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Thirteenth Clark Tae Kwon Do tournament is Saturday

Saturday is the date and the Clark High School gym is the site of the thirteenth annual Clark Tae Kwon Do Tourney. The Clark Tae Kwon Do team and instructor Master Michael Sanchez will be hosting teams from Puerto Rico, Mexico, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and other South Dakota teams. Over 150 participants will be competing in forms

and sparring competition.

Members of the Clark Tae Kwon Do Club will also be competing on Saturday.

After the sparring and forms competition has ended, there will be the traditional 'Main Event', the grand champion black belt fight-off, with the winner crowned from the four divisions, light, middle, heavy-weight and senior.

May looks to be cool

Cooler than average temperatures are expected to continue across the northern states in May, according to a recent report released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center. "The area that is most likely to continue the cool trend will skirt northern South Dakota," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. According to the report, other states including; Montana, North Dakota, and the northern Great Lakes states are most likely to experience cooler than average conditions through May. "The pattern we have seen this winter has been a strong ridge of high pressure over the western states, and a trough bringing wetter and cooler conditions to the eastern United States," she said. "This pattern will gradually break down as we move into the summer season."

Currently, there is some discrepancy among the numerous climate computer models for precipitation

the cooler soil temperatures that currently measure in the 40 Fahrenheit to 50 Fahrenheit range at 4-inch depth. Soils are still frozen at deeper levels, as the maximum frozen depths reached several feet below the surface this winter. "We've seen quite a bit of preparation activity in the fields in the southern and central parts of the state, but activity has been relatively quiet in the north and northeastern counties," Edwards said. "The below freezing temperatures this week, and 3 to 6 inches of snow that fell April 16 in Codington, Grant and Deuel Counties will likely further slow planting progress."

The climate outlook for the next three months shows Montana and North Dakota to remain in an area of cooler than average temperatures. "South Dakota is just south of this region, with equal chances of below average, near average, and above average temperatures expected through July," said Dennis Today, SDSU Extension State



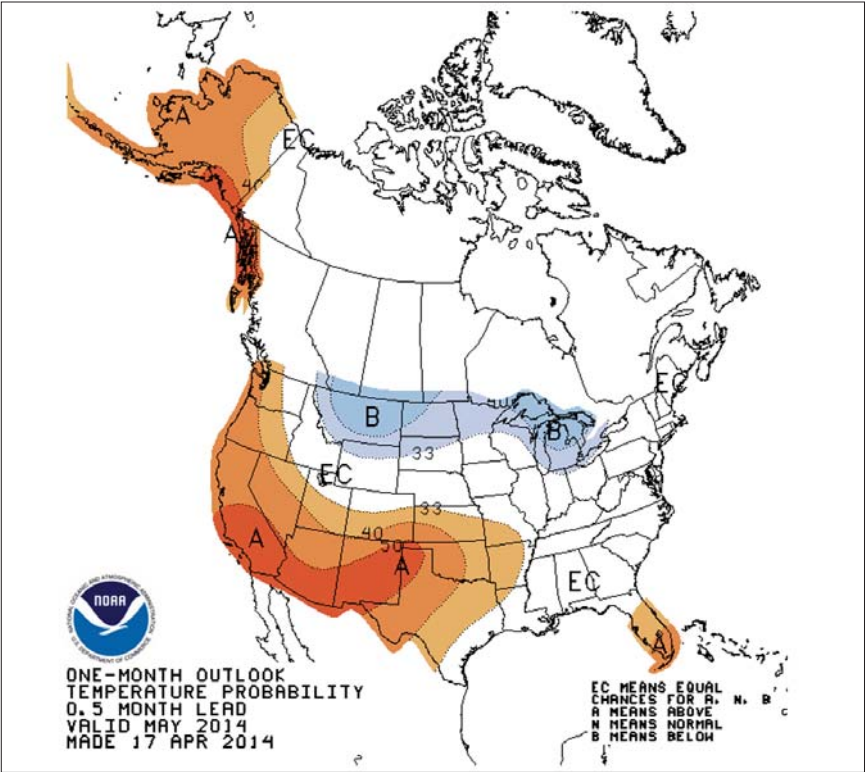
Many story lines lead to a great conclusion in "Wild Pink"

The Clark High School production, "Wild Pink" played to nice crowds Friday and Saturday, at the CHS gym. Directed by Luanne Warren, the comedy got many laughs and a standing ovation, with many stellar performances.

Above, left to right, Ally Monson, Rory Forest, Justus Reidburn and Cooper Hartley are shown helping to bring the story line to a conclusion. In last week's story listing the cast members, Clarissa Daniels as Miss Gaines was omitted.

"Wild Pink" is the story of an Iowa hog farmer who has three smart sons but absolutely no money to send them to college. Their rich,

snooty, old maiden aunt has a fortune but years ago made it clear that she wanted nothing to do with the farmer's family. The three boys don wigs, dresses, heels and even Wild Pink fingernail polish for a challenging weekend visit with their estranged aunt to convince her she has three beautiful nieces who are worthy of her millions. And worthy they are when the boys discover someone is embezzling their aunt's money. Switching between being their boyish and more "feminine" selves, they set up a trap to catch the thief, never realizing they've been set up as well.



in May, she added. "Some models indicate wetter than average, while others show near normal for the coming month. The official Climate Prediction Center report states equal chances of below average, near average, and above average for May," Edwards said.

Area farmers and gardeners have been eagerly awaiting warmer weather this spring, as soil temperatures are still too cool in many areas to plant corn and backyard gardens. Small grains, such as wheat and oats, are able to tolerate

Climatologist. Today added that precipitation can be a challenge to forecast for the early summer season, as thunderstorm activity is more likely, and climate computer models are less reliable.

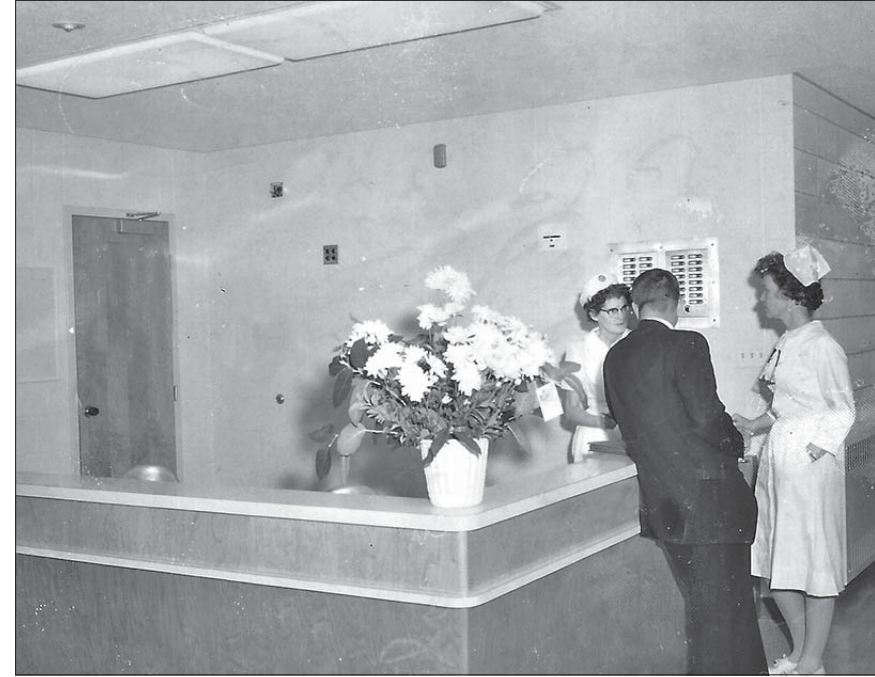
Some southern and southeastern
May
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Clark County Rainfall 4/22 - 4/28	
* Bradley	.50"
* Crocker	.87"
* Raymond	.34"
* Clark	2.01"
* Carpenter	.70"
* Garden City	.98"
* Henry	.77"
* Vienna	.80"
* Willow Lake	.40"

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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April 22	62	31	0
April 23	56	39	.22
April 24	62	35	0
April 25	68	41	0
April 26	56	37	.41
April 27	40	37	.96
April 28	41	35	.42
2014 precipitation to date	3.13"		
2013 precipitation to date	3.97"		



Even though the Clark County Courier runs pictures in color on the front page of each publication, because these two photos, in the infancy of the Clark Nursing Home were taken in black and white, as most photographs were in 1964, they must be published in black and white.



On the left is the original dining room area. (If the youngsters in 1964 were identified, they would gladly be identified). At right photo, are Mrs. Walter Ick, LPN; Jim Hill and nursing home administrator, Mrs. Abner Willen.

Golden Living Center - Clark to celebrate 50 years, in May

May is a big month at Golden Living Center - Clark. Golden Living Center - Clark is celebrating the 50th Anniversary! The new Clark Nursing Home opened its doors on May 25, 1964, and now fifty years later, the facility is going as strong as ever.

On Wednesday, May 14, the care center is having a big day, involving the public to help in the celebration. Lunch and entertainment are being planned as well as the opening of the 25-year time capsule.

The brainchild of the Clark Nursing Home were the local corporate owners, Abner and Margaret Willen and Noel Fischer. Fischer, a pharmacist also served as the business manager for the Nursing Home Corporation. Dr. Abner Willen was the medical doctor in Clark and Margaret Willen was a registered nurse who served as the administrator of the home.

Facility history

The 50-year nursing home history is probably too extensive for one edition, but some history from the May 14, 1964 Clark County Courier states: "Patient wings are so arranged that sunlight will be in all rooms much of the day. There are both double and single rooms and bathrooms are part of or adjoin each room. There is also a full bath on each wing with wheel chair shower

and tub. Lifts are being secured to transfer patients in and out of the tub.

The nurses station is in the center of the building. An intricate buzzer system has been installed for both safety and convenience of the patients. Mrs. Willen, who is a registered nurse and will serve as administrator of the home recently demonstrated many of the precautions installed for the safety of the patients. For example, if a patient should wander through one of the exits, a buzzer immediately sounds and the number of the exit opened lights up on the control panel. The buzzer system is connected to all patient's rooms and bathrooms and in case of need a nurse can be contacted immediately.

The ultra modern kitchen is in a room adjacent to the dining room. This area of the home is practically ready to go, reported Mrs. Willen and furnishings for the other rooms will arrive Friday of this week. The kitchen will be equipped to provide all types of diet foods."

How the home came about

Some seven years a dream of the Clark citizenry, the completed home is a joint effort of Dr. and Mrs. Abner Willen and Noel Fischer of Clark. Dr. Willen took on the project two years ago after efforts by several local citizens' groups failed

to solve the knotty problems of finance inherent in an undertaking of this nature. The matching local and federal government funds set up established in the Hill-Burton Act for construction of medical facilities had at first seemed the answer, but government red tape was excessive and the project threatened to slip from reach for another 10 years. Willen then took up the cause and a year later Fischer, a local pharmacist, threw in his support. The two eventually financed the venture through an insurance company, with an FHA-insured mortgage loan.

Construction bids were let in mid May, 1963 and on May 24, the bid of Schull Construction Company of Watertown was accepted. Ground was broken in early September and the building was walled in and roofed before the first heavy snowfall. The contract had slated the building to be ready for occupancy June 1, 1964, but it was completed ahead of schedule and the first patients were admitted May 25.

Within two days, 11 patients occupied the 40-bed home and to date 23 have checked in, with three more expected this week. One of the early arrivals, Mrs. Hannah Seaberg, has since died.

Welfare as well as private patients are accepted at the home,

upon approval of the Public Welfare Service. Approximately half of the present occupants are welfare patients. Of the 22 from both groups, many have transferred in from hospitals and require an intensive, hospital-type care that few nursing homes in the state can provide.

"The Clark home", said county welfare agent Jim Hill, something of an authority on nursing homes, "has been able to gain from the experience of all the best homes in the state. And, being carefully planned as well as one of the newest, is able to offer as modern facilities and as fine personnel as any home in the state. It's something all of us can be proud to have in Clark County." Registered nurses now on the staff are Mrs. Abner Willen, administrator of the home; Mrs. J. A. Langenfeld, who relieves Mrs. Willen and Mrs. Sally Wagner.

Residents and employees

The roster of patients to date includes Mrs. Bud Bailey, Catherine Bannick, Alfred Brannon, Charles Bohri, Mrs. Norma Campbell, Margaret Desnoyers, Arthur Hanna, Jennie Huisenga, Mrs. Catherine Kness, Mrs. Eva Larkin, Mrs. Rose O'Neil, Tom Stacey, Mrs. Lora Totushek and John Wallen, all of Clark.

Golden Living
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