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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

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Dec. 8	44	26	0
Dec. 9	49	28	0
Dec. 10	46	30	0
Dec. 11	31	29	0
Dec. 12	31	29	.10
Dec. 13	31	28	0
Dec. 14	29	28	tr
2015 precipitation to date	22.09"		
2014 precipitation to date	16.00"		

Impending storm forecast for area

The *Clark County Courier* is hurrying to get to press, so the paper can be delivered as usual on Wednesday morning.

The roads and sidewalks are slick, as of Tuesday afternoon, but the half foot of snow followed by 30 mph winds on Wednesday, is yet to arrive.

Hopefully you will have received the *Clark County Courier* on time.

Clark Chamber Open House is Saturday

The Clark Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Open House is this Saturday, December 19 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.

Don't forget your hometown this Christmas season. The final Dacotah Bank Movie, *Inside Out*, is this Saturday.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to remember to fill their Christmas Memories 2015 punch cards. Until December 19 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 19 at the Clark American Legion building.

Courier Christmas edition next week

Next week's paper will be the *Clark County Courier's* Merry Christmas Greeting edition with Christmas greetings from many area businesses.

As Christmas falls on a Friday this year, as does New Year's, no changes will be necessary for publishing the *Clark County Courier*.

School Board meets on Wed., this week

Usually, the Clark School Board meets on the second Monday of each month. Because of a scheduling conflict, the board of education will hold their December meeting, this Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 5:00 p.m.

SD Attorney General warns of scam

Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning South Dakota consumers about a scam that continues to resurface in South Dakota that targets computer users. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received multiple reports of consumers receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be from the support center of Microsoft Windows wanting to gain access to the consumer's computer in order to make repairs.



'The Grumps' presented by Clark Elementary

The Clark Elementary Christmas music concert, under the direction of Stacy Anders-Mjoun, was held last Tuesday, with 'The Grumps of Ring-A-Ding Town' as the musical program story.

Two of the seven songs performed by the students were "Hear Them Ring" with soloists

Logan Hurlbert, Chad Kolden, Summer Seefeldt and Hunter Lee and "Snowmageddon!" with Macy Steen and Kelli Miles as soloists.

Students from grades one through sixth participated.



Marian Cramer, mother of three and six grandchildren has enjoyed writing since a young farm wife in Collins township in the Spirit Lake area. Writing historical articles for many publications over the years, including two books and work for the Dakota History Conference, Cramer portrays Laura Ingalls Wilder for the SD Humanities Council on occasion and also manages and 'teaches' at the country school on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead in De Smet.

Cramer's research uncovers Ingalls family stories

One would be hard pressed to be able to find someone who knows more about the Laura Ingalls Wilder family than Marian Cramer of rural Bryant/Willow Lake.

"Don't think nostalgia isn't important," says Cramer who is a writer, poet, historian and who also worked in the music department in the Willow Lake School system for 30 years.

In 1969, she had the interesting opportunity to interview on tape several pioneers - members of the community still living who had stories to tell of years gone by.

Eight of those had stories relating to the Pa, Ma, Mary, Laura, Carrie and Grace Ingalls family who lived near De Smet and in later years in De Smet near the turn of the century.

Laura Ingalls (Wilder) went on to become a writer of the famous Little House on the Prairie series after the age of 62, telling her stories of life on the prairie from her viewpoint.

Tim Sullivan is the current manager/owner of the Ingalls Homestead in De Smet since about 1996 at which visitors come from all over the United States to visit and experience going back in time to pioneer life in South Dakota. The homestead is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and Cramer plays a huge part in the schoolhouse part of the complex, working closely with Sullivan.

Cramer, along with several re-

Cramer
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Worship services in the area will celebrate the Holy Day

Like the popular church hymn reads, "O Come All Ye Faithful", Christmas songs now fill the airways. Many songs at Christmas tell the story of Jesus' birth, the real reason for the season, such as "Go Tell It On The Mountain", "What Child is This", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "The First Noel", "Oh, Holy Night" and the song that a lot of churches start with on Christmas Eve services - "Joy to the World" - the result of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

With even the term 'Merry Christmas' seemingly under fire by those wanting political correctness for the very small percentage that are not Christians in America, the majority (an estimated 80% who do believe in Christianity) will continue to use the term with its under-

lying message of love at Christmas time.

God is love, along with his son Jesus, whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. Maybe that's why hearing Christmas songs makes one feel good with the longing to hear more.



We're feeling the love.

Another place to feel the love is when attending a church service - singing the songs of Christmas.

Worship services in our area in-

clude: In Clark, at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

In Raymond, Pastor Donna Nickels will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m.

At Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. at Peace. On December 25 at Bethlehem, the Word and Song service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

At St. Paul Lutheran, their Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service with communion will be held at 6:00 p.m. The service will

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Community concert is Sunday at Methodist Church

The Community Christmas Concert at the Clark United Methodist Church is this Sunday, at 2:00 p.m.

Above the choir practices on Wednesday night getting ready for the concert. Members practicing on Wednesday night include: front row, left to right, Helen Olson, Carol Warkentien, Jessica Nordhus, Robin Brown, Lael Smith, Janet Hurlbert, Darci Adam and Grace Adam. In the second row, left to right, Wanda Bethke, Emily Mason, Janet Hallberg,

Kimberly Paulson, Karrie Moeller, Jackie Schlagel, Char Peterson and Barb Desnoyers. In the back row, left to right, Greg Furness, Duane Peterson, Gregg Stormo, Roger Nordhus, Jim Arthur, Dave Warkentien and Dave Adam.

Lola Bartels is the director and Pat Seefeldt is the pianist.

The Methodist Bell Choir and Steve Logan will also be performing.

Submitted photo