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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Nov. 15	56	32	0
Nov. 16	58	37	0
Nov. 17	40	27	.11
Nov. 18	29	16	.03
Nov. 19	25	11	0
Nov. 20	30	17	0
Nov. 21	36	20	.03
2016 precipitation to date	19.19		
2015 precipitation to date	21.34		

School Christmas concerts upcoming

School Christmas concerts have been planned at Clark and Willow Lake.

At Clark, on Monday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. grades first through sixth will give their choir concert at the CHS gym.

Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. is the date and time for the grades 5-12 band concert and the grades 7-12 choir concert. It also is at the CHS gym.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 2:15 p.m. in the Clark Elementary gym will be the preschool and kindergarten Christmas concert.

At Willow Lake, the All-School Christmas music concert is set for Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Shop locally this Saturday, Nov. 26

This Saturday, Nov. 26, the Clark Chamber of Commerce will continue to join with other small towns across America in celebrating small-town businesses with its 'Small Town Saturday' promotion.

Chamber co-chairman Melanie Smith commented, "We always want our town to be vibrant, look good and continue with growth. Every dollar that you spend here, stays here, supports the local tax base and helps Clark grow."

Special Thanksgiving services planned

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. Many area special Thanksgiving Services have already been held. Those set for tonight include:

At Peace Lutheran Church in Clark, members of Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond will join them for a 7:45 p.m. service at Peace on Wednesday, November 23.

On Thursday, November 24, at 8:30 a.m. there will be a Thanksgiving day Mass at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Henry.

In Bradley, St. John's Lutheran will be the host to a joint Thanksgiving service at 7:00 p.m. inviting members of the Crocker Lutheran parish on November 23.

The Prairie Star Lutheran parish will be having their Thanksgiving parish worship at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

The Willow Lake Evangelical Church will have their Thanksgiving worship at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

The United Church of Christ in Willow Lake will host a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Community music concert is Dec. 20

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark is hosting a community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18.

The next choir practice will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Any and all voices are welcome to join in this community choir. Lola Bartels is the director for the community choir.



Willow Lake kindergarten students number 15 students this year. Shown in front of their five little turkeys poem on the bulletin board in their classroom are in the back row, left to right, Tucker Ammons, Myaha Davis, Terrance Johnson, Aksel Gjerde, Cristian Garcia, Landie Homola and Ansunette Snyman. In the front are Madelyn Koskiniemi, Aubrey Waldow, Isabella Bratland, Tabor Fawcett, Rylee Fox, Fidelia Rasmussen and Bennett Pommer. Britt Efraimson was absent.

The students shared their recollections and details on the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner that many will share together on Thursday.

Thanksgiving dinner through the mind of a kindergarten student

To help celebrate Thanksgiving, which is tomorrow, the *Clark County Courier* asked Willow Lake kindergarten students several questions about Thanksgiving dinner.

The questions included: Where do you get your turkey? How much does a turkey weigh? What temperature and how long is it cooked? What foods do you eat with it? What's your favorite part and what would you add to the dinner if you could?

In the words of young Tabor Fawcett who said - "I don't think I'm big enough to remember that." The youngsters did their best to guess the answers to the above questions. There are 15 students in the kindergarten class of Tracy Bratland-Bruns this year and the following are their answers regarding Thanksgiving dinner.

"We don't really have turkey. Last year we had like mashed potatoes and gravy and corn I think.

I don't think I'm big enough to remember about that. I think a turkey weighs 50 pounds. It's cooked at 52 for two minutes. I don't really know - I probably wasn't born that year. My favorite would be mashed potatoes and gravy, corn macaroni and ice cream." - **Tabor Fawcett**, daughter of Levi Fawcett and Jeremy and Jamie Forbes.

"We get our turkey at the store.

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Monte and Sandi Sippel, on the left are handed the keys to Roetell Senior Housing by Janet and Don Roehrich. The center recently celebrated its 20 year anniversary of being in business in Clark.

The Sippels purchased the business in June. They are also the managers of a similar assisted living in Groton at which Don Roehrich helped in the construction back in the mid-1990s.

Ownership change at Roetell's is official, as the keys have been handed over

"All of the families and friends we've made here over the years, getting to know the families of our residents - I will miss that a lot," said Janet Roehrich of her retirement from being the manager and owner of the Roetell Senior Housing facility in Clark.

Don and Janet Roehrich handed over the keys to Monte and Sandi Sippel on June 22, the official purchase date. The Sippels are also the owners/managers of the Rosewood Court Independent Living Center

in Groton, the town where they reside with their two daughters, Madison, 16 and Sarah, 14 who attend Groton High School. Their oldest daughter Alyssa is a junior at UND in Grand Forks, N.D. majoring in kinesiology, psychology and pre-chiropractic.

How Roetells came to be

The Groton Assisted Living Center had a part in the start of Roetells. Back before 1995, Don Roehrich was working alongside Wayne Tellinghuisen in the building of the

new assisted living center, each doing their part in the construction. Janet recalled Don commenting on how Clark could really use something like this. At the time, only the nursing home was available in Clark.

Soon after the Roehrichs and Tellinghuisens together acquired land on South Smith Street in Clark and built Roetell Senior Housing. The 6,800 square foot building that

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Fairly slow opener to the deer season

"Not many big bucks, or any deer for that matter, were shot this last weekend," said Clark County G,F & P Conservation Officer Kyle Lenzner of the East River deer season rifle opener. "I'm thinking the cold conditions had a lot to do with the slow weekend."

The fall up until last Friday had been very mild, which is an understatement, as the temperatures for the last month had to average around 10° above the normal. Most corn is out as well, so the deer didn't have a hiding spot in the corn field.

"It seemed like deer were moving," said Lenzner. "Maybe not so much Saturday morning, but deer were very visible Saturday evening into Sunday."

The conservation officer continued that when a good number of deer aren't harvested during the opening weekend, "Thanksgiving week and weekend are very active."

Lenzner stated that on the plus side, no accidents occurred in the area and ticket violations were minimal.

"The weather sounds pretty good in the 10-day forecast," Lenzner reported. "I expect to see good deer hunter pressure for a while. We do have a couple of chances of snow in the immediate future."

The talk then turned to 'ice starting to form' and Lenzner urges all hunters to be careful and to be careful with hunting dogs as well.

Waterfowl

With the nice weather, ducks and geese haven't made much of an impact in the area. "We've been waiting on waterfowl hunters, but within the next couple of weeks we should be seeing and hearing, quite a bit of migration movement. I expect to see quite a few waterfowl hunters over the next couple of weeks," he said.

Pheasants

Due to a lack of pheasants in the area, Lenzner said that he hasn't seen as much blaze orange lately as he usually does. "The birds, as it gets colder and later in the season, get very wild," he ended.



Winter has made an appearance

The area received its first taste of winter last Thursday night into Friday.

This autumn display in the exterior entrance of Dakota Butcher seemed appropriate, to show the new fallen snow last Friday morning.

Area schools were shut down and classes canceled, with very slippery road surfaces and wind gusts in the 40-50 mph range on Friday.

At press time on Tuesday, there is precipitation in the day's forecast, with the thermometer two degrees above freezing and slated to stay there until sundown.

Thanksgiving also has a little precipitation in the forecast, with nice weather, in the low 40's scheduled for the weekend.

Winter does not officially begin for four more weeks, but with lows in the teens, a strong north wind and a couple inches of snow last Friday, winter, at least winter weather, is upon us.

Accident claims life of Florence woman

It is with a heavy heart we report this accident: Kimberly Rae DeVille, 41, of Florence was traveling in Hamlin County northeast of Vienna when she lost control on an icy patch and died at the scene.

DeVille was the driver of a 2006 Dodge Ram pickup traveling south on 438th Avenue. The vehicle went into the east ditch and rolled. A 13-year-old male passenger was not

injured. Both were wearing seatbelts.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the accident. Other agencies responding were the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office, Lake Norden Fire/EMS and Watertown Fire Rescue.

She is the daughter of Phyllis Gustafson and the late Alan Gustafson.