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## Harvest is on hold due to wet fields

▲ Sunny, warm weather will get it started again

Rain has put the 2013 corn and soybean harvest on hold for the time being, but with drying conditions throughout the week, harvest could get back on track.

"It depends on whether or not we get rain this weekend," said SDSU Extension Agronomy Field specialist Mark Rosenberg of Aberdeen. The county received substantial rain over last weekend with some reporting sites over 2 inches.

"The rain has stopped our row crop harvest from progressing," continued Rosenberg. "Prior to that, the bean and corn harvest was going strong and that's a little different because usually it is one crop and then the other. This year both crops were being seen at the elevators."

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 1.....	76	43	0
Oct. 2.....	72	48	0
Oct. 3.....	51	47	.92
Oct. 4.....	52	38	.35
Oct. 5.....	43	36	.18
Oct. 6.....	56	40	tr
Oct. 7.....	67	38	0
2013 precipitation to date	21.75"		
2012 precipitation to date	14.50"		

It's also fairly unique that here we are, almost to the middle of October and a killing frost has not appeared, or is it in the seven-day forecast.

As producers are now playing a waiting game for the fields to dry out, beans are at \$12.28 a bushel and corn is at \$4.00 a bushel.

Rosenberg reported that if producers could get back in fields in a timely fashion, that would benefit harvest.

Rosenberg noted that last week, before the soaking rains, that harvest was off to a quick start. "The beans I have seen were fairly decent, in that 30 to 60 yield range with the average 40-plus," he stated. "That really is a little better than I expected compared to the lengthy dryness we experienced."

The ag extension specialist speculated that the soybean harvest is at the midway point, "with lots of beans left to take out."

Talking corn is where Rosenberg was optimistic, as the fields he looked at were in the 140-150 yield area and he saw one upwards of 200 bushel per acre.

"It will come down to regional differences," Rosenberg said when talking corn yields. "Who got rain and who didn't will determine the outcome in the bins." According to the agronomist, corn weight is

on the lighter side, due to a lack of moisture at the critical tasseling stage. He guesses that probably a quarter of the corn crop has been harvested.

Jeff Olson at the Clark County Farmers Elevator acknowledged that the rain has slowed down the

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Week of 10-1 - 10-7

Clark County Rainfall	*Bradley 1.50"
*Crocker 1.70"	*Garden City 1.10"
*Raymond 1.44"	Henry* 1.30"
*Clark 1.45"	*Vienna 1.25"
*Carpenter .80"	*Willow Lake .90"



## Friday's football contest is wet and windy

Head Cyclone football coach Joel Huber, left, calls a timeout late in the first quarter in Clark-Willow Lake's 28-0 Eastern Coteau Conference victory, Friday, at Willow Lake, over the Florence-Henry Falcons. Coach Huber has the attention of the offense as he calls the last play with the wind to the Cyclones' backs.

Wind and rain are tough things to photograph, but

both were very prevalent in what football announcer Paul Knock called "Wet and windy Willow Lake" numerous times throughout the contest.

The game was called at the half due to lightning strikes. For more on this contest turn to page 6.

The first half was played with constant rain and a 20-30 mph gale out of the east.

## Enjoying newspapers and chocolate at 100...

▲ One of 14 Waldow siblings - Margaret Kannegieter



At 100 years young, Margaret (Waldow) Kannegieter still enjoys reading the *Clark County Courier* every week. "It's a good little newspaper," she compliments. After a century of living, she still gets around pretty good and can read well and continues to enjoy crocheting.

Margaret has lived in Clark County her entire life, just within a few miles from Willow Lake where she worked at Dyers Store for many years.

Aunt Margaret as she's been known by to so many in the Willow Lake area, coming from a large family - for many decades in recent years has looked about the same - aging gracefully, if at all, with a

nice big smile on her face. And often dressed in red, her favorite color.

Most recently celebrating turning 100 last winter, she is one of the lucky ones who has been able to

spend nearly 100 years in their own home.

Margaret Waldow Kannegieter has spent her entire life in Clark County near Willow Lake. "We didn't have a lot of money growing up in a family of 14 kids, but we were always happy, that's the most important thing," said Kannegieter.

She was born on December 9, 1912 and if one wanted to know what to get her for her 101st birthday, chocolate candy would make her smile. She loves chocolate.

"It was always a treat to get a chocolate candy bar. We couldn't afford chocolate or pop until we were older," said Margaret. "It was poor living in those days, but we always had enough to eat. Some things we had to eat we didn't like, but we ate to stay alive. It seems we ate so darn many carrots, but carrots and raisins ground up together was pretty good. I really liked that."

"Whatever was handy, that was what we ate, people didn't cook back then like we cook now and there wasn't a lot of extra wood around to cook with. You made sure you didn't make any more than you could eat."

Margaret was the 13th child born to Carl and Elizabeth Waldow on their farm three miles north of Willow Lake. After her younger brother Paul was born, five years later, that made for 14 children in the family, a big family even in those days.

"We always had a good time playing with the neighbor kids, our cousins the Michalskis, the Seefeldts, the Thoresons and Neuberger's all lived close by and we would walk to each other's homes, but mostly they all came to our place. It seems we always had an extra or two at our big table for meals."

"We liked playing kittenball or baseball on Sunday afternoon. We visited back and forth a lot, with a lot of card parties and sometimes music and dancing."

"Wednesday and Saturday nights were when we all got to go to Willow Lake for our supplies. All of us would get a nickel to spend. We were jealous of the other kids who had a dime but that couldn't be helped. I spent my nickel on candy mostly. We couldn't chew gum in

**Kannegieter**  
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## Residents only pheasant season starts Saturday

Pheasant season opens at noon this Saturday for residents on public land.

"This is the 10th consecutive year that the pheasant season opens at noon on Saturday for residents on all public land and private land that is leased by the Game, Fish and Parks for walk-in hunting," said conservation officer Kyle Lenzner.

Lenzner added that in Clark County the walk-in areas continue to be down acres-wise from previous years, due to several factors. Some of these areas are crop land signed up for waterfowl hunting once the crop is harvested. The other areas are signed up designated for small game and big game hunting, he said.

"For State Game Production Areas in the county, we have around 11,150 acres," he said. "Some of these acres include water. Most of these areas receive a good amount of hunting activity from the public."

"The purpose for this residents only season is to give residents a place to hunt without being crowded out by non-residents and fee hunting," said game warden Lenzner.

The season will run from noon

to sunset on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 12, 13 and 14. The daily limit is three rooster pheasants. Hunters will be required to use non-toxic shot on most public land. The road right-of-ways are closed except those that adjoin public land and then only half of the roadway will be open. Lenzner recommends hunters get out and walk and avoid road hunting. The best and safest way to hunt pheasants is to get out of the vehicle.

"This is a good opportunity for South Dakotans to hunt pheasants, as there are birds out here. It also gives the hunter a good chance to work his dog," said Lenzner.

He also warned hunters to identify the birds before one shoots. Some of the young birds won't be fully colored by the weekend, so it is important to tell a rooster from a hen.

(It should be noted that the federal government is currently shut down. Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) are under federal jurisdiction and therefore currently closed. G, F & P land is state-governed and remains open.)

## Five ordinances either discussed, passed or tabled by city council

Ordinances are an important part of city government, as they set the laws or policies and Monday at the City of Clark council meeting five important ordinances were either discussed, passed or tabled.

These ordinances dealt with the 2014 budget, 2014 salaries, the International Property Maintenance Code, sewer rates and water rates.

In order for an ordinance to become law, a two-month approach is needed with the first reading given when it is introduced and then it is acted upon the following month. The ordinances always appeared in their entirety in the newspaper.

Sewer rates, water rates and 2014 salaries were given first reading.

Last month, by resolution, the

council approved raising sewer fees by \$15.00 by Oct. 2015, to \$41.50 in order to make the necessary loan payments to fund a wastewater treatment facility project.

The water ordinance and sewer ordinance that the council currently is dealing with changes the line fees and the debt service fees, spreading the debt to all households, affecting those not living at the residence all 12 months.

The 2014 Appropriations Ordinance was approved by the council and appears on page 10. of the Courier. City finance officer Jackie Luttrell has been going over this budget in detail with the mayor and city council the past several months and very little 'tweaking' was needed at Monday's meeting.

The International Property

Maintenance Code (IPMC) would provide guidelines and basis for tear downs, etc. by the city and was given its second reading. The IPMC is a very complex, long manual, but Luttrell stated that the first three chapters would provide basic standards for city protocol for codes.

Luttrell asked the council if they would table this action until the November meeting so that she would have a chance to clean this ordinance up before the council would vote on it. It was tabled until the November meeting.

### In other business:

▲ A half hour executive session was held for personnel and contractual matters. No motions were needed.

**Five ordinances**  
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## Raml has canceled his last stamp

Retiring Clark Postmaster Dennis Raml spent the first 26 years of his adult life in the United States Air Force and his last 20 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

On Friday of last week an open house celebration was held at the Clark Post Office as it was Raml's last day as the Clark Postmaster.

When asked what he will do in retirement, the 66-year-old commented that his health is good and he is looking forward to doing what he wants to do and that includes a little traveling.

Raml and his wife Katherine have three daughters. Karla Raml has one child and one grandchild and lives in Sioux Falls. Evan and Darla Brandlee have three children and live in Watertown. Kevin and Denise Miller have two children and one grandchild and live in Watertown.

His postal career included working as a clerk in Clear Lake and Watertown, as a supervisor in Watertown, Fargo, Brookings and Aberdeen. Raml worked as a Postmaster in Elk Point, Bruce, Florence, Watertown and Clark.

His permanent replacement will probably not be selected until next spring, he noted.



Dennis Raml called it a career last Friday. The Clark Postmaster is shown as one often saw him, at the counter of the Clark Post Office on his last day of service.

## Clark's blood drive is Tuesday, October 15

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lions and Lionesses will be Tuesday, October 15, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordina-

tor of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health. Additional height/

weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 or 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.