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## Soybean crop looks to be a good one!

The soybean harvest in Clark County is going strong and it's a good one! Lines are long at all area elevators and some producers could be going on corn before too long.

Area elevator managers were all positive in their replies of the soybean harvest.

### Clark

Jeff Olson at the Clark County Farmers Elevator had a big smile as he talked of the bean harvest. "We will be piling beans within the hour," he commented Tuesday morning. "The yields are in the upper 40's to low 50's with nice test weight and in that 13 category." Olson said he will probably see long lines at the elevator the next couple of weeks. When asked if he could change anything he replied that in the last couple of days the markets were a little better, but a higher price would make everybody happy.

### Carpenter

Mike Madsen at Wheat Growers-Carpenter said that the hard

freeze which occurred over the weekend didn't affect the row crops, as everything is made. "We're probably about two-thirds done with beans, as we started almost two weeks ago," said Madsen. "The soybean yield is in the 35-50 range, with the average in the low 40's. The test weight is 58-59 with mois-

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 30.....	65	48	.14
Oct. 1.....	68	47	0
Oct. 2.....	65	38	0
Oct. 3.....	42	24	0
Oct. 4.....	45	23	tr
Oct. 5.....	55	28	0
Oct. 6.....	61	31	0
2014 precipitation to date	14.78"		
2013 precipitation to date	21.75"		

### Senior Features of 2014



Jim Forest was six years old when the dry years of the Dirty 30's began and he has a lot of memories of how hard life was trying to farm in western South Dakota.

The first owner/operator of Forest Excavating years ago, now retired, Forest enjoys traveling with his wife Marj and keeping up with family members. He also collects antique Ford car replicas and his collection goes back to the early 1900's. This Case Oil Pull tractor he's holding was like the one he used to farm with when younger.

## Jim Forest has called Clark home for 60 years

In his late 20's, Jim Forest was offered his uncle Jim's farm near New Underwood, in western South Dakota. Instead, looking into digging equipment as a sideline at the encouragement of his uncle Oscar Forest, was the beginning of Forest Excavating in Clark. "That was the right decision," said Forest.

James Roy Forest was born on August 29, 1927 in Rapid City. He joined one sister Beverly and later his sister Joan was born to the Charles and Anna (Hughes) Forest family who lived on a farm about 11 miles from Rapid City.

Charles was born in Stoughton, Wis. in 1898 and moved to the Dakotas near Raymond when he was

very young. Jim recalls his dad telling him of their trips home from school during snow storms when they would have to rely on the horse team to get them home as they couldn't see to drive them the right way. His family later moved to Texas for a number of years and he worked for a rancher in Texas and then construction before coming back to western South Dakota to farm. Jim's mother Anna was a great cook and provided everything they needed, said Jim. "She was more of a quiet person."

Forest  
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This is Fire Prevention Week, 2014. Even though the theme of Fire Prevention Week is to focus on smoke alarms, the Clark Fire Department annually visits Clark Elementary during this week to help educate and promote the prevention of fires, a lifetime learning commitment.

Clark volunteer firemen Tony Werdel, foreground and Tony Schlagel, in the back show Gabe Ashley how heavy an oxygen tank is to wear on their back like the firemen wear. Members shown from Melissa Nesheim's second grade, left to right are, Manara Mjoun, Avery Lee, Zach Ambrose, Gabe Ashley, Spencer Wientjes and Blake Lenzen.

Each class was able to come outside and look at the truck close up as the firemen asked the students questions like, "Do you have a safe place outside of your house to meet at should there be a fire in your home?" and "Do you have smoke alarms in your house?" Students were shown what the firemen wear, their equipment and what that equipment is used for in fighting a fire. All of the classes in turn had a visit with the firefighters on Monday morning and received color books on fire safety. The preschool students were each given smoke detectors.

## Fire Prevention Week focuses on smoke alarms;

### ▲ Fire Marshal announces alarm distribution initiative

South Dakota Fire Marshal Paul Merriman is observing Fire Prevention Week with a cooperative program to provide smoke alarms for homes with high-risk populations in the state.

Working with local fire services and other interested groups, the Fire Marshal's Office is coordinating a program to distribute and install alarms in homes that lack them and to replace non-working smoke alarms in other homes.

The theme of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 5-11) is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month."

"Seconds count if a fire breaks out in a home," Merriman said.

"About 2,500 people die each year in the United States in home fires. The National Fire Protection Association says nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in fires in properties without working smoke alarms. We want to put alarms in more homes."

Through the Smoke Alarm Grant program, participating fire departments will receive an initial number of alarms. Department personnel will distribute and, if possible, install the alarms in homes that lack them.

The alarms were purchased using a portion of the revenue from the Fire Safe Cigarette Fund. Other funding sources are being

sought to support the program on a continuing basis.

The smoke alarms are 10-year, sealed lithium-ion battery powered detectors. They are designed to be tamper resistant.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing during Fire Prevention Week are:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pressing the test button.

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old. Do it sooner if they don't respond properly.

- Make sure everyone in the home recognizes the sound of the smoke alarm and knows what to do when they hear it.

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record, according to the National Fire Prevention Association.

Additional information about the smoke alarm program can be found on the South Dakota Fire Marshal website: [http://dps.sd.gov/emergency\\_services/state\\_fire\\_marshall/grants.aspx](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/state_fire_marshall/grants.aspx).

# 2015 city budget brings CIDC funding to a head

The October meeting of the Clark City Council contained many agenda items and many agenda items of importance. Leading the way were: 1) The 2015 city budget, including Clark Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) ramifications; 2) Adding an additional city police officer; 3) Going forward with retention pond plans; and 4) Continuing forward with chicken stipulations.

The lead story dealt with the budget. The 2015 city budget of \$1,259,108 was passed unanimously by council members Kerry Kline, Louann Streff, Dennis Larson, Tony Woodland and Belinda Hanson.

Vicki Orris was absent. Within this budget is \$38,865 for Industrial Development. Since (approximately) the turn of the century the CIDC has received \$77,000 annually from the city of Clark for Industrial Development purposes. That annual funding runs out in June of 2015 and the city has vowed to fund the CIDC until that point and that was proved out by the passage of the 2015 budget.

When asked about this funding past this point, Clark Mayor Larry Dreher responded, "I've thought long and hard about this (the CIDC funding)," he said. "We did not get

a police grant. The golf course expenditures are more than we anticipated, plus water and sewer projects are never ending...We will keep this funding going until the June, 2015 payment," he said.

The 15-year history of the CIDC funding has much to do with why the mayor feels the way he does. Originally, the CIDC, because of the annual \$77,000 payment, was a subsidiary of the city council. In the last decade this has changed, as has the CIDC. The first CIDC board contained Keith Warren, Francis Hass, Warren Brandlee, Lyle Brenden, Duane Stokes and

Tom LaBrie as a consultant. Warren retired from the board a couple of years ago and Les Solberg who has been on the CIDC the past decade also retired recently.

The CIDC has created the Clark Industrial Park, located east of Clark. Another monumental task heaped on the CIDC was to bring in a replacement company after McCains closed.

Current CIDC members, chairman Kyle Gaikowski, along with David Warkenthien, came to the

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