

TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 18	22	10	0
Nov. 19	20	2	0
Nov. 20	18	0	0
Nov. 21	33	18	0
Nov. 22	38	20	0
Nov. 23	36	13	tr
Nov. 24	20	8	tr
2014 precipitation to date	15.76"		
2013 precipitation to date	25.19"		

School Christmas concerts upcoming

In 2014 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 9, at 7:00 p.m. grades first through sixth will give their choir concert at the CHS gym.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 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. 16, at 2:45 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 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The first holiday concert is at Henry. For grades PreK through fourth, their concert will be on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. will be the Christmas concert for grades five through 12.

Special Thanksgiving services planned

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

In Clark, Peace Lutheran will have their worship service at 7:45 p.m. tonight, the eve of Thanksgiving.

The Prairie Star Lutheran Parish will be having their Thanksgiving Service at Bethlehem Lutheran in Vienna this year at 7:00 p.m. on the Eve of Thanksgiving, 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 being planned.

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.

Shop locally this Saturday, Nov. 29

This Saturday, Nov. 29, 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."

Christmas is on a Thursday this year

Christmas and New Years Day are on Thursday this year, so the Clark County Courier will publish on the regular schedule.

Look for the Christmas issue on December 24 with Christmas greetings from area merchants.

Binger enters guilty pleas

▲ Struckman sentenced to two years in penitentiary

On Monday, November 24, Gage Binger, age 18 of Clark, appeared before Circuit Court Judge Robert Timm and entered pleas of guilty to Attempted Murder in the First Degree and Aggravated Assault. According to Clark County State's Attorney, Chad Fjelland, the pleas are related to an April stabbing incident that occurred at a Clark residence and involved a juvenile victim. Binger was also a juvenile at the time of the incident, but was charged as an adult under South Dakota law.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Binger waived his right to a Transfer Hearing where he would have sought to have the matter removed to Juvenile Court. Under the agreement, Binger faces maximum prison terms of 15 years on each count, to be served concurrently.

Binger remains held at the Codington County Detention Center. Judge Timm scheduled a sentencing date of January 22, 2015, in Clark.

In other court news, Adam Struckman, age 34 of Vienna, was

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Recess activities involve the building of snow forts

Winter has made an appearance to our part of the world more than a month before the calendar shows that winter starts. Four seasons are what we are about around here and everyone learns to adapt to the weather.

Recess time activities change when snow is on the ground. This

was the scene last Friday at the east end of the playground at the Clark Elementary School. The second, third and fourth graders were collectively working on building a snow fort. Temperatures were mild on Friday and Saturday making for melting conditions under the bright sun, which are the best for snow forts and sculptures.

Thanksgiving through the eyes of a kindergarten student

Thanksgiving is Thursday and what a great holiday it is! To help celebrate, the *Courier* asked Clark Elementary kindergarten students several questions about Thanksgiving dinner.

The questions included: 1. Who cooks the turkey at your house? 2. When and where do they cook it? 3. If they use the oven - how hot does it have to be? 4. How long does it cook? 5. Does the turkey get stuffed? With what? 6. What time do you eat the turkey?

Following are the answers:

Charles Luvaas, son of Nathan and Amy Luvaas: 1. Mom cooks it, we don't really have turkey. I don't even like it. We usually have mashed potatoes and corn and maybe ice cream for desert. That's pretty much it besides beef. 2. Oven. 3. I have no idea, probably 100° degrees. 4. Pretty much

like an hour or so. 5. No. 6. Pretty much like at 9 or 10 or 8:30.

Jakob Steen, son of Jason and Kylie Steen: 1. My dad. 2. The oven. 3. Hot 80. 4. For an hour. 5. Yes, the stuffing. 6. At 10:00.

Kooper Rahm, son of Lauri Rahm and Darrin Rahm: 1. My mom. 2. On the oven. 3. I don't know. 4. 20 minutes. 5. No. 6. 4:30 p.m.

Rylee Pickrel, daughter of Emily Repp and James Pickrel: 1. Mom. 2. On a stove. On Thanksgiving. 3. Not so hot. 4. 10 minutes. 5. No - it's just the same. 6. Dinner time.

Lilly Mae Wangness, daughter of Cody and Katie Wangness: 1. My mom or my dad. 2. In the kitchen, in the oven. 3. 20° degrees. I don't know. 4. For 1/2 an hour. 5. I don't know. 6. After it's done cooking.

Lily Jo Hartman, daughter of John and Tara Hartman: 1. Cathy. 2. In our house. 3. I don't know about that one. 4. 10 minutes. 5. Yes - that stuffing stuff. 6. At dinnertime.



Lindsey Mehlberg, daughter of Steve and Paula Mehlberg: 1. My mom or my grandma. 2. We cook it at my house. 3. I don't know. 4. 30 minutes. 5. No. 6. At Thanksgiving whenever my grandma and

grampa come down. **Marlee Beynon, daughter of Tiffany Jensen and Justin Bowers:** 1. My mom. 2. In the oven, in the kitchen. 3. 19°. 4. For 30 minutes. 5. Yes, the stuffings in it. 6. About bedtime.

Adison Podzimek, daughter of Lezlie Holmes and Josh Podzimek: 1. Mom, dad and grandma. 2. On Thanksgiving in the oven at the house. 3. Really hot, 31°. 4. A long time. 5. Yes, because it has to be - stuffing I don't like stuffing. 6. Thanksgiving, 7:30.

Caitlyn Mudgett, daughter of Troy and Melissa Mudgett: 1. My mom. 2. In the oven on Thanksgiving. 3. Super hot. 4. Long time. 5. Yes - stuffing. 6. Dinnertime.

Taylor McGraw, daughter of Wade and Kim McGraw: 1. Our mom. 2. In the oven. 3. I don't know. 4. 10 minutes. 5. No. 6.

Thanksgiving day, at dinner.

Brynn Roehrich, daughter of Jason and Valerie Roehrich: 1. Actually we don't have Thanksgiving at our house. We go to our neighbor's house right next to us. 2. I think they cook it in the stove. 3. Eight or nine or something. 4. I would say it cooks for 5 minutes. 5. I think so. I'm usually playing up in the toy room with my sister, Faith. I'm not in the kitchen. 6. I would say 7:00.

Ivan Roebke, son of Chris and Kathy Roebke: 1. My grandma. 2. Always cook it at 3:00, in the oven. 3. 14. 4. I don't know. 5. Yes - meat. 6. At Thanksgiving. I always have it at noon.

Logan Foster, son of Kari Foster: 1. My mom. 2. In the oven. 3. Not that hot. 4. Eight minutes. 5.

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The Used 2B New back room was full of food last Friday as it was the day before ICAP volunteers filled their Thanksgiving boxes. "Between 30 and 40 families have signed up for the boxes this year," said ICAP director since 2006, Jeanne Fuller (center). "No family should be without a turkey at Thanksgiving,

right?" Being helped by Mary Bell on the left and Frances Heeren on the right, boxes will be filled with a turkey and all the trimmings for needy families to be picked up last Monday.

Clark County Food Pantry celebrates 35 years!

The Clark County Food Pantry under the auspices of the Clark Interlakes Community Action Program (ICAP) began 35 years ago and is still going strong at its location in the back of the Used 2B New Store in Clark. Open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 8:00 a.m. on Fridays.

ICAP director Jeanne Fuller esti-

mates that about 80 families come to the food pantry monthly or when needed. "It's a good program in times like these with people on a set income. Social security and disability payments don't cover it for some families so this really helps. People in Clark have big hearts," says Fuller. "It's a wonderful community when it comes to caring for the less fortunate."

Area students also get in the spirit. The Clark School and the FCCLA group recently brought in their collection of cans from a recent food drive competition. "The Girl Scouts of Willow Lake and the Clark area Boy Scouts recently brought in their food from the food drives they held. That is a major food drive

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Christmas Memories & Traditions 2014

Clark, South Dakota

Chamber has many "home town promotions"

The Christmas lights will soon be up and operating in the city of Clark, there are special promotions for the shoppers and the shelves are being loaded with gift merchandise.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring Christmas Memories & Traditions 2014. Clark Bucks are the prize and punch cards are the avenue to gain or win these Clark Bucks.

Christmas Open Houses will be upcoming, with Dacotah Bank's on Friday, December 19, Ken's Food Fair on Friday, December 12, Santa will be at Heather's Bistro on Sunday, December 14 and Corner Diner will have a Christmas open house on Wednesday, December 17.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to remember to fill their Christmas Memories 2014 punch cards. Cards are available at any participating Chamber business. Between November 28 and December 20 these cards can be used at any participating Chamber member business for cash only purchases, no charge purchases. Every card must have \$100 in total purchases and must be completely filled before submitting for the drawing to be held on December 20 at the Clark American Legion building.

There will also be some fun for the kids, Dacotah Bank is offering a free movie for kids on Saturday mornings. On November 29, December 6, 13 and 20, at 10:00 a.m., Dacotah Bank will be showing a movie in their basement. The movie will last approximately two hours and snacks and beverages will be provided. This week's movie is Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Christmas open house on December 20 at the Clark American Legion building from noon to 2:00 p.m. for free bingo. Drawings for the prizes will be held at 2:00 p.m. One must be present to win the \$150 Clark Bucks prize. One need not be present to win the \$100 Clark Bucks or the \$50 Clark Bucks drawings.