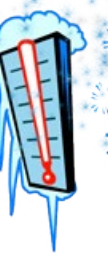


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Coming our way—high temperatures in the single digits, low temps in the single digits below 0



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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Nov. 26	21	4	0
Nov. 27	30	4	0
Nov. 28	24	9	tr
Nov. 29	36	14	0
Nov. 30	35	19	0
Dec. 1	39	24	0
Dec. 2	44	23	0
2013 precipitation to date	25.19"		
2012 precipitation to date	17.64"		

"It's beginning to feel a lot like COLD"

Brr. When you read this, the state of South Dakota and all the upper plains for that matter, will be experiencing the first big chill of winter as arctic air is spilling southward from Canada.

Plus, the weather forecast seems to get colder every time one hears the forecast and we could see three or more inches of snow on the ground.

Temperatures by Thursday and Friday will see highs right around 0° and lows approaching 20° below zero.

Add in a gusty, northerly wind and it could feel downright chilly later in the week.

Clark Golf Club to host meeting, Sunday

The Clark Golf Club is planning a membership meeting for Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m. At issue for this meeting is the transition from being the Clark Golf Club to being under the auspices of the City of Clark.

In order for this transition to happen it must be voted on by the members.

The current plan is that the golf club will dissolve at the end of the calendar year and will be city run in 2014.

Kaufman entered in LPGA Tournament

This is a big weekend for Clark's own Kim Kaufman as she plays in the Ladies Professional Golf Association's qualifying tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Kaufman teed off at 7:30 CST at the Hills Course this morning (Wednesday). The top 20 qualifiers on Sunday will earn Category 12 status for the 2014 season on the LPGA Tour.

In the LPGA Qualifying Tournament press release, one paragraph stated: Kim Kaufman, a Texas Tech graduate, took the Symetra Tour by storm after graduation and earned her first professional victory in just her third event at the Island Resort Championship in Harris, Mich. She went on to record three additional top-10 finishes and narrowly missed landing in the top 10 on the season-ending Symetra Tour money list, finishing at No. 12 just two spots away from earning her LPGA Tour Card.

One hundred fifty-four golfers are entered in the tourney.

Shop Clark for the holidays

The Clark Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring Christmas Memories & Traditions 2013. Clark Bucks are the prize and punch cards are the avenue to gain or win these Clark Bucks.

Christmas Open Houses are Dacotah Bank and Ken's Food Fair on Fri., Dec. 13, Heather's Bistro on Sat. the 14th, Dakota Style on Dec. 16 and Bank of the West on Dec. 20.

City council ends 2013 going forward with golf course in 2014

The December meeting of the Clark City Council was all about moving forward into 2014. The four major items on the agenda were: 1) retention pond project; 2) water rates; 3) golf course; and 4) golf course budget and salaries.

Concerning the retention pond project, a Clark Engineering representative and water/sewer superintendent Darin Altfillisch met with the council in executive session for a half hour to discuss litigation of the retention pond. Last month the City of Clark received a \$515,000 grant from the State of South Dakota to help construct a total reten-

tion wastewater treatment facility to replace its existing mechanical wastewater treatment plant and outfall line discharge.

The city has 120 days to determine where this pond will be located and to purchase the property by eminent domain. No motions were made or any discussion held following the executive session.

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher tabled the water rates discussion until the next council meeting as he wanted to give this issue more thought before the city council voted to raise water rates.

The council, after some healthy

discussion, then approved unanimously the resolution "that the City of Clark will on January 1, 2014 assume ownership and control of the Clark Golf Club and its current assets.

Healthy discussion was even more prevalent as the council discussed the ordinance governing the golf course 2014 budget and salaries.

The Golf Course Board, when run by the municipality will include: Three year terms with term ending dates in parentheses: Larry Dreher (2017), Jackie Luttrell (2017), Kerry Kline (2016), Jerry Hartley

(2016), Gayle Wookey (2016), Joe Hulscher (2015) and Eric Hanson (2015).

Ordinance #520 reads: "An Ordinance Creating the Golf Course Department, Debt Service Department, Golf Course 2014 Budget by Supplementing Appropriations and Golf Course Employee Salaries for the City of Clark, Clark County, South Dakota.

Be it ordained to create a Golf Course Department and that the following sums be appropriated to supplement the City of Clark 2014 Budget:

101 - General Fund, 45125, Golf

Course, Revenue - \$133,000, Expenditures - \$171,000; 47000, Principle - \$3,846; Interest - \$628.

The salaries and compensation for the regular employees to be employed by the Golf Course effective January 1, 2014 shall be as follows:

Michael Johnson, Golf Course Superintendent - \$25,000 salary; Nichole Sandve, Clubhouse Manager - \$25,000 salary; Clubhouse assistants - \$7.50-\$8.00/hour; Greens keepers assistants - \$8.00/hour.

Means of Finance will be Fund Balance.

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Nick Young, #55, was named to the Sioux Falls Argus Elite 45 honor squad as an offensive guard/defensive tackle. Above, Young is shown with his lead block against Hamlin in the first home game of the season.

Young named to "Elite 45" squad

It is quite an honor to be named one of the top 45 football players, regardless of classification. The Sioux Falls Argus Leader picked in their estimation of the "Elite 45" from class 11 AAA, AA, A, B and from class 9 AA, A and B.

Clark-Willow Lake's Nick Young was selected as an offensive guard/defensive tackle. Young had 20 sacks this season and another

11 times he stopped a running back behind the line. Besides those, he had another 44 solo tackles and 27 assists and he blocked three punts. Against Tri-State, he had seven solos, five assists, four sacks, another tackle for loss and two blocked punts.

"In my 28 years of coaching, Nick would

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SSG Donald Knudsen deployed for fourth time

United States Army SSG Donald Knudsen, of Bradley, will be doing something remarkable, starting at the end of next week. On December 15, SSG Knudsen will be leaving for Fort Hood, Texas to begin deployment for nine months in Afghanistan.

This will be Knudsen's fourth tour of duty in the Mideast! He will be part of the 1742nd Transportation Company to begin bringing equipment and personnel home. The U.S. is slated to be out of Afghanistan by the end of next year.

"This is a draw down mission," said Knudsen and he said he will be with the 109th Regional Support Group, out of Rapid City, which is a division level staff in leading the removal of equipment and personnel out of Afghanistan.

Knudsen's significant other, Pam Hartman commented, "We're so proud of him," as he volunteered for the mission. In April of 2014 Knudsen will be elevated to E7 status, which is Sergeant 1st Class (SFC).

"As this is my fourth tour, I will know better what to expect and what to look for," he said, and one of his roles will be to be in a leadership position with recent recruits, those serving their first tour of duty in the Mideast.

"Believe it or not, I'm really kind of looking forward to this tour of duty. It's what gets me going. It's kind of an adrenalin rush," he stated. "It's kind of a different deal being 25 to 30 years older than many of the youngsters I'll be working with."

Knudsen attended military boot camp



SSG Donald Knudsen

fresh out of high school in July of 1983 and remained in active duty until March of 1992. He joined the US National Guard in 2005. In 1990-91, his first Mideast tour was in Desert Storm with the 1st Armor Division. In 2005-06, in Iraq, he was with the 113th Cavalry. His third tour of Mideast duty was in 2009-10, in Kuwait, with the 147th Field Artillery.

Kati Knock encourages music to be fun!

"You can make music all by yourself on the piano. You can be yourself," said Chayla Vig to her piano teacher Kati Knock of Willow Lake. Chayla is in the fifth grade.

"I like how you can play chords. You can play two notes at once on the piano," added Allison Kannegieter, a fifth grader at Willow Lake school.

Alicia Vig who is Chayla's younger sister and a third grader also takes piano lessons from Knock. "I like to play the songs. *Silent Night* is my favorite Christmas song," she says.

The girls along with nine others are the music students taking piano lessons from Kati Knock who lives with her husband Jared and daughter Amelia, west of Willow Lake.

Their family will be adding one more to the family with another addition due on December 31.

Kati is a 2002 high school graduate of Aurelia, Iowa, which is in the northwestern part of Iowa near Storm Lake. Her parents are Kirk and Marcia Nelson and she has two younger brothers, Tyler and Kale.

She met her husband Jared when they both trained together at Trans Ova Genetics in Sioux Center, Iowa. After graduating from

Iowa State College in 2007, she worked as an embryologist for the company. She and Jared worked out of the same office together and after getting to know each other, began dating. They were married in July of 2010.

Both traveling a lot and often on different time schedules, the offer of a Pioneer seed representative position in eastern South Dakota looked good to them.

They moved to Willow Lake in February of 2011 and started their own company offering ABS Genetics (bull semen) as well as adding the seed corn sales and cleaning. Being more of a seasonal job with artificial insemination from February to July, Knock decided to start giving piano lessons and currently has 12 students she teaches. They range from first grade to seventh grade and lessons are held at the Willow Lake school. Some lessons are held after school and some are before school. The older students who are also busy with sports have lessons every other week. "I think it's great that they are not giving up the piano, even though they get busier as they get older. It gets tricky when they get into junior

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Kati Knock of Willow Lake currently has 12 students who take piano lessons from her. Shown above at the piano in the music room at the Willow Lake school are left to right, Alicia Vig, Allison Kannegieter, Chayla Vig and teacher Kati Knock. The students are practicing Christmas songs they enjoy for their upcoming recital which will precede the Willow Lake School Christmas Concert on December 10.

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