



Row crops could get an early start with dry conditions

The end of March is the day and time set aside for National Ag Day and National Ag Week, respectively.

This year President Biden stated in his National Ag Day proclamation that he calls on all Americans to join in recognizing and reaffirming our commitment to and appreciation for our country's farmers, ranchers, foresters, farm workers and those who work in the agriculture sector across the nation.

Today the U.S. farmer feeds 155 people. In 1960, a farmer fed just 26 people.

U.S. farmers produce about 40 percent of the world's corn, using only 20 percent of the total area harvested in the world.

According to the USDA, one acre of corn removes about eight tons of carbon dioxide from the air in a growing season. At 180 bushels per acre, corn produces enough oxygen to supply a year's needs for 131 people.

There are 51,865 women and 386,531 men working as farmers and ranchers in the United States according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

In visiting with SDSU Agronomy Field Specialist Sara Bauder from the Mitchell area, she's hearing out and about from feed dealers that producers may be relying more on row crops than small grains this year due to higher prices on both.

"Due to the dryness last year, I'm guessing there may be more spring wheat and oats versus winter wheat and maybe less intention for small grains due to the row crop prices for corn and beans," added agronomist Bauder.

"Producers right now are locally concerned with the weather. Row crops will probably be going in earlier this spring with the dry and warm weather. Some are concerned with the drier weather we've seen and may have an alternative plan,

but most will likely plant in a typical manner. Once April hits, if the soil warms up consistently, we'll be seeing some early planting. Fifty degrees for a three day average at a two-inch depth is ideal for corn germination while small grains only need around a 34-36° range. A little warmer is better for the soy-

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WEATHER			
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	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 23.....	56	29	0
Mar. 24.....	42	26	.18
Mar. 25.....	48	26	0
Mar. 26.....	52	28	0
Mar. 27.....	56	33	.17
Mar. 28.....	43	20	0
Mar. 29.....	50	23	0
2021 precipitation to date	2.35		
2020 precipitation to date	1.62		

One-vehicle fatality occurs Friday near Raymond

It is with heavy heart we report that Jordan Hamann, 20, Raymond, died as a result of injuries from a one-vehicle crash late Friday.

The accident occurred at 11:46 p.m., March 26, near the intersection of 171st Street and 417th Avenue.

According to the South Dakota

Department of Public Safety report, Hamann, driving a 1997 Mitsubishi Diamante was westbound on 171st Street near the intersection with 417th Avenue, when the driver lost control. The vehicle went into the north ditch and rolled. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle. He was

pronounced dead at the scene.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. All information released so far is only preliminary. The Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Jordan was the son of RJ and Heather (Filipek) Hamann.



Pops Concert plays to a nice crowd

Closer Walk with Thee is being presented by the 7-12 grade band with soloists Ryan Thomas, Ericka Dale and Sam Williams, not pictured.

The second piece performed by the Clark band at the Clark High School Pops Concert was *Tarzan* -

soundtrack highlights. Tabitha Schmidt is the Clark band director.

The bleacher area and floor area of the gym was full, as it was a public event and social distancing was being practiced.

It has been a long isolated year at the assisted living centers

▲ But now the hope is to get back to normal

Assisted living centers closed their doors to visitors a year ago.

This was done to protect the residents as the elderly are the most vulnerable to COVID-19.

An opportunity was given to one and all at both Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center and Roetell Senior Housing to share experiences regarding the shutdown and changes in operation.

Roetells

"Now we welcome visitors back inside," stated administrator Sandi Sippel from Roetell Senior Living.

As with both centers, temperatures are taken at the door and no one feeling ill whatsoever may enter the facility before entering.

Dean Fox, a 1958 Clark High School graduate and a farmer in the county for 20 years, has been a resident at Roetells since last June. The son of Walter and Viola Fox, he was born at home in Clark County and has six siblings including his twin sister Darla, Sharon, Joe, Jan-

ice, Diane and Judy. His sister Sharon Brannan resides at Wookey's in Clark.

"I got here just in time for the virus to lock us in," stated Fox. "It was also the only time in my life I actually looked forward to going to the doctor. That meant I could get out and about."

Phone calls from family members, watching sports of all kinds, watching the news and of course playing with his faithful companion, his 12-year-old Corgi named 'Brady' has helped pass the time for Fox during the lockdown times.

Around Christmas, Sippel set up a visitors room at Roetell's coming from the sliding glass door out back into a small room with spaced out chairs, plexiglass shields and all the sanitizer and masks one would want.

"Christmas was the hardest I think," continued Fox. "It was kind

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This is the area that was set up and decorated for Christmas time for visitors at Roetell Senior Living in Clark during the pandemic. Administrator Sandi Sippel sits where the visitors would have sat on the other side of the plexiglass shield. Dean Fox holding his Corgi named 'Brady' sits on the resident's side of the plastic shield. Masks and sanitizer were also available for visits in the visitors room. Visitors are now allowed in the building with restrictions and precautions at Roetell Senior Living in Clark.



Out front at the Fay Wookey Memorial Assisted Living Center and sitting in chairs out of doors is where residents and family members did their visits most of the time during the COVID-19 pandemic. March 11 is the date that Dala Albright recalls as the start of the shutdown that occurred at the Wookey Center.

Sharon Brannan and Donna Hillsbeck sit outside in the sun last Friday on one of two benches that greet visitors outside at Wookeys.

Churches celebrate the resurrection of Christ

▲ Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services to be held

Holy Week services continue in the area as Christians throughout the world await the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Easter services in the area include:

Maundy Thursday

Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on Thursday, April 1, include in Clark: The St. Paul Lutheran Church will host a community Maundy Thursday service with members of the ministerial association and host worship leader Jody Peterson leading the service at 6:30 p.m. Starting at 4:45 p.m. a light supper will be offered to-go before the service at St. Paul.

Saint Michael Catholic Church will celebrate with a Holy Thursday of the Lord's supper mass with members of the Saint Henry Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m. in Florence at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

At Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church, members from Peace Lutheran in Clark and Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond will join together at the Willow Lake church for a 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

Members of the Prairie Star Lutheran parish will gather at 7:00

p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake.

Members of the Lake Gospel Church will be attending the Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church's 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

At Crocker Lutheran in Crocker, a 7:00 p.m. worship will be held.

Good Friday

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Raymond will host a Good Friday Tenebrae (service of shadows) service at 7:00 p.m. for members of Peace Lutheran in Clark and the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Lake Gospel Church will be hosting a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service.

In Carpenter, members of the United Methodist Church will have a 7:00 p.m. service.

In Clark, a Community Good Friday worship is being planned at the United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Members of Saint Michael parish are planning a 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Mass for Good Friday at their church.

Prairie Star Lutheran members will attend a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant.

At Saint Henry Catholic Church in Henry, a 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Mass will be held on April 2.

Easter Sunday

In Clark, the Easter service at the Plymouth UCC church will be at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb. At St. Paul Lutheran Church a sunrise service will be held at 7:00 p.m. with special music from the 'Mom' band. The youth group will serve breakfast following.

A 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be held with Sunday School children singing and a flower processional. Worship leader Jody Peterson will officiate.

Reverend Randy Bader will host an Easter Resurrection Festival service at 9:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Clark which will include members of Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond.

At the Clark and Garden City United Methodist Churches the Reverends Mark and Joy Tracy will present the Easter message at the 9:00 a.m. service in Garden City and at the 11:00 a.m. service in Clark.

In Clark at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Father Daniel Smith will host an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Mark Cronauer will officiate at their Easter service which will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church.

Pastor Marion Grimes will cele-

brate their Easter festival service at Crocker Lutheran at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion.

The Reverend Jonathan Gossett will host Easter services at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clark. An Easter breakfast will begin at the church at 9:30 a.m.

The First Presbyterian Church in Raymond will host their Easter worship at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion.

In Vienna, a Sunrise service will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:00 a.m. The service will have breakfast following.

The Good Hope Church will have their Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

In Willow Lake at Grace Lutheran Church a 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship with communion will be held. At 9:30 a.m. an Easter Worship service will be held with Pastor Steven Johnson at the Lake Gospel Church. At the Willow Lake Evangelical Church, a 10:45 a.m. festival worship with communion will be held with Reverend Randy Bader officiating at the service.

In Bryant at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, an 8:30 a.m. Easter worship will be held.

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Clark High School play scheduled for next weekend

The Clark All School play will be on April 9 and 10 starting at 7:00 p.m., in the middle school/high school gym. It is open attendance so everyone is welcome. Clark instrumental instructor Tabitha Schmidt is the director.

The play is "The Nifty Fifties Malt Shop Murder, by Craig Sodaro. The setting is:

A Quintessential 1950s mom, June Seever and her committee are working hard to win the "Small Town USA" title and a cash prize

for their town of Sunnydale. The judges are due in two days to verify that it is, indeed, an All-American, apple pie-eating, crime-free hamlet. Did we say crime free? Then what about the mysterious customer at the Malt Shop who falls over dead during the committee's final meeting? It looks like he was poisoned, and the victim's sister may be a committee member! But who? With the help of her family, the prissy

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Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, April 13

▲ School board petition process to begin Tuesday

Starting next Tuesday, April 6, interested school board candidates can begin the petition filing process. Thirty days are allowed during this petition process.

At Clark, two, three-year positions are available, currently held by incumbents Nathan Luvaas and Greg Marx. Mary Nelson is the Clark School business manager.

At Willow Lake, incumbents Trav Bratland and Jared Knock, both have three-year terms that will be up for election. Melissa Burke is

the Willow Lake School business manager.

The school board year runs from July 1 to June 30. If an election is needed at either school the election will be held on Tuesday, June 15.

Clark Ward III

Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, April 13. In Clark, there are two council positions up for election, both in Ward III. Ward III is

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