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## Top of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 11.....	75	61	.36
June 12.....	67	51	.19
June 13.....	72	52	0
June 14.....	80	62	0
June 15.....	75	54	0
June 16.....	78	56	0
June 17.....	73	55	0
2013 precipitation to date	9.90"		
2012 precipitation to date	10.73"		

### Janet Hurlbert tops SD Legion Auxiliary

Saturday will be a special day for Janet Hurlbert. She is the 2013-14 President of the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary and this Saturday, June 22, is her Homecoming Reception.

The Raymond American Legion Baker Post #209 is the host and the site. The program begins at 3:00 p.m.

Look in next week's *Courier* for a feature on this event.

### Swimming Pool could open this Saturday

If everything continues to go smoothly, the Horace Bennett Swimming Pool could open its doors this Saturday, June 22.

"We need to finish filling the pool and then add chemicals. We are hopeful that Saturday will be the opener of the pool," said water/sewer superintendent Darin Altfillisch.

### Willow Lake Board election was Tuesday

The Willow Lake School Board election was Tuesday, June 18. The three individuals running for two, three-year terms include: Cory Bratland, Paula Warkenthien and Julayne Thoreson.

Because of the earliness of the print deadline, look for these results in the June 26 edition of the *Clark County Courier*.

### Clark Lions fishing tournament is this week

The 24th annual Edwin Seefeldt Clark Lions Club Fishing Tournament is this Saturday, at South Whitlock Resort on the Missouri River.

Probably close to thirty, three-man teams will be in the running to see who can catch the most fish.

### Clark School Board will not meet June 25

The Clark School Board set up a fiscal year ending special meeting planned for Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. The school board uses this meeting to finish up monies for this past school term.

Because of a conflict this meeting has been canceled and the next meeting will be the normal July meeting on the second Monday, July 8, 2013.

The 2013-14 budget hearing is planned for 6:45 p.m. during the July 8, meeting.

### Summer begins this Friday, June 21

Get out the mosquito spray, the sun block and your favorite beverage for warm weather, as the season we've all been waiting for begins on Friday.

June 21, the longest day of the year, means the start of summer and with the late winter we had this year, summer is very welcome!

## CK Seeds has found a home six miles east of Clark



On the hill to the southwest overlooking Casey's Slough, is the building that houses CK Seeds. Owned by C.J. and his wife Kelsey Beving, shown with their six-month-old son Chas, the business specializes in the distribution of Pioneer brand seed corn and soybeans. The couple also farm along with C.J.'s par-

ents, Chuck and Holly Beving and raise their own corn and soybeans. C.J. returned to Clark County in 2008 after working for five years as a mechanical engineer in the oil industry. Kelsey, a Minnesota native is also a certified flight instructor.

2000 Clark High School graduate C.J. Beving. "I didn't think about it again until we lost our corn crop to hail that July. I'd just gotten married to Kelsey (Christensen) from Thief River Falls, Minn. so the need was there and the opportunity came together at just the right time."

C.J. and his bride Kelsey started CK Seeds in 2010 and it's been a blur from there says C.J. "The first year we outsold our expectations and it's grown from there. This

company has been great to work for and has made it an easy transition."

Kelsey, like C.J., also grew up on a farm and enjoys country living. She's a 2003 Thief River Falls graduate who went on to get her bachelor of science in aeronautics at University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She is a certified flight instructor and gives flying lessons in the summer at the Clark County airport. C.J. is one of her students when he can find the time. The cou-

ple met online and 10 months later were married.

The couple continues to farm along with C.J.'s parents, Chuck and Holly Beving. C.J. moved back from Gillette, Wyo. in 2008 to farm after working in the oil industry as a mechanical engineer. He graduated from South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City in 2005 with an engineering degree.

C.J. also enjoys racing dirt bikes on a flat track.

Currently C.J. and Kelsey's favorite entertainment is their new son 'Chas' or Charles Duke who is six months old and named after his father and grandfather. This spring Kelsey's mother helped out babysitting while Kelsey was planting soybeans driving the tractor.

The family lives about five miles northwest of their 9,600 square foot building which overlooks Casey's Slough and C.J.'s grandmother's birthplace to the south.

Their 120 x 80 foot building houses a state certified flow through scale, corn and soybeans and C.J.'s tender trucks and work trucks.

He added six bulk bins for soybeans to the west of the building this last fall to keep up with the demand.

"It just kind of snowballed," said C.J. of his business growth and needing a storage facility. "The first year I started at my dad's shop but by the end of season I ended up renting space and we felt the need to build this building. I bought the land from my grandma Corine Beving and we built our building on this acquired land. The second year, we filled this building up twice with soybeans. Now we have the bulk tanks for this spring filled with soybeans.

"This system works great with

the inside scale and conveyor belt system that can weigh the seed and add the innoculant, insecticide and fungicide and then dry the seed before it leaves the building for the producer. I deliver about 70% of the seed I sell."

When asked what his schedule is during the year, he replied; April - deliver corn; May - deliver corn and soybeans and treat soybeans; June - scout fields and visit customers and make sure everything is going okay; August - try to do plot tours and start doing yield estimates; September - prices are released so are actively selling in September; October - continue to sell and combine our own crops of corn and soybeans.

"In the winter months we take in deliveries of seed. I spent a lot of time moving snow this past winter so the trucks could make it in.

"This year we started delivering seed the end of April. We've spent eight weeks delivering seed and getting people set up. Last year I think we had it all done in three weeks. This was a terrible spring for planting, weather-wise, but most are finishing up now. We're reaping the benefits now of all the research our company put into corn hybrids."

Kelsey, the 'K' in CK Seeds, states that she is happy to be able to start their lives and business in a small town area similar to where she grew up near Thief River Falls. She and Chas sometimes join C.J. for dinner in the conference room in their building, which also has a kitchen set up.

"I've met a lot of nice people in this business who have become friends I wouldn't have known otherwise," adds C.J.

"This has been a really good deal for us," ends Beving.

## Potential is there for crops: warm, sunny days are needed

Clark County farmers are enjoying optimistic conditions in their fields as spring turns to summer. Summer begins on Friday and the potential is there for this to be a very positive growing season.

"Every year is different," said agronomy - weeds field specialist Mark Rosenberg of the Aberdeen Regional Center, "and we cannot compare this year to last year, because last year it was hot and dry early and this year we had a very late and damp spring."

Rosenberg reported that he traveled Clark County on Friday and "things look pretty good," he indicated.

### Communication is a county commission meeting topic

"The crop conditions, early on like it is, seem to look good to excellent."

As often is the case the third week of June, crops need to catch up heading into summer, but warm, sunny days are in the forecast, "exactly what is needed," said the ag specialist.

"The crops are progressing," Rosenberg noted, "and he added that the spring wheat is running about 10 percent behind the five-year average. "We are at about 29 percent mature compared to 39 percent mature on the five-year average. Said a little differently, we're

meeting agendas and county board meeting minutes, sooner than they appear in the paper.

States Attorney Chad Fjelland noted that the appropriate type of minutes which appear in the legal newspaper of the county, the *Clark County Courier*, are approved minutes, therefore appearing in the newspaper two weeks after the meeting.

Kays explained what Watertown does and what other counties in his district do, concerning the taping of the meeting and having a website and he said there are no right or wrong answers here and every county does it somewhat differently.

Prohibitive costs, as well as maintenance fees and personnel help determine the development, functionality and utilization of a website, said Kays.

Anderson closed with telling the commissioners how important open communication is and he urged the board to help with this 'openness'.

early June moisture and what we've received, we're glad to see. With a nice topsoil base we will still be counting on timely rains as the growing season progresses."

When talking of negatives in the area of crops, Rosenberg said it is awfully early in the season for major problems to exist, but he commented that the alfalfa is lagging behind.

"On the average a third of the hay crop is cut by this time, but only five percent of the alfalfa has been cut to this point. "As I was driving in Clark County on Friday I saw a hay field being cut. With hay, quality

could be a concern with the first cutting. Usually the second cutting in a year like this makes up for the first cutting."

Rosenberg expects the small grains to progress nicely and he noted that the winter wheat is on par with heading out.

Weed control is where we are at this week along with spreading fertilizer. "All hands on deck for ag work this week," said Rosenberg, "as it really dried out over the weekend."

With high input prices, one area

**Crops**  
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## Welcome bikers!

The 31st Annual Clark County Riders Motorcycle event will be this weekend, June 21 - 23 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, on the east edge of Clark. Almost 2,000 bikers are expected, in what motorcycle promoters call the biggest event of the summer in South Dakota, east of the Missouri River.

For the first 30 years of the CCR event, Bradley was the site. This year the motorcycle club moved to the

Clark County Fairgrounds, Clark.

That isn't a motorcycle pictured above, but it is a bike and it is the latest addition of Ken Bell's collection on the west edge of Clark.

The sign was erected by the Clark Lions Club. The greater community of Clark welcomes all bikers to Clark this weekend.



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