year-olds - cutest, Marley Wray as "Wizard of Oz's" Dorothy and Lexie Schmidt as a cat; scariest, Cole Wangness as a werewolf; most creative, Isaac Johnson as Flash Lego Man.

Winners in the six to seven-year-old category were - cutest, Rylee Pickrel as a gold goddess; scariest, Ivan Roebke as a creepy skeleton; most creative, Kaden Janisch as a vending machine and Max Prebil as Minecraft's Herobrine.

Eight to 10-year-old winners were - cutest, Bella Prebil as Bob the Minion; scariest, Austin Lau as the headless man and most creative, Nevaeh Rusher as a lawyer.