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**★ TOP
of the Week**

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer

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Nov. 10	28	20	.12
Nov. 11	26	21	0
Nov. 12	43	20	0
Nov. 13	26	17	0
Nov. 14	37	22	0
Nov. 15	47	29	0
Nov. 16	34	22	0
2020 precipitation to date	18.19		
2019 precipitation to date	35.32		

Cyclone wrestling practice began Monday

As the fall athletic calendar continues to wind down, that means that winter sports are beginning. No one knows how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect indoor athletic festivities.

High school, 6-12 wrestling practice began on Monday, Nov. 16.

Coach Greg Marx is the Cyclone head wrestling coach, beginning his third year at the helm.

There are only two home wrestling match opportunities this season, the first two events of the year. On Saturday, December 5 is the WBC Tourney in Clark and the following Tuesday is a triangular. The remainder of the season, the Clark-Willow Lake wrestling Cyclones are on the road.

Girls are eligible to wrestle in 2020-21.

Special Thanksgiving services planned

Thanksgiving is next week already and falls on November 26 this year. Several worship services have been planned in the area to commemorate the holiday of giving thanks.

In Clark, a community worship will be held online right on Thanksgiving Day at 7:00 p.m. It will be available on the Clark Community page online and will have several members of Clark's ministerial association adding to the service of thanks.

At Peace Lutheran in Clark, a Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 25.

In Willow Lake on November 25, a Thanksgiving service will be held at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Randy Bader at the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Courthouse remains closed

Just a reminder that the Clark County Courthouse remains closed until further notice. The front entrance is open and a box is there if one has anything to drop off. Also a list of all courthouse office phone numbers is listed there if one needs in-person attention.

At least eight courthouse employees have had coronavirus cases this fall.

On Monday of last week the courthouse was deep-cleaned and has been closed since then.

COVID cases continue to rise

There were more than 2,000 new recovered coronavirus cases and less than 1,000 new total coronavirus cases reported by the South Dakota Department of Health on Monday.

The death toll remained at 644. There have been 219 deaths reported since November 1.

On Monday, 897 new coronavirus cases were announced bringing the state's total case count to 66,278, up from Sunday (65,381). Current hospitalizations are at 560, up from Sunday (553).

In Clark County there have been 188 total cases, up over 100 in the last month. There has been one death. Currently there are 52 active cases.



Jessica Lenzen and her son Blake, alias 'Chef Louie' have been busy preparing for "The Little Mermaid, Jr." dinner theatre that was held in Clark at the high school on Saturday evening. Held for previous ticket owners and parents and siblings only during these pandemic times, the play unfortunately had to have limited seating this year.

Lenzen's experience with the Chanhassen Dinner

Theatre for seven years has made her a valuable volunteer with Clark's theatre productions, the last two years.

Above an anemone, a sea horse, an eel outfit and Blake's ensemble as a chef were all constructed by Lenzen, who along with Amy Nelson, Clark's music and play director, have been crafting and sewing the play's costumes and set pieces.

Jessica Lenzen loves costume design and her work is downright 'show stopping'

"There is a lot that goes into it - that's for sure," stated Jessica Lenzen of the recent play/dinner theatre put on by the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at the Clark School.

"The show must go on," stated Lenzen of the musical "The Little Mermaid, Jr." taken from the Disney movie - "The Little Mermaid". The dinner theatre was held last Saturday night, rescheduled from last spring when COVID-19 hit and shut down many activities.

Lenzen has been play and music director Amy Nelson's number one volunteer lending her craft and theatre set-up skills to the play this year as well as last year with the production of Lion King, Jr., another Disney movie story line.

Lenzen's son Blake was in last year's production as the character

'Scar'. This year he will be 'Chef Louie' and a ship captain on the boat.

If one recalls the elaborate head dresses and sets for the animals last year in the Lion King, this year's characters 'under the sea' are also colorful and fun additions to the set.

Nelson hit the jackpot when bringing on Lenzen to help do the sets and costumes for the past two plays. Lenzen actually has Chanhassen Dinner Theatre set experience. She worked there for seven years from the age of 15 to 22 years old.

"I started out with busing tables for the dinner theatre, but then found out that they needed help for the taking down and the setting up of sets for their plays, so I ended up helping with that too. In be-

tween shows the staff helped with piecing things together. I learned a lot during those years. They had a building in the parking lot that was packed full of props and costumes. It was great."

Jessica's parents, Gary and Elaine Lenzen and her brother Matt, moved to a farm near Garden City and Bradley in 2003 and Jessica later joined them in South Dakota in 2005. She lives in Clark.

She was a graduate of Chaska High School in 2001 where they previously lived in Minnesota. "I'd probably be working for Chanhassen's theatre now if I still lived there. I loved that job. I later moved up to being a bartender at the theatre when I was old enough. It was a good experience and it was

Lenzen
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Cyclones play SoDak 16 game at Hill City

The Clark-Willow Lake girls volleyball season has come to an end. The Cyclones earned a 15-10 season record.

The Hill City Rangers hosted Clark-Willow Lake in the SoDak 16 state qualifying event and bested the Cyclones 3-0.

Above, in SoDak 16 action, middle hitter Chayla Vig attempts a spike against the Hill City defense. Also in the Cyclone front row are Morgan Burke, 12 and Sadie Streff.

For more on this game, turn to page 6.

Photo by Heather Jordan

The advantage will go to the hunter this weekend

The East River Rifle Deer Season opens this Saturday, November 21 and runs through Sunday, December 5. Six hundred 'any deer' tags have been issued for Clark County.

Will the deer or the hunter have the advantage this opening weekend? "I think hunters will have an advantage this weekend," said Clark County Game, Fish & Parks Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen of the rifle deer season opener.

"In my opinion, with harvest complete and really nice fall weather, cool in mornings and evenings and mild during the day, the hunter should have the advantage," said Thomsen.

Weather is a big factor when it comes to the opening weekend of the deer season. In recent years, really cold weather, or really windy conditions or even fog have deterred results on the opening weekend.

"I'm hearing that the weather will cooperate," continued Thomsen. "I expect a lot of nice bucks to be harvested on the opening weekend this year."

The rut is beginning, Thomsen continued, with last week being the

start. "The rut is on and the deer are running, so drivers beware," said the conservation officer.

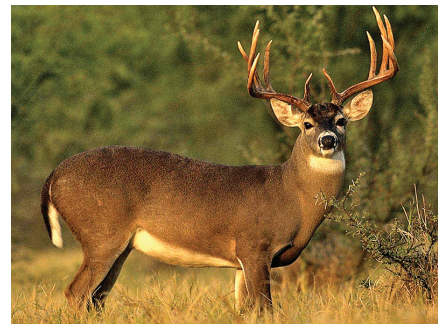
"We have deer and we have good buck sign throughout the county," said Thomsen.

Each deer season, the game warden writes tickets for shooting from the road, shooting from the vehicle and trespassing on private property. "Those are the big three," he stated, concerning violations.

Thomsen cautions hunters to remember hunting laws. "Many people get excited when they see a deer and forget about safety for themselves and others. If you are driving around and spot a deer, make a plan to hunt. Don't take a chance of shooting it from the road and break the law."

The game warden reiterated how important it is to ask landowner's permission to hunt. "Hunters need to plan to hunt ethically, locate their tags, wear orange, get landowner's permission, identify what

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Moonshine still is taken here

State sheriff finds two stills in operation.
City authorities take up several violators.

Will try seven this evening

Editor's Note: We know things have changed in the last 100 years. But we also know that history has a bearing as to what we accept, what is taboo and what laws we live by.

These two articles were published exactly 100 years ago today in the November 18, 1920 edition of the Clark County Courier.

Enjoy.
More than the usual amount of lawlessness, excitement prevailed in Clark this week when moonshining, bootlegging, street fighting, keeping open house and such charges passed around and the result was that two deputy state sheriffs spent yesterday here and visited the Quinn Wellington home and confiscated two whiskey stills.

Mr. Wellington has lived around Watertown for years and during the past year has lived in Clark, having been employed in the First street barber shop until being taken down with Hotchkins disease and has not been able to work during the past summer. He moved from the former O'Connell residence on Dakota street the first part of the month to the house on the former Hopp farm just east of the creamery and the authorities report having found two stills in operation there on the second floor when they called yesterday. Several gallons of the finished product was found and also a large quantity of corn mash. Wellington claims he needed this liquor to keep himself alive and while the paraphernalia was

taken away and oil soused into the mash to prevent future use, he was left part of the manufactured juice while the other was taken away. The authorities have not decided how to dispose of this case and the county physician and commissioner have been notified.

The state authorities have also a suspicion of bootlegging going on here and we can expect them to make a cleaning here some time, the same as is being done in other parts of the state. While this liquor scouting was going on, the city authorities were also busy and the police placed Fred Anderson and Elmer Smith under arrest for disorderly conduct, they having partaken of a fistic encounter on the streets on Monday. Both plead guilty to the charge before Justice Strand this morning and were assessed a fine of \$10 each. The authorities also visited the Atkinson & Meltzer pool hall and took up some beverage which they believe to contain a large per cent of alcohol called hard cider, this is now being analyzed.

Meltzer & Atkinson, operators of the west pool hall, were also arrested under the city ordinance on the charge of having kept their place of business open after hours on Saturday night. They plead guilty to this charge before Justice Strand this morning and were fined \$25. Another case terminating from this place being open as above stated, is that of seven men being charged with disturbing the peace therein during that time. This trial has been called for eight o'clock tonight and the defendants have waived a hearing and called for a jury trial.

Uses a strong arm way to collect an account

Some little commotion took place in the usually quiet little city of Raymond last Friday when two of their citizens locked horns and had a battle royal on Main street, to the discomfort of at last one of the active parties and interest to a number of witnesses.

The fracas was the result of a bill of indebtedness which Jim Lundy owed to the Cooperative store and the manager of the store, N. H. Hurlbut, made an attempt to collect same when they met on

the street and being unsuccessful, an argument started which terminated into a fistic encounter and Hurlbut came through second best.

Lundy was placed under arrest on Monday on an assault and battery charges preferred by Hurlbut. A hearing was called before Justice C. E. Voas and found not guilty. States Attorney Berry prosecuted the case while Attorney Brower was council for the defense.