

Clark Community Education "Where learning never stops"

Clark School District 12-2 is bringing back Clark Community Education. "We have the philosophy that 'we are a school and community where learning never stops,'" said Clark superintendent Luanne Warren and she said that re-instating Community Education was important.

"Our decision to do Community Education was easy, as we have the need and we have great facilities," she said.

The Community Education advisory board members include: Joan Boehnke, Melissa Nesheim, Melissa Olson, Brenda Jongbloed, Nan Bell, Brenda Jenkins, Jessica Nordhus and Warren.

If any community members would like to be on this advisory committee, they should contact Warren.

The Clark superintendent then expressed that there is so much

talent in the community and one of the tougher advisory committee decisions will be which class should be offered and in what order and those decisions will be made in the near future.

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Clark Superintendent*

Said Warren, "If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in teaching a class through Clark Community Education, please contact me at the school. If you have ideas for a class, or are interested in learning a certain craft, skill, project or topic, we'd love to hear from

you. Your input and ideas help to make our community ed program better."

As to what classes should or will be offered, will depend upon interest and a respective instructor. Some ideas that have been discussed include: weight training, lefse making, quilting, estate planning, gardening, dance and relaxation techniques.

These are only a handful of ideas and Warren said that of course these will not all be addressed, but a slow start and gradual building of interests is the plan. "It's important to remember that Clark Community Education is a work in progress, but we have a start and much excitement has been brewing and we can hardly wait to get our first class started," said Warren.



Jake Arthur is the Robertson Crop Insurance - east side of Clark in the Clark Community Oil office building. His office is located on U.S. 212 on the

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Jacob 'Jake' Arthur is Clark's newest insurance agent, with Robertson Crop Insurance. "My main priority is outside sales," he stated, and he is very happy to get back to this area.

"After college, Kelsey and I wanted to get back to Clark County and raise our family," said Arthur as his wife Kelsey is an ultrasound stenographer for Transmed, out of Sioux Falls.

"Actually she's on the road quite a bit, but it's only three days a week," Arthur said and he continued that it's hard to believe that their daughter Alayna, four, has already start-

ed preschool.

The couple is moving into their new house this week on the family farm, approximately six miles east and south of Clark. Jake's parents are John and Karen Arthur.

"I really enjoy the insurance business," noted Arthur, as he started in March of 2014. "I spend a lot of time doing office paperwork and studying crop insurance regulations. Crop insurance is ever changing, in small increments that we have to keep up on."

Arthur is well known for his athletic prowess, especially on the football field. He was a sophomore

mainstay on Clark's only Football State Championship, in 2002. The 6'6" (at the time) 300 pound lineman went on to start and star at tackle for four years at the University of South Dakota. He was a Great West All-Conference performer his junior and senior years. He received a B.A. in Mass Communications from USD, with an emphasis in advertising.

"This is a great place to live and I'm really happy to be back," Arthur reiterated. He can be reached at 532-2261.

Freezer shutdown causes product to have to be moved

The freezer compressors at Nature's Deli (formerly McCain's) quit working in July. It has now been fixed, but the reported half million pounds of product has been damaged beyond use.

Removal of this product as well as the odor were topics addressed at the October meeting of the Clark City Council.

"I'd love to tell you that we will be done removing this product in 30 days, but we will need the weather to cooperate in order for that to happen," said Duncan McKee, who

is representing Nature's Deli and owner Ray Kasel.

McKee has been mitigating this odor situation from the onset as well as preparing with vehicles and people to remove the product.

What is in the freezers are all types of meat product, some in large blocks, some in small packages, some in cardboard packaging. "This was a big hit (to the company and owner)" said McKee, and he explained that three rendering company trucks are attempting to remove this product quickly and

quietly, without disturbing the community and that is why, he said, that it is being moved at night. As it gets colder, the removal process will speed up, he noted.

After McKee left the meeting, Clark policeman Jeremy Wellnitz told the council, "We will keep on top of this." Wellnitz had the states attorney send out a certified letter to Nature's Deli, giving the company 30 days to clean up the (odor and removal) issues.

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Summertime climate after an El Niño winter

El Niño is here to stay... at least through the winter season, explained Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"It is one of the primary drivers of our climate that affects us on a multi-year scale here in North America," Edwards said. "In South Dakota, very strong El Niño conditions, like we have this year, usually mean warmer than average conditions in the winter season."

But what happens in the growing season following an El Niño winter? "As fall harvest season is upon us, it will soon be time to make some early seed and chemical purchasing decisions for the 2016 crop year, and perhaps some information about those summer seasons will help inform those decisions," Edwards

said.

She explained that the current El Niño, as determined by sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, is ranked as number two or three among the strongest El Niños since 1950. The comparable years are 1982-83 and 1997-98.

Looking back at the May through September growing season following the 82-83 and 97-98 El Niño winters, Edwards said that in general, very strong El Niños tend to dissipate quickly.

"This limited size of just two growing seasons, combined with other variables creates some uncertainty in the summer season forecast," she said. "In both summers of 1983 and 1998, warmer than average conditions affected east-

ern South Dakota, with the largest temperature anomalies centered on Iowa."

Summertime climate
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WEATHER

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Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 29	65	42	0
Sept. 30	66	48	0
Oct. 1	62	46	0
Oct. 2	58	44	0
Oct. 3	54	42	0
Oct. 4	53	45	0
Oct. 5	59	50	0
2015 precipitation to date	18.86"		
2014 precipitation to date	14.78"		



Soybean crop is as good as advertised!

"Probably about 70 percent of the soybean crop is in and it's a really good crop," said Clark County Farmers Elevator manager Jeff Olson.

"I'm guessing right at that 50 bushel average, that would catch it pretty close," he speculated about the yield. The test weight and quality are both excellent as well and the beans are coming in dry, he noted.

"We've even dumped a little corn," Olson continued, about 20,000 bushels he thought. "It's coming in nice and dry with test weight at 58-59 lbs."

Olson is optimistic that if Mother Nature coop-

erates, "The way the corn looks I don't think we'll even have to start the dryers."

The elevator manager, when asked if the predicted rain in the middle of the week would be bothersome, he commented, "A half inch rain wouldn't hurt a thing. Plus it would give us a day or two to re-organize. The guys have been working seven days a week since the middle of September, so a slow down wouldn't hurt their feelings at all."

Above, Roger Nordhus combines beans on his land seven miles north of town. The wind turbine adds to the picture.