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The 2019 Crops Expo is Jan. 10

The 2019 Watertown Crops Expo hosted by the SDSU Extension is scheduled to be held at Codrington County Extension Complex in Watertown on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The program will start at 8:00 a.m. with event registration and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Like in the previous years, the local radio KWAT is planning to sponsor pancake-sausage breakfast. The Expo is targeted to LATI students and local crop/livestock producers and includes educational programs and commercial exhibits.

The registration time is set for 8:00 a.m., followed by breakfast, with the Conventional Soybean and Updates on SDSU Variety Trail with Jonathan Kleinjan, SDSU Extension Associate - Crops, presentation at 9:30 a.m.

Following a short break, the next presentation at 10:15 a.m. will be Can you Afford to Cut Down Weed Control Cost by Paul O. Johnson, SDSU Extension Associate - Weeds.

Laura Edwards, SD State Climatologist is at 11:00 a.m. with Weather Outlook.

Following the lunch break, Managing Soil Salinity with Lee Briese, Central Crop Consulting will be presented at 1:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. is Cover Crops - Opportunity and Challenges by David Karki, SDSU Extension Field Specialist.

The event concludes with a 2:45 p.m. presentation of Soils Update by Anthony Bly, SDSU Extension Soils Field Specialist.



Sundogs were quite evident last Friday morning. Sundogs show up when the weather is to take a sharp turn to colder weather and that truly has happened. Friday night it got down to -10° and for New Years Eve, the low is projected to be somewhere around -17°.

Sundogs in combination with a big snow pile and a flag at half mast make for a 'newsy'

photo. Flags are at half mast for 30 days, beginning Dec. 1, because of the death of former president George H.W. Bush.

This picture was taken near the courthouse, facing southeast.

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

| | HI | LO | PR |
|----------------------------|-------|----|-----|
| Dec. 22 | 29 | 20 | 0 |
| Dec. 23 | 36 | 22 | 0 |
| Dec. 24 | 36 | 14 | 0 |
| Dec. 25 | -- | -- | -- |
| Dec. 26 | 36 | 13 | 0 |
| Dec. 27 | 30 | 17 | .51 |
| Dec. 28 | 23 | 0 | .49 |
| 2018 precipitation to date | 19.00 | | |
| 2017 precipitation to date | 23.13 | | |

Post Christmas storm shuts down the area

The first winter storm of the season packed quite a wallop. Arriving overnight into Thursday, Dec. 27 and lasting through mid-morning Friday, Dec. 28, the storm dropped 9-10 inches of snow and the wind began howling Thursday afternoon into Friday. As the storm hit, the temperature has dropped approximately 30°, going from just under

freezing to 0° Friday afternoon. After a Sunday warm-up, the air will get really chilly for New Years Eve. The low for New Years Eve is to be in the -20° range and the mercury is not to get above 0° on New Years Day, in Clark County, with most of that day to see double digit below zero temperatures. This storm, which covered the

entire Midwest before affecting the east coast, allowed Sioux Falls to have its wettest year on record. As this post-Christmas winter storm hit, it was fortunate that schools were not in session due to the Christmas break. According to Robert Cole's National Weather Service reports for Clark, 3.5" of snow fell Wednesday

into Thursday and 5.5" of snow fell Thursday into Friday. Strong northerly winds also greatly reduced visibility resulting in blowing and drifting snow. By noon on Friday the wind had quieted. "Everybody adhered to the warnings and the warnings were out early," said Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw, as he noted that things

were pretty quiet in his office. "Those that needed to get somewhere either left early or waited out the storm," said McGraw. Roads were icy and snow covered throughout the area on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with snowplow crews getting roads cleared throughout by late Friday.

The Clark County Year in Review - Part I

The last issue of 2018 always contains - 2018 Year in Review in Clark County - the first half.

How will one remember 2018? In Clark County the weather is always memorable and along with school, county and municipal activities there are many highlights.

The Crocker Wind Farm, going through state acceptance, took center stage.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones finished sixth in the state in wrestling and second in boys basketball. To be successful on the team level, individuals must stand out and both squads had talented rosters.

Many newsworthy items will be featured next week in the 2018 - second half review. This is not all-inclusive but rather a brief re-cap.

Here are the first six months of 2018 in review. Enjoy.

January

With the new year comes new Clark County Board of Commission officers. Bob Bjerke was elected president and Chris Sass, vice president.

At this county commissioners meeting, valuations were the primary topic of conversation and the com-



A very colorful mural with familiar Dr. Seuss characters will soon be completed in the entryway of the Clark Elementary School. At left, Karli Paulson and Alexandria Thomas are the two who have collaborated to bring the mural to fruition as their senior project.



Clark Comet Night was at the Clark versus Webster Area boys basketball game. The Courier camera couldn't get back far enough to make sure everyone could get in the picture.

missioners needed to increase valuations to meet state standards and regulations.

Clark High School seniors Karli Paulson and Alexandria Thomas created a colorful mural containing Dr. Seuss characters for the inside entrance of Clark Elementary.

In the building story; it was reported that Clark County tallied \$11,756,250 in estimated building project costs for 2017.

Three feature stories appeared in the Courier in January, one on Jim Jenkins' 50-year-old snooker playing record, one on 1971 CHS grad and basketball standout Lon Nelson and one on the disbanding of the Helping Hand Club.

The Lily Wildcats were honored at the Cyclone girls basketball game versus Milbank.

IntelliFarms, a new grain bin/commodity strategies/technology business opened in Clark in the former city hall/Chad Fjelland Law Office on US Highway 212, in Clark.

The Paulson family of Garden City was announced as the SDSU Family of the Year.

Alaina Henning, now Alaina Wellnitz, is the victim/witness coordinator (overseeing 11 S.D. counties). This came about after Marsy's Law was passed by voters.

Postal rates increased to 50¢ per stamp.

Jared Knock finished third in the nation in the Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet, held in Nashville, Tenn.

The Clark Comets were honored at the Cyclones vs. Webster boys basketball game.

'Cake' (Parat) Triwattana, from Bangkok, Thailand is the CHS foreign exchange student staying with the Tammy Rusher family.

A barn fire at the Kent and Twyla Warkenthien farm destroyed an outlying barn, of the machine shed type.

Four CHS One-Act Play actors receive outstanding



These seven Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestlers qualified for the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament this weekend in Sioux Falls.

Two Cyclones won Region 1B championships: Josh Weisbrod at 138 and Caleb Orris at 170. Gage Burke was second at 132 and Wyatt Burke was second at 195. Placing third were Landon Werdel at 160 and Riley Schmidt at heavyweight. Zach Mulder placed fourth at 145.

Wrestlers include, left to right, Josh Weisbrod, Gage Burke, Zach Mulder, Wyatt Burke, Caleb Orris, Landon Werdel and Riley Schmidt.

awards at the Region 11B contest. Receiving outstanding actor awards were: Tavie Guzman, Tania Gutierrez-Ramirez, Bradyn Rusher and Peyton Krogman.



Clark fireman Tony Holmes sprays water onto the roof of Dakota Butcher. The fire started toward the northeast corner of the facility, in the smoker room. Fire departments from Clark, Raymond and Willow Lake all attended the fire.

Two printing presses, weighing over a ton apiece, were moved from the former Moritz Publishing building to the New Letterpress Museum in Linton, N.D. Moritz sold the building to Kyle and Trudi Gaikowski.

Clark and Willow Lake Lions Clubs teamed together to sponsor Dr. Chad Beynon going to Jamaica to do eye exams.

An arrest of Jeron Williams, Chicago area, was made by local and Federal officials, in Clark.

February

A public hearing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was held Monday, Feb. 5, at the Clark American Legion Hall, regarding the Crocker Wind Farm. The hearing lasted over four hours.

Influenza is hitting its peak at this time in Clark County, H3N2, reported PA Louann Streff, at the Clark Community Clinic.

Clark/Hamlin Cattlemen hold the 4th annual pen display in Willow Lake.

A fatality accident, killing Gregory Johnson, 69, of Huron, near Carpenter.

The Pirates of Willow Lake were recognized at the Cyclone vs. Flandreau boys basketball game.

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