

## Deep frost could affect spring planting

Every farmer in the United States produces enough food to feed 144 people every day. Whether one produces the food and fiber, or just consumes it, pride should be taken in American agriculture.

March 23-29 is National Agriculture Week. Tuesday, March 25 is National Agriculture Day.

Clark County 4-H Youth Program Advisor Kim McGraw expounded on the importance of agriculture in today's society. "Today, each farmer feeds 144 people. Fifteen years ago it was 129 people being fed by each American farmer and 15 years from now it will probably be around 170

people," she said.

McGraw touted the importance of advancements as well in agriculture, as it is quite a responsibility to help feed the seven billion inhabitants on earth. "It's important to keep our food productivity advancing, so farmers, those who work one-on-one with farmers and even those in a position such as mine, where I work with youth, look generations down the road to keep ag advancement a cutting edge reality."

The weather could take a turn to the warmer side, noted Mark Rosenberg, Agronomy-Weeds Field

Specialist at the Aberdeen Extension Regional Center.

### Planting season outlook

"Ground temperatures are a definite concern," said Rosenberg and he's hearing that the frost depth is as low as it's been in a long time. "I really don't know if this frost issue will hold things up or not. We have seen significant loss of snow cover in recent days and barring more moisture, we'll probably be on track for spring planting."

As far as what is being planted in 2014, Rosenberg replied that beans are the top planted candidate

followed by corn. "Plus, I continue to hear from wheat producers, and they seem to be sticking to their plan."

Fertilizer and fuel along with other operating costs are always a concern to the producer," but the big challenge is the bottom line, the elevator's or ethanol plant's price. Prices have deteriorated so the challenge will be the price and the market price will put pressure on the bottom line.

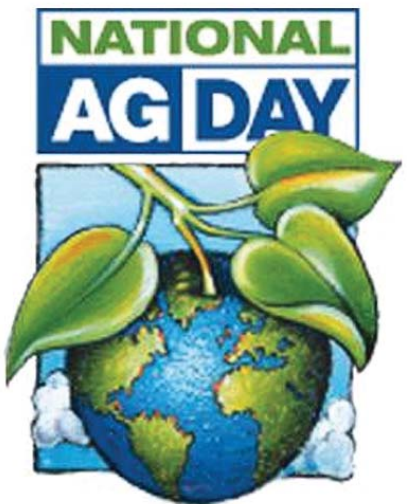
### Optimism 2014

McGraw stated that part of being a producer is to have that optimistic

mind set heading into the planting season.

"We haven't had the snow parts of Minnesota have received, so with normal weather for a couple of weeks, it could look good for us heading into spring," she said.

Rosenberg ended, "In our part of the country, producers are cautiously optimistic looking at and hoping for another good year. Sure, there are always concerns on the horizons, but if we can get the crop in the ground, we're hopeful for the best crop we can get and hopeful of good weather."



Luanne Warren will be the Clark School Superintendent, beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Warren, who has been the Middle School Dean of Students the last eight years has taught in the system for 30 years.

## Luanne Warren will begin Clark superintendent duties

Clark School District 12-2's new superintendent is a familiar face. Long-time Clark Middle School educator and Clark Middle School Dean of Students, Luanne Warren, was hired by the Clark School Board of Education to be its new leader, beginning with the 2014-2015 school term.

Excited would be an understatement, she said, of her new role at the helm of the Clark School system. "I'm really looking forward to this, and can hardly wait to get started," she said. The Clark School Board selected Warren to be superintendent at a special meeting

last Wednesday night.

As to what motivated her after 30 years in the Clark School system to be superintendent, she commented, "Education in Clark has been my life. I kind of knew where the kids were at. I'm familiar with the students, the system, the parents and the community. I feel it will be a good fit."

Luanne and her husband Larry, a retired educator, have called Clark home the last 34 years, except for two years, 1998-99, when they lived and taught in Sioux Falls. They

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## 29th annual Pro Pheasant banquet is Friday, March 28

The Clark County Pro Pheasant 29th annual banquet is Friday, March 28 at the Clark American Legion Hall.

The Pro Pheasant Banquet annually is held the last Friday in March. Clark County Pro Pheasant Club president Bob Steffen said that the organization is committed to working with their members to increase the pheasant population in Clark County.

In 2013 the organization enrolled 338.5 acres in the food plot program in Clark County. They also helped members in releasing 3,800 fertile hens in Clark County in the spring of 2013. Steffen said, "Unfortunately the spring was wet and cold and may have led to this venture not being as successful as hoped for. This number is up considerably from the previous years. The birds are subsidized for our members. As a re-

sult of the large numbers that were released, we decreased our money reserves considerably."

The group also provides assistance with live traps for predator control.

One of the highlights of the club is the annual Youth Pheasant Hunt held in early October. The participants were invited from a list of kids who successfully completed their hunt safe course in Clark County. There were seven first time hunters who participated in trap shooting and hunting with a guide and a dog. After the hunt, lunch was served and there were drawings for donated prizes.

Clark residents make up a good portion of the Pro Pheasants' membership, but members also come from surrounding counties and from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

## May 9 is the deadline to file for county school boards

Clark and Willow Lake Schools both have openings on their school boards. Petitions may be filed beginning April 8, 2014 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014. If needed the school board elections will be Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

In Clark, two three-year terms for board members Kim Seefeldt and Amy Sass and one one-year term for board member Todd Fjelland will become vacant.

In Willow Lake, one three-year term for board member Jamie Hohm and one one-year term for board member Aaron Wicks will become vacant.

Interested people may file their petitions with the business managers at the schools. Heidi Sigdestad is the business manager in Clark and in Willow Lake, the business manager is Melissa Burke.

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Mar. 11	39	24	.11
Mar. 12	41	25	0
Mar. 13	56	30	0
Mar. 14	43	25	0
Mar. 15	28	11	0
Mar. 16	37	9	0
Mar. 17	49	29	0
2014 precipitation to date	.71"		
2013 precipitation to date	1.82"		

## Jocee Nelson attends Congress of Future Medical Leaders

Jocee Nelson, a freshman at Clark High School was selected and nominated to represent Clark and the State of South Dakota at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders held recently in Washington, D.C.

Along with her parents and sister, Colin and Jill Gaddis and Jenna, the family attended the congress held on February 14-16 at the Joint Force Headquarters of the District of Columbia National Guard in Washington, D.C.

Jocee along with two other students from Sioux Falls and Ethan were the only representatives from South Dakota.

"Jocee's wanted to be a doctor ever since she was in the third grade," stated her mother Jill.

Before attending the Greatness Awaits Congress of Future Medical Leaders, Jocee says she wanted to become a pediatric surgeon. "Now I'm thinking maybe a pediatric rheumatologist or neurologist. Attending this conference and hearing all of the speakers really broadened my horizons on what you can go into, in the medical field."

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists put on the three day congress which featured many winners of the Nobel prize, physicians, scientists, medical futurists, award winning young inventors, prominent medical school deans and many leaders in medicine.

One of the things that impressed Nelson was the number of very young researchers and scientists

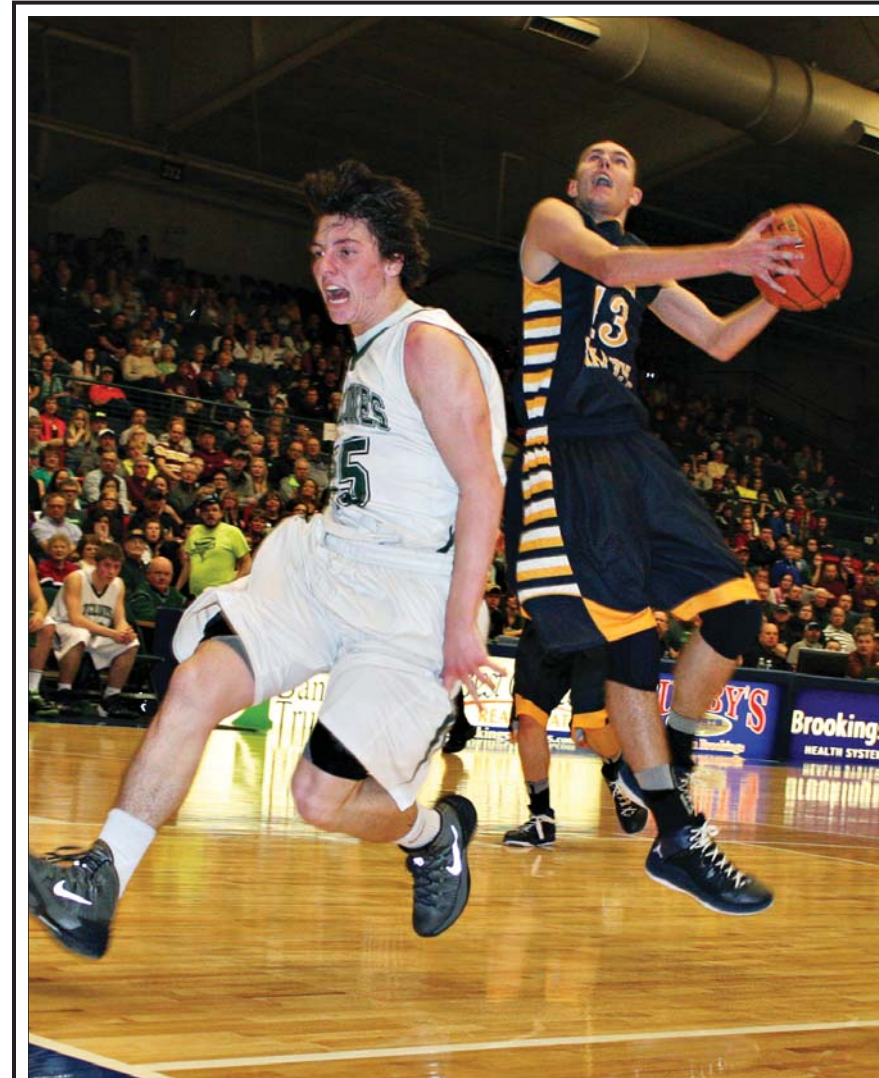


Jocee Nelson, a freshman at Clark High School was nominated and attended the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, D.C. recently. Her future plans since she was a third grader, are to become a doctor specializing in pediatrics. She is the daughter of Colin and Jill Gaddis of Clark.

who were in attendance and spoke that had really made a difference.

"It made me believe that you don't have to be older to have a good idea, do the research and achieve

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## Cyclone boys team defeated 56-50 in Region 2A title game

It was a great, fun winter for Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone boys and girls basketball. The combined wins were 37 with seven losses. Both teams, boys and girls, were defeated by Sioux Valley teams in Region 2A championship contests.

Above left, junior guard Cody Nelson runs by Sioux Valley's freshman Tayt Vincent, as Vincent scores this fastbreak lay-up in the Cy-



clones' 56-50 Region 2A championship game loss.

At right, Clark-Willow Lake support was great at both regional finals, by students and adults, alike. Chynna Stevens, an SDSU freshman attempts to give Jakob Weisbrod a high-five, with Nick Young and Caleb Hansen looking on.