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Will March

Come in like a FROZEN Lion



and go out like a Lamb?

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February was a cold, wet month



This is a common sight this winter in Clark. Over 15" of snow has been recorded this month, 1.14" of precipitation. Snow has fallen, sometimes not very measurable, on more than 50 percent of the days this month.

City employees Roger Collins, in the truck and Tyler Silkman, in the loader, remove snow along US Highway 212, in Clark.

The Sunday blizzard and week ahead weather forecast of below zero temperatures and possibly more stormy winter weather has everyone crying 'enough already'.

The spring flood outlook for rivers and streams in northeast South Dakota has been released. "Along and east of the James River Valley, increased chances of moderate to major flooding are expected, including the James River basin and the Big Sioux River basin."

How much more snow we receive, as well as how fast the snow melts will both play major roles in river and stream flooding, as well.

The 1-2 punch of snow and extended cold has to be one for the record books in Clark County. February, 2019 has some not-so-pretty statistics.

As far as climatological data for February, the average high temperature has been 11.6°, the average low temperature has been -8° and the average temperature has been 1.8°.

We have received 1.14" of precipitation which equals 15.1" of snow in February, with the official snow depth at 29.8". On 11 different days this month measurable snow was recorded.

The snow piles are downright impressive. Impressive enough to have one recall the winter of 1996-97. The difference therein lies that in 1996-1997 it lasted from Veteran's Day past Easter, with little let up.

In the winter of 2018-19, a heavy snow, cold and blizzard conditions occurred right after Christmas, but January, especially the first half of January was quite mild.

Some winters, the seasonal snow removal operators are not called upon too often and are not kept busy.

This February, with multiple snow events, snow removal has been a common occurrence and a profitable business.

More than once, thoughts have entered the citizenry, that we are fortunate to live in a small community, as streets are cleaned early and often and the city employees loyalty and job results are appreciated.

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 19	14	-10	0
Feb. 20	14	-11	.22
Feb. 21	19	-4	.16
Feb. 22	13	-4	0
Feb. 23	24	5	.05
Feb. 24	23	-1	0
Feb. 25	3	-8	.01
2019 precipitation to date	2.13		
2018 precipitation to date	0.53		



'Elmer' or was it 'Edgar', enjoyed having his head petted last Thursday as 'the kids petted the kid' at the Clark FFA petting zoo held at the Ag Shop. The entire elementary school attended the 'zoo', one class at a time to learn about the farm animals, get up close to them and even touch and pet them if able and the animal cooperated.

Above FFA member Lydia Reidburn, on the left oversees the interaction and educates these Clark preschoolers on the pygmy goats owned and provided by Jared and Candra Forest. Reidburn also furnished goats and a llama for the petting zoo event.

Students clockwise from the left are Lucas Mack, Ava Meier, Avery Olson and Noah Woodland.

Clark FFA hosts petting zoo

As a part of the Clark FFA activities last week in honor of National FFA Week, the Clark group held a petting zoo for the Clark Elementary students and others who attended.

Zoo attendees had a chance to pet the various animals in pens and were also treated to an SDSU ice cream treat.

kids were to be able to pet and be up close to the animals," stated first year agriculture education and FFA instructor Matti Boomgaarden of her favorite result within the project.

The FFA petting zoo project was decided upon this year to educate the public with an enjoyable event, especially for the younger kids.

what we do," added Boomgaarden.

The petting zoo occurred last Thursday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Clark Elementary classes took turns with one new class coming every half hour.

The animals got a lot of attention

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Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone 182 Iber Caleb Orris gets congratulations from assistant coach Ryan Larsen after winning the 2019 South Dakota Class B 182 lb. championship.

Orris goes in the record books as the only Clark-Willow Lake undefeated, consecutive state champion.

The Cyclones finished 11th as a team. Landon Werdel finished fourth at 170 and Gage Burke was sixth at 152.

Cyclones place 11th; Orris claims 182 title!

▲ Werdel is fourth, Burke is sixth

"It was a good, unpredictable combined State A and B wrestling tournament, with all the drama, positive/negatives and competitive wins and losses," said Greg Marx, head coach of the Clark-Willow Lake wrestling program.

"Overall our kids wrestled darn good," Marx noted. "We have no reason whatsoever to hang our heads. I'm very proud of our wrestlers, both as individuals and as wrestlers."

Clark-Willow Lake finished 11th as a team, scoring 57 points. The top three Class B schools were Canton, Winner and Redfield-Doland. Senior Caleb Orris finished his

season undefeated and he won the 182 championship 7-3 over Scott Peterson, Canton. Orris also went undefeated as a junior, winning the 170 state championship. It is the first time in school history that a state winner has gone back-to-back, undefeated, claiming state titles.

"Caleb wrestled, at State, like he was on a mission," said Marx. "Fun to watch. So controlled. He really has been a joy to coach this year. Again, so much fun to watch and so controlled."

Marx then told of when Orris was an underclassman, so aggressive and so hard on himself. "Not just Caleb, but with any wrestler who

gets a little, let's say too aggressive, we start him on the bottom in round two of their respective match. You'd be amazed at how that helps get the point across."

Marx praised all three seniors: Orris, Landon Werdel and Brandon Gehrke. "They wrestled their butts off," he complimented. Werdel placed fourth and Gehrke ran into some tough luck in the second round wrestlebacks. "I haven't commented on referee calls all year, but three judgment calls, all in a row, at state, all went against us," Marx said and he added, "you hate

State wrestling (continued on page 6)

Rosenaus have fun and laughter with 'Sorry'

When Fred Rosenau holds his hand of five cards that come with the Sorry game he often plays with wife Patty and his grandchildren, he sometimes thinks of all of his family members, relatives and friends and now this next generation of people that have also held those same cards. The vintage Sorry Game of Parkers Brothers which is a slide pursuit game has cards that when played determine the move of one's four playing pieces. Getting all of ones pieces in their "home" first wins.

"We all know when someone plays the Sorry card - they're not," explained Fred on the game's rules of play. The cards have different rules to the numbers. The fours can go backwards, the sevens can be split into two, with a 10 you can change places or go backwards one space and with the twos, you get another turn. The Sorry card enables one to change places with another and put them back to their start. Patty noted that it helps young kids with their numbers when they play and it's more fun to interact with others with a board game versus a video game playing alone. "I enjoy watching others have fun playing this game," said Fred.

"The Sorry card should really be sorry, not sorry," added 11-year-old Zoey Helkenn. "Cause you're not really sorry. It might help you win and winning is pretty awesome."



When the weather outside is frightful, playing games indoors can be delightful. Such is the case with the Rosenau's 'Sorry' game that's been in Fred's family for as long as he can remember and the vintage game traveled Europe with his family back in 1954.

Above, Fred and Patty Rosenau enjoy the game with granddaughters Zoey and Callie Helkenn of Clark.

"Fun and laughter are contagious you know," said Fred of the fun had when they have the opportunity to play with their grandchildren.

Zoey was a recent Sorry player at her grandparents along with sister - five-year-old Callie.

Fred has played the game for as long as he can remember. It was a favorite of his family's and now he enjoys sharing it with the next generation. Patty added that Fred doesn't even count out the spaces anymore, he just knows them, regarding his prowess at the game.

"Winning over Grandpa because you don't do it very much," is the favorite part of the game according to

Callie. She also advised that one should remember to keep five cards in their hands all of the time because it's easy to forget.

"And you never know who is going to win!" exclaimed Callie.

Traveling board game

"We took our Sorry game everywhere we went it seems when we went to Germany and neighboring countries in 1954 visiting my cousin

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Election to be held for Willow Lake alderman

April 9, 2019 is Municipal Election Day in South Dakota. Last Friday, February 22 was the last day to file a petition.

Thus far the only election in the area, known to the Clark County Courier, will be in Willow Lake. In Willow Lake, for Ward I, incumbent Scott Borg chose not to take out a petition, but both Marie Zan-

tow and Arrin Wirtjes have filed in Ward I. In Ward II, incumbent James O'Hara was the only one to file.

At Henry School an election will not be needed as incumbent Nicky Watson was the only one to file, so she will be on the school board for three years.

In Raymond, Garden City and

Bradley, single councilman positions were open, with just the incumbent filing in each: Raymond, Gale Filipek; Garden City, David Waples and Bradley, Chad Altfillisch.

No positions came open in the city of Clark in 2019.