

**★ TOP
of the Week**

WEATHER

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Nov. 22	32	30	.02
Nov. 23	31	29	0
Nov. 24	31	23	tr
Nov. 25	43	23	0
Nov. 26	46	24	0
Nov. 27	38	25	.60
Nov. 28	38	27	0
2016 precipitation to date	19.81		
2015 precipitation to date	21.34		

**The weather
outside is frightful**

Quite a weather system is moving through the upper plains this week, bringing rain followed by snow. Sunday's rain amounted to over an inch in several Clark County communities, late Monday the rain turned into snow and at press time early Tuesday afternoon, it was still snowing.

The snow isn't supposed to amount to more than two to four inches in our area, subsiding late Wednesday.

The bright side of this weather system is that temperatures have been in the 30's. But, not to worry, a big cold front, with sub zero temperatures is lurking in Siberia, ready to make a December presence in our area, weather forecasters threaten.

**High school sports
season is upon us**

The high school winter sports seasons are upon us. The Cyclone Wrestling Booster Club Tournament is this Saturday at the Clark High School gym, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Triangulars and tournaments continue to be the trend in high school wrestling, so only one more event is scheduled for Clark the entire season. It is January 5.

The Cyclone boys and girls basketball teams usually open with the Sioux Valley doubleheader. This year it is a little different, the girls play two Northeast Conference games, against Hamlin and Sisseton, before the Sioux Valley game on Dec. 10. The opener, against Hamlin, on Dec. 6, is at Willow Lake and the Sisseton game, Dec. 8, is at Clark.

The Cyclone boys open against Sioux Valley, at Clark, on Dec. 10 and five of the nine doubleheaders begin in the afternoon, all on Saturdays.

The Clark-Willow Lake boys and girls will be playing nine doubleheaders this season.

**Courthouse displays
Christmas trees**

Starting in 2000, the Clark County Courthouse has been home to a Christmas tree display, the entire month of December.

Every year the first floor and second floor have been decorated with beautiful Christmas trees, usually one or two new ones every year.

The Clark County Commissioners and courthouse employees urge businesses, clubs and church groups, if interested, to be part of this display. Just contact a courthouse official to get your tree a spot in the display.

The Commissioners will hold the Courthouse Open House on December 20.

**Community music
concert is Dec. 18**

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, (today) 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.

Hurlbert hangs up his bus driving hat after 48 years



Since 1968, Roger Hurlbert has been behind the wheel driving a bus/school bus. The time has come for retirement for Hurlbert who states that his bus driving career has been an enjoyable experience over the last 48 years. "That's what keeps me young - hauling these school kids," says Hurlbert with a grin when asked of his long career that began in 1968 with a morning bus route at the Clark School.

"It's been an interesting life - driving bus," states Roger Hurlbert who recently retired from 48 years of driving students to school, field trips, sports events and tournaments.

Hurlbert loves driving - 'always has' he says and usually puts about 6,000 miles on their personal vehicle on trips in the summer when visiting their kids in Colorado.

Most recently Hurlbert has been driving for Duenwald Transportation driving the bus nicknamed 'Bill', a 54 passenger Vanhool touring bus, complete with a restroom on board.

"These last seven years or so, I've really enjoyed driving the touring buses to activities and on field trips.

This fall I drove Aberdeen Roncalli kids to their football games. It would be about 350 miles a night for example to go to Aberdeen, then Milbank then back to Aberdeen and back to Clark again," calculated Hurlbert.

Since 2001, Hurlbert has been driving strictly to activities.

Early years

Back when Q.C. Miles was superintendent at the Clark School and needed another bus driver position filled is when Hurlbert began a morning school bus route in 1968. "I thought I'd try it. I was working for Olson's Motor at the time. I shared the southeast route with Bob Haas. He owned the bakery

at the time and would go to work at three in the morning. I took the morning route and he would do the afternoon one, which worked out good for both of us."

Hurlbert continued driving the 48 passenger, yellow Chevy school bus the next couple years in the mornings only. Then he changed to morning and evening and continued with that until 1972.

"One of my students on the bus back then was Janet Anderson (now Roehrich). A while back I carried Janet and her grandchild on a field trip, so that's moving on to the third generation of students from when I started," noted Hurlbert. Around 1972, when Hurlbert was elected to the Clark School board, a conflict of interest prevented him from being a full-time paid bus driver. After that he drove to activities only and also volunteered in driving to wrestling meets and tournaments. "Our boys were in wrestling, so we usually went anyway so I volunteered to drive the bus for a few years until my school board term was over."

Roger and his wife Janet (Zugschwerdt who he married in 1964) have three sons, Russ, Randy and Jeff who all attended Clark High School. Roger is a 1960 Raymond High School graduate and attended Huron College and the Southern State Teachers College in Springfield getting his degree in auto mechanics. From there he started his job at Olson's Motors where he worked until 1973. He then went full time into farming with his father Lloyd (Zella) Hurlbert.

Hurlbert joined the U.S. Army National Guard in 1963 and served until 1969 being the supply sergeant and also doing maintenance on vehicles at the service battery of the 147th field artillery in Clark. They combined with the Webster unit around 1967.

When his son Russ graduated

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The Burslem family stone in the foreground is one of the 37 gravesites that are known and recorded in the Clark Center Pioneer Cemetery. Affiliated with the Clark Center Church parish organized back in 1883 in early Clark County this cemetery preceded the Clark Center Cemetery in Garfield Township. It was also called the Lien Cemetery as the land was donated by Hans Lien in 1892.

**Clark Center Pioneer Cemetery
is one of county's oldest**

One of the oldest cemeteries in Clark County is the Clark Center Pioneer Cemetery.

One may only guess how many early pioneers were laid to rest before records were kept at this early burial site.

Records only note that there were burials here before it was set aside definitely for a cemetery. Hans Lien contributed the two acres of land in Garfield Township section 24 back

in 1892. Hence the nickname of locals calling it the Lien Cemetery. Hans himself was buried there in 1927 at the age of 88. Three Lien family members are buried there.

Some also called it the Wika Cemetery in records. Eight Wika family members are buried there. Other names at the cemetery are Aasen, Anderson, Burslem, Christensen,

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...dressed in holiday style

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**Christmas Memories
& Traditions
2016
Clark, South Dakota**

Chamber has many "home town promotions"

The Christmas lights are 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 2016. 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 16, Ken's Food Fair on Friday, December 2, Santa will be at Heather's Bistro on Sunday, December 11 and Corner Diner will have a Christmas open house on Wednesday, December 21. The Clark County Courthouse will have their open house on Tuesday, December 20. Midwest Veterinary Service open house is December 7.

The Community Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church under the direction of Lola Bartels.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to remember to fill their Christmas Memories 2016 punch cards. Cards are available at any participating Chamber business. Between November 25 and December 17 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 17 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 December 3, 10 and 17, 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 "Ice Age Collision Course".

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Christmas open house on December 17 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.