



## TOP of the Week

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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April 19	58	33	0
April 20	58	42	0
April 21	57	35	0
April 22	62	33	0
April 23	74	47	0
April 24	72	49	.26
April 25	49	39	0
2016 precipitation to date	3.36		
2015 precipitation to date	1.49		

### April 25-29 is Severe Weather Awareness

This week, April 25-29, has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Dakota and Clark County Emergency Management Director Michael Graving asks one and all to take a minute to make sure they are prepared for a disaster. It is the annual week where citizens are urged to start preparing for the eventual severe weather that happens in the summer.

Because of inclement weather forecast for Wednesday, the tornado drill, in Clark, will take place at noon, on Friday. At 11:45 a.m. a "Test" Tornado Watch will be issued, at 12:00 noon, a "Test" Tornado Warning will be issued and at 12:15 the "Test" Tornado Warning ends.

### Clark School spring music concerts

Next week will start a busy week for the Clark elementary and middle school music students under the direction of Stacy Andersen-Mjoun.

On Tuesday, May 3 the first through fourth graders will present *Off Their Rockers*. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

Wednesday, May 4 at 2:15 p.m. in the Clark Elementary gym, the preschool and kindergarten classes will perform their musical selections.

A *Cinderella* musical will be presented by the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders on Thursday, May 5. The time for the musical is 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School gym.

### 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 12 through May 13, 2016.

At Willow Lake, two three-year terms held currently by Julayne Thoreson and Cory Bratland are up for election.

At Clark, a three-year term currently held by Robert Steffen is up for election. Steffen is the only one up for election this year.

Amy Sass has resigned from the Clark Board, but whomever the board chooses will be up for re-election one year from now.

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

### School graduations upcoming in May

The three area high schools have set their 2016 graduation dates.

Clark's graduation will be on Saturday, May 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Willow Lake High School graduation will take place Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m.

Graduation at Henry High School will be Saturday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m.

## The courtroom in Clark has been busy

The Clark County Courthouse courtroom has been a busy place as of late. According to Deputy State's Attorney Kimberly Zachrisson, after a four day jury trial, Colin Anderson was found guilty of four counts of Rape in the 1st Degree, on Thursday, April 21. Sentencing is tentatively set for June 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

At circuit court on Monday, April 25, the following indictments occurred. William Hasler was in court for his first appearance after the Clark County Grand Jury indicted him on three counts of Rape in the 1st Degree and three counts of Rape in the 4th Degree.

Lonnie Mohr was in court for his first appearance after the Clark County Grand Jury indicted him on three counts of Sexual Exploitation

of a Minor and one count of Disseminating Material Harmful to a minor.

Cody Wangsness was in court for his first appearance after the Clark County Grand Jury indicted him on one count of Aggravated Assault-Domestic and one count of Simple Assault-Domestic.

Lastly, Donald Dunlavy was sentenced to two years in the South Dakota State penitentiary, Monday, for each count of Grand Theft. The sentence was suspended on the conditions that Mr. Dunlavy pay a fine of \$500 for each count and \$104 for court costs on each count. Mr. Dunlavy must repay Clark County for the cost of the Court Trial. He will be on probation for two years. He will have to serve a total of 45 days in jail.

## Active weather pattern ahead before warmer conditions return

Warmer than average temperatures are forecast to continue through May and the next few months, according to a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) April 21, 2016 Climate Prediction Center Outlook.

"The national climate outlook takes into account long-term trends in temperature and precipitation, seasonal climatology, computer models and expertise of forecasters in NOAA," explained Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

She added that the early part of 2016 has been dominated by warmer than average temperatures. Since the first of the year, temperatures across the state are 2 to 8 degrees above average.

The NOAA climate outlook indicates an increased likelihood of warmer than average temperatures in northern South Dakota in May.

For the season ahead, May through July, there is increased likelihood of warmer than average temperatures across the entire state.

### Recent Moisture will Benefit Farmers

As far as precipitation, the year so far has been a mixed bag, with some areas receiving much more precipitation than others.

"The last week has been especially wet through central South Dakota, but much of the far northeast

and the Black Hills are still below average since January 1," Edwards said.

The outlook for precipitation shows equal chances of below average, near average and above average rainfall for May through July. "There is a large area just to the south that is more likely to be wetter than normal, so there may be some opportunity to get some good storms that tap into the moisture from the south, such as we saw this last week," Edwards said.

Edwards added that before last weekend, there had been some growing concern about drought conditions setting in, especially in northern South Dakota. "Fortunately, the recent rains have alleviated much of that concern," she said. "The 2-inches or more that much of the state received came at a good pace as was able to effectively soak into the soils."

Edwards said that there was not much runoff or flooding, except in some localized areas.

"These improvements in soil moisture will be of great benefit as area farmers transition from small grains planting to corn in the coming weeks," she said.

For some of our corn growing area, soil temperatures have not yet reached the recommended 50 degree threshold for planting. Be-

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This Saturday is the 15th annual Clark Tae Kwon Do Tournament. Up to 30 teams and 200 competitors will be in attendance at the all-day event.

The hosts, the Clark TKD club, consist of: front row, left to right, Jaden LaPlante, Jerome Enboden, Eduardo Reyes, Jr., Harlee Neilson, Jake Wipf, Marlee Bowers and Aiden Bowers. In the middle row, left to right,

Deigo Altunar, Jackson Vanomy, Austin Clayton, Nevaeh Rusher, David Cardenas and Alex Cardenas. In the back row, left to right, Steve Owen, Lauretta Bebo, Noah Schwartz, Jon Schwartz, Evan Schwartz, Zack Weber and Master Michael Sanchez.

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## The 15th Clark Tae Kwon Do Tournament is Saturday

Master Michael Sanchez deserves much credit for the longevity of the Clark Tae Kwon Do Tournament.

This Saturday is the date and the Clark High School gym is the site of the fifteenth annual Clark Tae Kwon Do (TKD) Tournament.

It's a tradition unlike any other in Clark, as for 15 years, 25 to 30 TKD clubs with a total of 150 to 200 players have been coming to the CHS gym each spring.

Sanchez ordered 240 medals for the Clark tournament, in forms and sparring, and he is awfully proud of the medals.

"The last four years we have put

a Bible verse on each medal," Sanchez said. "They are beautiful medals with a beautiful message."

Each medal, from Jeremiah 33:3 reads, "Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Sanchez said that he pushes no particular denomination, but is very proud of his Christian faith. On the front of the medal are the words: perseverance, self control, indomitable spirit, courtesy and integrity.

The Clark Tae Kwon Do team and instructor Sanchez will be hosting teams from Spearfish, Watertown,

Sioux Falls, Black Hawk, Rapid City, Sturgis, Pierre, Brookings, Sisseton and Aberdeen from South Dakota. Fargo, N.D., Sioux City, Iowa, Redwood Falls and Alexandria, Minn. will also feature clubs.

Each of the 15 years of the Clark Tae Kwon Do Tournament, international teams, such as Puerto Rico and Mexico have had strong contingents. Such is the case this year.

After the sparring and forms competition at Saturday's tourney, there will be a tag-team event with South Dakota vs. Minnesota. There

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## Garden City Auxiliary selects Hanson for Girls State



Audrey Hanson

Audrey Hanson will represent the Garden City Heath-Headley Post #199 American Legion Auxiliary unit at this summer's Girls State at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She was picked after the other representatives were selected in last week's photo.

Hanson is the daughter of Belinda Hanson of Clark and Paul Hanson of Huron.

She is active in FFA, chorus and cheer and is a junior at Clark High

School.

Each delegate must be an outstanding member of her class and have a definite interest in American government, with a willingness to take initiative and assume responsibility. Students are selected based upon their leadership, character and honesty, physical fitness, scholarship, cooperativeness and entering their senior year of high school in the fall.

## Junk Jeans People debut new sewing notion

▲ Wicks life long passion for sewing endures



Amid boxes and boxes of sewing notions, books and patterns are Luveta Wicks, (at center in white) and her packaging department at the Junk Jeans People warehouse located in Clark. Wicks has been working on the details of her latest sewing notion for the past two years getting it ready for market - the Big Jig.

Shown above are the crew also known as family members. Front, left to right, Tracy Nickels Aguayo, Danna Nickels, Wicks and Donna Nickels. Standing are, left to right, Nick Aguayo and Boots Nickels. Boots also works as the warehouse manager in the business.

"I can't remember back when I wasn't sewing something," recalls Luveta Wicks, owner and creative developer of the Junk Jeans People which is headquartered out of Clark.

Her latest endeavor is an almost two year project in bringing to fruition her 'Big Jig' - a sewing notion - easier to maneuver that helps the sewer when working on thick fabrics such as doubled denim or upholstery material. Helping to conquer broken needles and 'wonky' stitches is its mission at the sewing machine.

"It was important to me to have it made in the United States. I found a company in Chaska, Minn. called Focal Point that helped me with the design that I wanted. It was a long process to get it off the ground with different designs, but now it's finally the product/idea I had in my head all along."

The packaging was another process. Through the process of elimination and cost, we ended up with a stock clamshell packing that we snap together ourselves, putting in the directions and two sizes of the Big Jigs. "We'll launch this product on May 18 at the International Spring Market in Utah," stated Wicks.

Wicks has been traveling to the

Sewing Expos around the U.S. since 1990. "I used to do about 24-30 shows a year, but have cut down now to about seven or eight shows in recent years. I think I've been in all states in the union but three with the Sewing Expos."

"Trends come and go in the sewing and fashion industry," continues Wicks. "Now lace inserts and ruffles on T-shirts is the new thing. Homemade bags are big now and popular colors this year are pink and blue. You have to have something new all the time in the sewing and sewing notions business, people like new stuff."

Light weight plastic grommets (like one would use on shower curtains for example) are another add-on product that Wicks promotes. Used to make holes on the arms or sleeves or for making a lace-up insert are some of the ideas in using them in sewing or recycling/upcycling projects.

Rivets or studs are also add-ons she offers to embellish shirts and pockets and like the grommets, need no additional tools to apply.

"Regretfully neither of these are made in the U.S. If they were I'd get them," stated Wicks of the rivets and grommets that come from Italy.

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