



## Deer opener looks to be clear and cold, with tracking snow

This will be the second consecutive Clark County (rifle) Deer Season when the temperatures have been unseasonably cold.

"It was cold last year and with the two-weeks of winter-like weather leading up to this Saturday, we actually might consider the opener as sounding ideal, weather-wise," said Clark County Game, Fish & Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner. The game warden then added that the wind could also be a factor.

"If it is cold overnight and clear, without a lot of wind, the deer could be up and moving," said Lenzner.

Two other variables that will play a big role this Saturday are the fact that deer are herding up for winter and that there is tracking snow. The 2014 East River Rifle Deer Season opens at dawn this coming Saturday morning, Nov. 22.

"Usually at this time of year the rut is going strong and the deer are spread out. This year the deer have already started for their wintering rounds, as the snow has really bunched them up," Lenzner stated.

Because of the early snow, the hunt will be somewhat different this year and with many fields still having corn, the deer have a place to hide.

As to whether or not the hunter has the advantage, Lenzner said it depends where the hunter finds the deer. The majority of the deer are on private ground, so therefore the deer will have the advantage. If the herd is on public land, the nod will go to the hunter.

Last year at this time, approximately 400 antlerless tags were still available. This year there are none, so as the antlerless tags were completely cut out, one will see half the hunters on the landscape that were seen a year ago.

"That doesn't mean that there are fewer deer than a year ago," Lenzner said. "The numbers are probably very similar. The big difference is the weather. It should be (as of Tuesday) a nice weekend to hunt. Last year it wasn't."

Lenzner said that the proof that there are some big deer out there is the road kill on the side of the highway. "Hopefully, the big bucks will survive car accidents this week, but we've been seeing about one a day in recent memory," the conservation officer shared.

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.

Another area of emphasis is that it is illegal to bait - putting out food for deer. "Cases have really increased the last few years in this regard. Some guys don't realize that this means that salt blocks and mineral blocks are illegal. Any type of 'stuff' like this goes against 'baiting' laws."

Lenzner cautions hunters to remember hunting laws. "Many people get excited when they see a deer

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## Sledding hill starts early this year

With seasonal winter snow comes winter activities such as sledding down the 'sledding hill' in Clark along 8th Avenue North. With temps a little colder for this time of year, the sun shining brightly made it seem a little nicer out last Friday as these outdoor enthusiasts blazed a path down the popular sledding hill.

Shown above from left to right are Kolby Merkel, standing, with his brother Taylor on his sled ahead of him. They are the children of Nate and Megan Merkel.

On the inner tub sled are Wanda Robles and daughter Amanda, Randy Robles and his father Radames and to the far right is Israel Silva.

## Southwest corner of the county now has Robin Arne Pottery



Robin Arne Pottery is open for business at her shop located near Carpenter. Married to Blair Arne, who farms near Carpenter along 182nd Street, she shares a building/shop with him where she 'handbuilds' and 'fires' (bakes) her pottery. Wall hangings and artwork are her specialties. Recently building up her inventory, Arne came to Clark County five years ago and is originally from Lake Benton, Minn.

"It's not as easy as it looks. Flat pieces like to break," stated Robin Arne who has mastered the art of pottery making and has recently opened her shop for business.

Wall hangings and artwork are her specialty and she prefers handbuilding - molding the clay with her hands to make a project. She uses no molds. All of her projects are handbuilt and unique.

"The clay I use is all stoneware. I do work with some porcelain but mostly stoneware," added Arne. "The stoneware comes in 50 pound boxes and I get it in the clay form. The clay I use has already been 'pugged' which means all of the air has been taken out of it and it's gone through a pug mill."

Arne makes all of her own glazes used on her artwork from scratch and she likes being adventurous in her designs.

"I don't consider myself a functional potter, mugs and bowls are considered functional. I do more artwork like wall hangings and or-

naments. Ornaments that maybe hang on a wine bottle for a special occasion or notation. I have small and large pieces and have also made some Christmas ornaments. I have made some mugs, bowls and pots but I focus more on the decorative artwork."

Rolling with an actual rolling pin is one tool she uses in her trade to get her piece flat. After her creation is completed it's bisque fired at 1,800 degrees. She then glazes the item and it's fired again but this time at 2,350 degrees. It's about a 10 hour process in her kiln until it's done.

"It's a different process than firing ceramics made with molds," she stated.

Arne has been working with pottery since the 1990's. She first became interested in the craft while living in Alaska for 10 years. She took a class in Anchorage where

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## Special services planned for this Thanksgiving



Next week is Thanksgiving on November 27. Many area special Thanksgiving services have been planned in the area.

In Clark, an ecumenical Thanksgiving service is being held on Sunday evening, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Also in Clark, Peace Lutheran Church will have their worship service at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening, November 26.

In Bradley at the St. John's Lutheran Church a Thanksgiving Eve service will be held inviting members of Crocker Lutheran Church at

7:00 p.m. on November 26. In Willow Lake, the United Presbyterian Church will be hosting a 7:00 p.m. service on Wednesday, November 26. At the Willow Lake Evangelical Church, also on November 26, a 6:30 p.m. service is

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Nov. 11 .....	22	10	.12
Nov. 12 .....	17	3	0
Nov. 13 .....	10	-6	0
Nov. 14 .....	17	-6	0
Nov. 15 .....	19	-8	.07
Nov. 16 .....	17	-7	0
Nov. 17 .....	10	-3	0
2014 precipitation to date	15.76"		
2013 precipitation to date	25.19"		

## Turkey Day comes with dressing, salads and memories



Floyd Flatten



Norma Bailey



Betty Keyes



Winnie Ackerman



Shirley Tipton



Howard Schrader

Thanksgiving, or the 'Turkey Day' holiday, as some like to call it, is next week. Many feel Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday of the year and with this special event come some special traditions and special memories.

The Clark County Courier interviewed six senior citizens asking about their Thanksgiving thoughts and memories.

**Floyd Flatten:** Turkey is not my favorite but I do like the dressing. We would always have goose and turkey when we would gather on my mother's side of the family at

Henry and Anna Obermeier's farm. I really liked the goose. "We'd go to my dad's side of the family for Christmas. All of the cousins getting together and being able to play together was my favorite part of it all I think."

**Norma Bailey:** It was always a special time to get together with family members. Turkey, dressing and cranberry sauce were always on the menu. It wouldn't have been the same without the cranberry sauce, I've always liked that. I remember at my folks' house (Walter and Florence Hallberg), we didn't

dare put the relish tray on the table before the meal. The young boys would have it empty by dinner time if we did.

**Betty Keyes:** On my husband's side of the family while grandpa Bert Van Sickle was still with us, we would all get together in the basement of the Henry United Methodist Church. We were a big group of about 70 people. We'd have turkey and the whole works, everybody brought food to share. Pecan pie was my favorite thing to make.

One year was especially memorable when my 14 year old son Donald

was hit by a tractor on Thanksgiving morning. We were thankful it wasn't worse.

**Winnie Ackerman:** I love turkey. Turkey and pie are probably my favorites. We'd always take turns going to my family or my husband's and sometimes we'd host the meal. The guys would watch the football game and the women went uptown shopping or window shopping.

I remember one year I'd purchased a lot of blueberries and made four blueberry pies. That year we had a blizzard so we couldn't make

it to the gathering. So we were eating blueberry pie for a long time after that.

**Shirley Tipton:** We usually went to my parents' home for Thanksgiving, Henry and Anna Schrader's. They hosted a lot of Thanksgivings in their home northwest of Clark. We'd have turkey and sometimes chicken. I especially liked the stuffing. My sister Beverly Haug also like to host Thanksgiving, so Allen and I and the kids went there for many holiday meals, too if not celebrating at our home. One of my specialties to make was a cranberry

salad that I like.

**Howard Schrader:** We always had three or four different kinds of pie at Thanksgiving. Sometimes I'd try two or three. We would often go to my parents, Henry and Anna Schrader's and we also went to the Hageman side of the family, my wife Joanne's parents. Whether we had turkey or not, it didn't matter to me. I've never hunted turkey in my lifetime, but I've shot a lot of pheasants over the years.