

TOP of the Week

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Nov. 17	50	32	.14
Nov. 18	50	25	0
Nov. 19	32	14	0
Nov. 20	29	12	0
Nov. 21	26	10	0
Nov. 22	44	14	0
Nov. 23	42	24	0
2015 precipitation to date	21.34"		
2014 precipitation to date	15.76"		

School Christmas concerts upcoming

In 2015 there just isn't much time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so many holiday activities will be planned in a short amount of time.

School Christmas concerts have been planned at area schools.

At Clark, on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. grades first through sixth will give their choir concert at the CHS gym.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 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. 15, 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 Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.

In Henry, for grades PreK through fourth, their concert will be on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. will be the Christmas concert for grades five through 12.

Community music concert is Dec. 20

Clark United Methodist Church is hosting a community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20.

The first choir practice will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:45 p.m. at the Clark United Methodist Church. Any and all voices are welcome to join in this community choir.

Special Thanksgiving services planned

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

The Prairie Star Lutheran parish will be having their Thanksgiving parish worship at the Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake at 7:00 p.m.

A community service for members of the United Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Church will gather at a community service at UCC at 6:30 p.m.

The Willow Lake Evangelical Church will have their Thanksgiving worship at 6:30 p.m.

In Raymond, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will hold a 7:45 p.m. service on Thanksgiving Eve.

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.

Shop locally this Saturday, Nov. 28

This Saturday, Nov. 28, 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."

Feeding the less fortunate is now a Thanksgiving tradition



Jeremy Seefeldt, Clark High School graduate and owner of five pizza restaurants in the Midwest, is shown above on the right, preparing to broast yet another turkey for the Thanksgiving meal he has offered for free to those less fortunate. This is the seventh year at Boss' Pizza in Sioux Falls that Seefeldt and his wife Heidi have 'given back' to those in need. Shown above are his volunteers helping in the cause in previous years, from left to right, Mike Gefre, Neal Nelson, an unidentified volunteer, Chad Mittag and Seefeldt. Many friends and family members help the Seefeldts in their project.

"If you're in the area and you're in our family you're involved," stated Jeremy and Heidi Seefeldt, owners of Boss' Pizza who are in their seventh year of feeding the homeless a complete Thanksgiving dinner at their restaurant located at 2111 South Minnesota in Sioux Falls.

A 1995 Clark High School graduate, Seefeldt is the son of Marshall and Pam Seefeldt of Clark. They along with Jeremy's aunt and uncle, Jenny and Neal Nelson of Sisseton, have been helping with this project since it began seven years ago.

"Heidi and I came up with the idea," said Jeremy. "At the time, no one was offering a free Thanksgiving meal. They had the Banquet at Christmas, but nothing right on Thanksgiving for people. We talked with our family, my mom and my aunt and we decided to do it. We had the desire to do it and the room."

"The first year, we got the word out through the backpack program through Feeding South Dakota. We sent a slip home in the backpack meals for the weekend for the kids that are homeless and less fortunate," continued Seefeldt. "We fed about 200-300 people that first year. Now it's grown to about 1,000 people."

"The nice thing about it, I think is that a lot of kids/people don't get to eat out for Thanksgiving. This is like a feast you'd get at grandma's house. We broasted 52 turkeys last year and ran out of meat, so I ended up broasting some chicken. We also have the traditional mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn and green bean casserole. It's a big effort. We make about 20 green bean casseroles and during the four hours we serve people someone is constantly peeling potatoes and making gravy. My mom and aunt come up the day before and start cooking. I feel I don't do half as much as they do. My dad and uncle carve about 85-90 percent of the turkeys and my sister and brothers and members of Heidi's family always help when they're home for the holiday."

Volunteers and family members all help with the project which has grown in attendance over the years. Seefeldt receives donations from vendors for the turkeys and last year family friend Erin Peterson made little packages for all the children with treats and certificates inside and friend Jim Sullivan enabled 300 hooded sweatshirts to be

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Thanksgiving dinner through the mind of a five-year-old

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

The questions included: 1. How does your family get the turkey for Thanksgiving? 2. Where do you cook the turkey? 3. How long does it take to cook? 4. How hot do you cook/bake the turkey? 5. Does anyone help your mom cook the turkey? 6. Does the turkey get stuffed and what with? 7. How many pounds does it weigh? 8. What do you eat with the turkey?

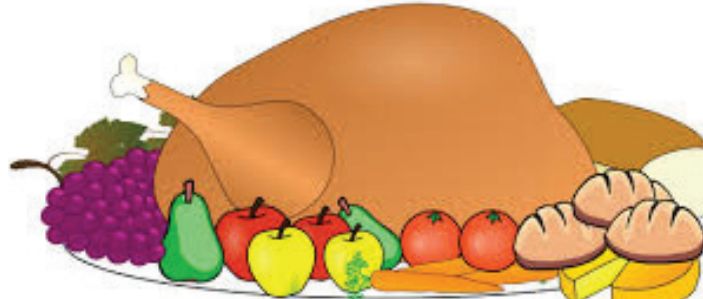
There are two kindergarten classes this year at Clark Elementary being taught by teachers Stephanie Hagstrom and Kay Whalen. Their answers are as follows starting with Mrs. Whalen's class of 16 students.

"My mom gets our turkey at the store. She cooks it in our kitchen.

The oven is set at really hot and we cook it for two hours. My dad, my sister and I help, too. Our turkey weighs eight pounds and my mom stuffs it with lettuce - I like lettuce a lot. Sometimes we have pancakes with our turkey, I like pancakes a lot, too," says **Kayla Arthur**, daughter of James and Stephanie Arthur.

"We get our turkey at the store, then mom puts it in the oven. She cooks it at nine degrees for three hours. I think the turkey weighs three pounds. My dad helps cook it. We don't stuff our turkey. I like the ham, potatoes and green beans we eat with it," adds **Maverick Clausen**, son of Jeremy and Natalie Clausen.

"We live on a farm where we don't have turkeys, so we get ours from the store. We cook ours in the oven for maybe...70 degrees. I don't know



how many pounds it weighs, maybe seven? It's in the oven for 20 hours. My bigger sisters and my dad helps cook it at our house. We drink milk and juice with our turkey and sweet potatoes," explains **Justin Dale**, son of Justin and Becky Dale.

"My mom makes our turkey. She puts it in the oven on hot. Daddy

helps her cook it for...about...eight hours. It is a medium size turkey and we put bread stuffing and trimmings in it. Daddy helps mom make the turkey. I like the potatoes and gravy the best," says **Isaac Johnson**, son of Trevor and Amanda Johnson.

"My mom usually wins our turkey at Bingo. She stuffs it and then she cooks it in the oven. She stuffs it with this stuff that you're supposed to stuff things with. It's really big like ten hundred pounds! I don't know how hot we cook it, but it takes probably 45 minutes. With our turkey we eat mashed potatoes and gravy for the potatoes, squash, fruit, vegetables and I don't know what else," says **Helen Kretzschmar**, daughter of Dave and Kris Kretzschmar.

"Our turkey comes from the store

and it cooks in our oven. We cook it at number 10 for 20 hours I think. My dad helps my mom cook it. It weighs five pounds and our turkey is stuffed with stuffing. With our turkey we eat chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy on top and roast beef," stated **Baylar Lamb**, daughter of Brad and Desi Lamb.

"I don't know where my mom and dad get our turkey. We cook it on the stove at 55 degrees and we cook it 61 hours. Only my dad helps my mom cook it. I think it weighs 65 lbs. We eat salt with our turkey," says **Jaden LaPlante**, son of Duane and Jessie LaPlante.

"I think we get our turkey at the Corner Diner usually. My mom puts it in the oven at six for seven hours. Me and my sister Avery help. We don't stuff it. I think the turkey weighs six or eight pounds."

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County 4-H'ers cap noteworthy year with recognition event

As the 2015 4-H year drew to an official close a week ago last Sunday at the community center of the Ulyot Building in Clark, individuals who helped make this another successful 4-H year were recognized for their efforts and achievements.

The 4-H Recognition Event was held November 15 to recognize those who have qualified to receive county medals, plaques, awards and certificates based on their project work.

Award winners in Horticulture, Visual Arts, Home Economics and Ag division are determined by a point system on exhibit ribbon placings. The 4-H member receiving the highest number of points in these divisions receives a trophy.

Visual Arts

Trophies were awarded to the three seniors and three juniors who received the most total points. Winners in the senior division were Nicolette Schmidt, Jennifer Hurlbert and Michaela Flora. In the junior division, winners were Cole Brenden, Samantha Brenden and Summer Seefeldt.

Clothing Senior division winner was Michaela Flora and junior winner was Samantha Brenden. **Food and Nutrition:** Senior winner was Kathryn Paulson and junior winner was Samantha Brenden. **Horticulture, Plant Science & Conservation of Natural Resources:** Junior winner was Samantha Brenden and senior winner was Joslyn



Several special awards were presented to Clark County 4-H members and honorees at the 4-H Recognition Event held recently at the Ulyot Building in Clark. From left, in the back row, Kathryn Paulson was the senior FCS Award winner, Paige Mehlberg was the junior FCS Award winner and Nicolette Schmidt received the I Dare You award. In the front row is Samantha Brenden, the beginner FCS Award winner. Not pictured is Morgan Nelson, I Dare You award winner.

Hurlbert. **Photography:** Senior winner was Nicolette Schmidt and junior winner was Mitchell Schmidt. **Home Environment:** Senior winner - Nicolette Schmidt, junior winner - Samantha Brenden. **Health, Safety, First Aid, and Child Development:** Junior winner was Cole Brenden. **Mechanical and Wood Science** (electric,

welding science, automotive & small engines and wood science): The winner in the senior division was Jay Foster and the junior division winner was Samuel Blue. **Computer & graphic designs:** Samantha Brenden was the junior division winner and senior winner

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