



★ TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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April 4.....	58	36	0
April 5.....	49	30	.13
April 6.....	51	28	0
April 7.....	65	36	0
April 8.....	71	50	.27
April 9.....	50	27	.24
April 10.....	39	25	0
2017 precipitation to date	1.71		
2016 precipitation to date	1.68		

School board election filings

Clark and Willow Lake School districts will have school board elections in June, if necessary. Nominating petitions may be filed with the respective business managers from April 11 through May 12, 2017.

At Willow Lake, one three-year term held currently by Paula Warkentien is up for election.

At Clark, two three-year terms currently held by Todd Fjelland and Shannon Huber are up for election. A one-year term, currently held by Nathan Luvaas is also up for election.

Mary Nelson is the business manager at Clark School and Melissa Burke is the Willow Lake School business manager.

Municipal election results next week

Yesterday (Tuesday, April 11) was Municipal Election Day, in South Dakota.

At Clark, the position of mayor was voted upon.

A trustee position was on the ballot in Garden City.

Look in next week's edition for results, as press time will not allow for it to be in this week's Courier.

Weekend rains were welcome

Weekend rains have calmed the dust in the air and seemed to have greened things up somewhat from the dormant brown of early spring.

The community of Clark had three days of measurable rain, with approximately a half inch of rain falling Saturday night into Sunday.

The forecast for this Easter week is for seasonal averages, with the high in the 60's, except for today, when it is to be in the 50's. There is a chance for rain on Friday and Saturday, with Easter being dry.

It is too early in the season to have all county reporting points available, as many rain gauges aren't out yet. Several areas in the county reported over an inch of rain for the week, topping out at 1.60" southeast of Clark.

Morning Lenten services at UCC

Plymouth Congregational Church - UCC of Clark continues to host the annual Holy Week early morning Lenten services this week.

The ministerial association is in charge and informs that the service will be brief, beginning at 7:30 a.m. with Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning services remaining.

Participating churches are Plymouth Congregational with Pastor Fawn Lamb, Assembly of God Church, United Methodist Church with Rev. Mark Tracy and St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Mindy Ehrke.

All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the Easter feast preparation week.



Not always when one turn 100 years young does that guarantee front page pictures for two consecutive weeks.

But, this is pretty special. The Sons of Norway Lodge (of Watertown) arranged a special program last Wednesday for Alma Holm's 100th birthday. Alma is on the right. On the left is Margaret Gjerde, who contacted Gordy 'Crazy Fingers' Lindquist, middle, to perform.

Lindquist paid tribute to Alma through songs, piano playing and kind words.

Alma Holm receives a very memorable birthday present

Alma Holm celebrated her 100th birthday in style. The Sons of Norway Viking Lodge, of Watertown helped make the day one to remember.

Alma has been a Sons of Norway, Watertown Lodge member for 35 years and Sons of Norway Watertown member friend Margaret Gjerde pulled some strings to help with the entertainment portion of the birthday party.

Gordy 'Crazy Fingers' Lindquist agreed to honor Alma on her 100th birthday. A very special connection helped this piano player extraordinaire say 'yes' to the Sons of Norway request and 'Crazy Fingers' put on quite a show last Wednesday, April 5, Alma's 100th birthday party, at the Ulylyot Building.

'Crazy Fingers' has performed with many notable performers including Bob Hope, Red Skelton, George Burns, Myron Floren and the Joe Alme band.

Lindquist, a North Dakota native and music instructor at Minot State University - Bottineau for 34 years, started playing the piano when he was five years old.

Lindquist has a bachelor of arts degree in music from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. and a master of arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. He has also done graduate work at San Jose State and at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

He has performed at the Norsk Hostfest, in Minot, N.D. for years. This is where Sons of Norway members heard him play the piano.

The connection to Alma is that Gordy 'Crazy Fingers' Lindquist grew up in Max, N. D. and he and his family were members of Max Lutheran Church where Rev. Er-

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Churches celebrate the resurrection of Christ

Easter. It's about the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also about the deep love of God.

In a recent movie shown locally, the main character is shown an example of God's love. An angel has him choose theoretically which of his two children he chooses to be sent to Hell. Both have flaws and both have let him down. His deep love for them has him proclaim - "Take me instead". He doesn't want his beloved children to be so severely punished.

This scenario in comparison shows him the deep love that God has for his people. "Take me instead" was manifested in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

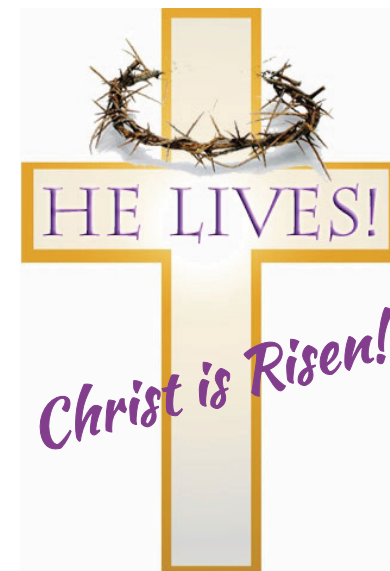
A parent's deep and abiding love for his children is what helped the man understand the deep and abiding love that God has for his children - the human race.

Easter services in the area include:

Maundy Thursday

Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on Wednesday (today), April 12, in-

clude in Clark: The United Methodist Church will host a 5:30 p.m.



community Lenten supper followed by a 6:45 bell choir performance and at 7:00 p.m., members of the Clear Lake and Gary UMC will present a live play of the Last Supper on Wednesday, April 12.

In Bryant at St. Mary Catholic Church, a 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Mass will be held followed by Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

At Peace Lutheran Church in Clark a Tri-Parish Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion will be held at 7:00 p.m. inviting members of Bethlehem in Raymond and Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran in Willow Lake.

In Clark at St. Michael's Catholic Church, a Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Prairie Star Lutheran parish will gather at Grace Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. for worship with Pastor Bryan Taffe.

At Crocker Lutheran in Crocker, a 7:00 p.m. joint worship will be held including members of St. John's Lutheran in Bradley.

Good Friday

In Willow Lake, the schedule for Good Friday includes a service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church with members from the Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond and Peace Lutheran in Clark joining them for their Tenebrae (service of shadows)

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"Annie Play will Do" presented at C.H.S.

Shown above, characters from the Clark All-School play go over their lines in the play "Annie Play will Do". Gus Carlson as 'Larry' and Madilyn Steen as 'Elaine' later don western outfits for their parts and Mason Nelson as 'Gabe' appears to be a chef in the fictitious school play that has only one day to come

together in the story line.

Fortunately for play director Kristin Janisch, her cast had several weeks to bring it all together for a stellar performance of the production held last Friday and Saturday evenings in the Clark High School gym.

Clark School to proceed with the air conditioning of classrooms

The Clark School Board, at the April meeting, on Monday, approved going forward with air conditioning classrooms at both the elementary and middle/high school and lighting upgrades throughout the entire school(s), including gyms and Field House.

Board members approved these estimated construction costs, totaling \$419,930. School board president Robert Steffen recommended doing the classrooms at this time and saving the two gyms (and Field House) for a later date to be air con-

ditioned. All board members concurred.

The elementary costs are \$137,180 and the middle/high school costs are \$282,750. This includes the lighting improvements.

The add-ons, the air conditioning of the two gyms, elementary and middle/high school, were not approved. The respective estimated costs for these two facilities were \$66,650 and \$137,500, which would have brought this project cost to

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Journalists seek real answers for combating fake news

To fight the notion that they offer "fake news," media outlets need to do a better job of telling the public how they gather their facts.

That was one topic journalists agreed on during a panel discussion-"Fake News: Cutting Through the Noise"-held Monday night at the South Dakota Art Museum.

"Our profession needs to do a better job of telling people what good journalism is about," said David Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association.

Beth Jensen, news director at

KELOLAND TV, agreed, noting more transparency is needed to teach the public about the news gathering process. "I do think transparency has to become a bigger part of our vocabulary."

Moderator Jack Marsh, a retired journalist and former executive editor of the Argus Leader, asked panel members to discuss fake news-stories that are published even though they are false and the propensity of people to label stories they don't agree with as "fake."

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Zirbel honored with Outstanding Administrator award

Henry School students feel that there has been a marked improvement in student performance and overall attitude. The Henry School Student Council has worked toward these changes, but they credit Superintendent Steve Zirbel for the foundations on which they were built. On behalf of the council, senior Jeff Wanner nominated Zirbel for an award for Outstanding Administrator.

Zirbel was honored as such recently at the State Student Council Convention in Rapid City. Additionally, Principal Phil Schonebaum was presented

an award for Student Council Advisor of the Year.

Beth Severson, who will be advising the student council next year, said of the student representatives, "This couldn't be a better group of young men and women. The seniors have done an amazing job defining what a student council is."

Pictured above, from left, are Severson, Cassidy Ford, Jeff Wanner, Carter Hoffer, Chris Grode, Superintendent Zirbel, Kory Lane, Austin Bastian, Harlee Mitchell, Socrates Foster and Elizabeth Pratt.