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Waterlines could continue to freeze as weather warms up

Frozen water pipes at the Courier office might be the motivation for this story. Problems with frozen water lines is more common this late winter because of the deep frost experienced throughout the region.

"As it warms up, I've noticed (water) usage has gone down," said city of Clark water/sewer superintendent Darin Altfillisch. "You still need to run your faucets."

Altfillisch emphasized that just because April begins next Tuesday, that we're not out of the woods yet with this water pipes freezing situation.

What caused the pipes to freeze at the Courier office and other businesses/residences on the south side of US Highway 212 is the fact that the pipes are more susceptible to freeze because of the depth of the frost throughout the entire winter over areas, especially without snow cover.

"This has been such an exceptional winter," said Altfillisch. "I've been here 22 years and this is the first time I've experienced water pipes freezing up." A couple of pipes which were frozen have been thawed out, but several more, in-

cluding those at the Courier office, have to wait until the spring thaw. "The commercial company involved with un-freezing pipe lines can't shoot water pressure around corners and that is the situation at the Courier - so time will be needed to thaw out the pipes under US 212."

Altfillisch says that being prepared and taking small steps may help avoid frozen water supply lines or a sewer line being frozen.

In Clark, five residences/businesses are running on garden hoses off their neighbors' water. "I'm expecting in the next month that things could get interesting," said Altfillisch, as he suspects that as the weather warms, more pipes could possibly freeze.

Terry Kaufman, at Clark Rural Water, said that he has experienced some freeze ups, but those pipes have now thawed out. "People need to let the water run," echoed Kaufman. "Just because it's warming up, doesn't mean it's warming up below ground."

Altfillisch suggested that if folks are going to be out of town for an

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| Mar. 18..... | 30 | 24 | tr | |
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| Mar. 22..... | 23 | 8 | 0 | |
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| Mar. 24..... | 29 | 11 | tr | |
| 2014 precipitation to date | .71" | | | |
| 2013 precipitation to date | 1.82" | | | |

Musicians leave tomorrow for Florida

Clark High School musicians are leaving for the Florida music trip Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 p.m. and will return on Friday, April 4 at 3:00 a.m.

Every four years the CHS musicians take their 'big trip' to Florida and it has been much anticipated for some time.

Both the band and the choir will perform at the Epcot Center near Orlando, Fla.

Republican primary election needed in District 1 commission race

Yesterday, March 25, was the final day to file petitions with the Clark County Auditor's office to be a candidate for a county office. Independent candidates do have until April 29 to file for election.

In Clark County, three Board of Commissioners seats are available. In District 1, incumbent Independent candidate Violet Wicks has filed her petition as has Independent Larry McHenry. Two Republicans, Casey Briggs and Glenn Scott, Jr. have also filed, bringing about a primary election.

In District 5, incumbent Richard Reints has filed as an Independent

and he is being challenged in the General Election by Republican Caryl Schmidt.

In District 3, incumbent Francis Hass has filed and no other candidate has filed in District 3.

As far as the Clark County Elected Constitutional offices, only the incumbents filed petitions, so no elections will be necessary at this point. Filing were Sheriff Rob McGraw, Auditor Chris Tarbox and Register of Deeds Janet Hurlbut.

Brock Greenfield has filed as the candidate for the position of Republican party precinct committeeman for Clark Precinct #15, Ward 3.

Sanchez initiates Hispanic-Latino ministry



This team of six people has been working with the Assembly of God Church in Clark and Watertown in their Hispanic-Latino ministry. With Master Michael Sanchez as the coordinator, along with his wife Sonia as the main translator, they have brought messages of hope and salvation to the Spanish speaking communities translated in their own language. From left to right are, Jorge Morales and wife Elizabeth Morales, Sonia and Michael Sanchez, Radame Robles and wife Wanda Robles.

With a duplicate sound system utilizing ear bud headphones, one can hear Pastor Kevin Petersen's sermon at the Assembly of God Church in Spanish, on any given Sunday morning. And once a month, a service will be given with a Spanish translator, on a Sunday evening. Most recently, a service was held on Sunday, March 23 and the translator was Sonia Sanchez, wife of Michael Sanchez who both have been instrumental along with Pastor Petersen in bringing the Spanish/English service to Clark.

Michael Sanchez, also known as Master Michael Sanchez, local

Tae Kwon Do and Martial Arts instructor in Clark is the coordinator or director of the Hispanic-Latino ministry. "We have a team of six," stated Sanchez. "My wife Sonia is the main translator at the services. I'm plan B," he says as he translates also. They are assisted by Jorge Morales on guitar and his wife Elizabeth with music, as well as Radame Robles and his wife Wanda in music and in helping to reach others in bringing them to the services. They also reach out to those who do not travel or speak English in bringing them to the service or in some cases witnessing to

them where they are. Assembly of God's Pastor Kevin Petersen says, "Our Spanish service is more about a relationship with Christ. We always focus on that more. It's important to those who may not understand English, to hear the word of God in their own language."

Petersen continues, "It says in the Bible that God is no respecter (discriminator) of persons, no male, no female, white, black or yellow, we are all one. We are all the same."

Michael adds, "This is very much a universal church, it doesn't matter

if you're Catholic or Baptist, there is one Lord, one Christ. This is our place. People come to our church from every background. Lots of people have been touched by God. In this church, we've also handed out New Testaments in Spanish.

The church also has a prayer night on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m., with prayers in Spanish. Every month or two, the church also hosts a Spanish movie night with subtitles for those who only speak English. The movie *Courageous* has been shown as an example.

"One can also hear our Spanish sermons or messages on our website, clarkag.org. I believe we have 12 different ones on there now, since we've been doing the services in March of 2012," stated Pastor Petersen. "Working with Michael often reminds me of my extended family members. My aunt Judy met her Puerto Rican born husband Alex Cordero in Bible college. He is now a pastor in St. Paul. He would translate his own messages. He'd preach both languages every time. Getting to know Michael is like getting to know my cousin."

Sanchez started at the Christian Life Assembly of God Church in Watertown helping the Hispanic-Latino community at their church. About a year ago he brought the idea to Pastor Petersen to start the Spanish services. "Pastor Kevin has a lot of passion and patience with this ministry," stated Sanchez of the Hispanic-Latino services at the Assembly of God Church. Michael and his wife Sonia are active members of the Clark church, heading the Hispanic-Latino ministry and collaborating in their church with Pastor Petersen and also with

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Burt Tulson announces District 2 House candidacy



Burt Tulson

Rep. Burt Tulson, Lake Norden, has announced his intent to run for District 2 State House of Representatives. Tulson, a Republican, has served two terms in the House,

serving on education and local government committees in Pierre.

Tulson grew up on a farm and attended country school for eight years. He graduated from Bryant High School and from South Dakota State University with a degree in Ag Engineering. He was a general contractor for 34 years and now is a substitute teacher and volunteer baseball coach.

He was a county commissioner for 20 years and an ambulance volunteer for 14 years. Tulson is a

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ICAP 60s Plus Dining open new site at Heather's Bistro in Clark

Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP) announced recently that it has plans to open a new 60s Plus Dining Site in Clark beginning April 1, 2014.

"The 60s Plus Dining program is proud to have congregate services returning to the community of Clark," said Eric Kunzweiler, 60s Plus Dining program manager.

ICAP 60s Plus Dining Program is designed for people aged 60 and older with the main objective of helping senior adults to remain healthy and independent through good nutrition. There are no income restrictions and participants

are asked to contribute towards the cost of the meal. The meals will be served daily (Monday through Friday) at Heather's Bistro on the corner of Highway 212 and Commercial Street. The meals will be served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Participants are asked to call the cafe at 532-5255 each morning before 9:00 a.m. to reserve a meal.

Since 1973, ICAP 60s Plus Dining has served more than 5 million meals to senior adults in 30 communities in east central South Dakota. When previously operating in Clark, nearly 25 meals were prepared each day.

Cool climate to dominate the 2014 growing season



Black snow in the Crocker hills

Cooler than average temperatures are expected to persist through the remainder of the spring season in South Dakota, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center. The most recent update was released March 20, 2014, which includes projections for temperature, precipitation and drought for the spring and early summer.

"The cool Canadian flow is expected to continue well into April," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. "The pattern that we've experienced the last

few months is going to stay put for a while longer."

This means, Edwards explains, that most of the state will likely have below average temperatures in April, and could linger through May and beyond for the state's northern counties.

"This could mean a little later than normal planting for row crops and home gardens, as soil temperatures are struggling to warm up," she said. "The national outlook did not give any clear indication of wetter or drier than normal for April. The models have not honed in on a

consensus as far as precipitation in the High Plains states."

During the last month, several climate forecasts have shown that El Nino is becoming more likely for the 2014 growing season. This can mean wetter and cooler for eastern, especially southeastern, South Dakota for May through September, Edwards said.

Some climate models have begun to show signs of wetter conditions, starting in May.

She added that the projections of wetter than average May could help crops get off to a good start.

"The shallow soil moisture across the region has only been minimally replenished by snowmelt. This last winter has been below average for snowfall, with virtually no notable major snowfall events since the devastating blizzard in October," Edwards said. "With the exception of the Black Hills, most of the state has only received about 50 to 90 percent of average precipitation over the last three months."

The seasonal drought outlook for the U.S. was also released this

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A look back at closed Clark County schools

Vienna Black Panthers have graduates from 1893-1962

Located in the northeast corner of Pleasant Township, in Clark County, the town of Vienna was started in late 1887.

The Vienna School District was organized in June of 1893. It was decided to hold six months of school that fall with B. H. Wright and Henry Cook being contractors of building the first school.

It was a two story frame structure with classes being held in the lower level and the top level used as a Modern Woodman Lodge for a few years. As classes grew, the upper level was finished with more classrooms and more teachers were hired. This school building served the community for 20 years.

In 1914, a new brick school building was constructed, at which time a four year high school was instituted. A hot water heating plant with radiators supplying the heat were used in the building and the building was two stories high with a higher level basement.

Margaret Hallberg of Clark has fond memories of the school as her father, Melvin Froke was a custodian there for over 40 years. "He helped with building the school and all of his kids attended school there. We would sometimes stay after school and dust erasers and clean blackboards with him. In the summers, we'd help wash down the school, inside and out. My father received an award from the state inspector one year for having the neatest school in the state."

Margaret also recalls playing girls basketball games back in the late 20's when the school had a girls team. They played Henry and Willow Lake in scrimmages.



Vienna Black Panthers

She graduated in 1928 from Vienna High School. The Vienna sports teams were called the Black Panthers.

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