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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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June 10	73	48	tr
June 11	72	51	tr
June 12	64	48	0
June 13	68	44	.16
June 14	60	56	.59
June 15	70	51	.08
June 16	70	53	.50
2014 precipitation to date	8.48"		
2013 precipitation to date	9.90"		

Clark County Rainfall 6/10 - 6/16	*Bradley 1.10"
*Crocker 1.10"	*Garden City 1.70"
*Raymond .89"	*Henry 1.80"
*Clark 1.33"	*Vienna .90"
*Carpenter .70"	*Willow Lake .40"

Clark School Board election was Tuesday

The Clark School Board election was Tuesday, June 17. Three board positions were available, two, three-year terms and a one-year seat.

Running for two, three-year terms include: Monica Forest, Todd Fjelland, Shannon Huber, Kari Thonvold and Kathy Roebke. The three vying for the one-year seat include: Amy Sass, Julie Bjerke and Kim Seefeldt.

Because of the earliness of the print deadline, look for these results to be inserted into this week's edition.

Clark Lions fishing tourney is this week

The 25th annual Edwin Seefeldt Clark Lions Club Fishing Tournament is this Saturday, at South Whitlock Resort on the Missouri River.

Probably more than thirty, three-man teams will be in the running to see who can catch the most fish.

CCR run event is this weekend at fairgrounds

The 32nd Annual Clark County Riders Motorcycle run event will be this weekend, June 20 - 22 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, on the east edge of Clark. Almost 2,000 bikers are expected, in what motorcycle promoters call the biggest event of the summer in South Dakota, east of the Missouri River.

For the first 30 years of the CCR event, Bradley was the site. This is the second year that the motorcycle club has moved to the Clark County Fairgrounds in Clark.

Summer begins this Saturday, June 21

Get out the mosquito spray, the sun block and your favorite beverage for warm weather, as the season we've all been waiting for begins on Saturday.

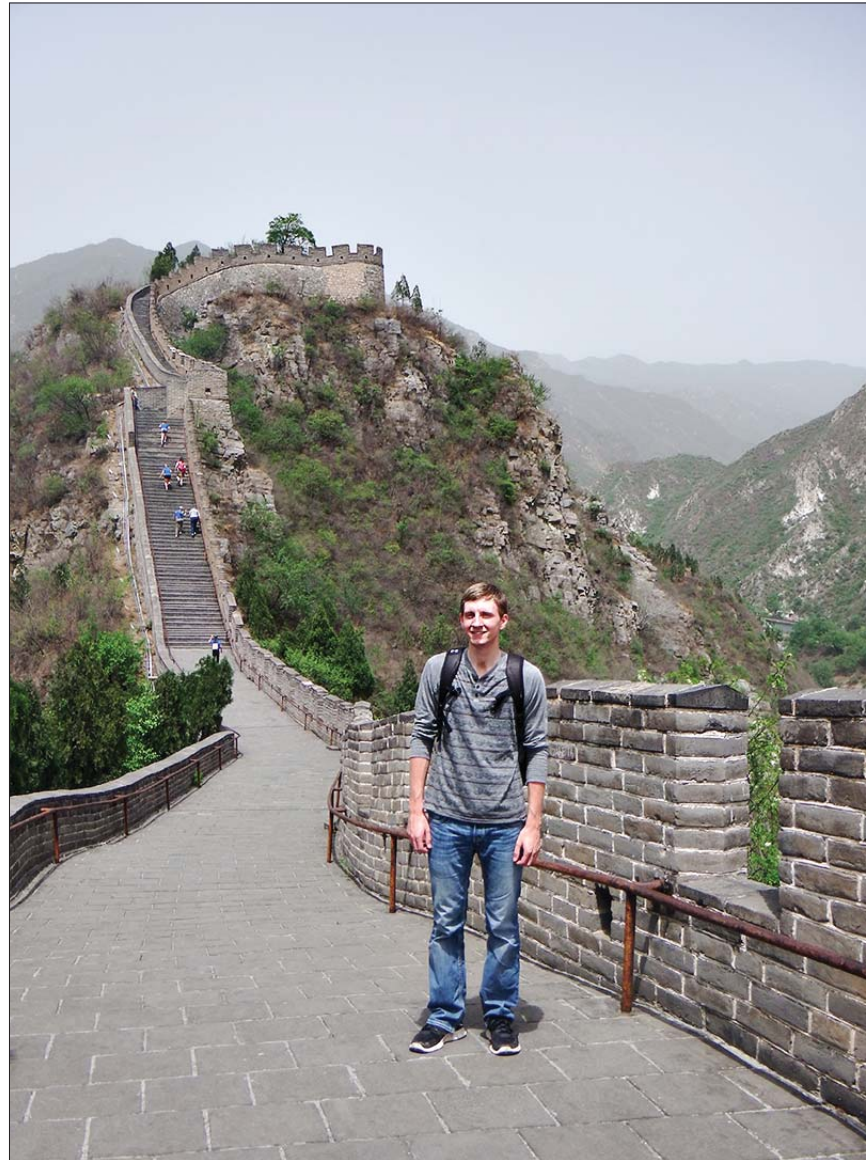
June 21, the longest day of the year, means the start of summer and with the blustery winter we had this year, summer is very welcome!

Clark awarded \$3,850 for mosquito control

Nearly 100 South Dakota cities, counties and tribes will share in a \$500,000 grant program intended to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile Virus (WNV), Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced this week. The Clark grant is for \$3,850.

"We learned how farming is very different in China"

▲ says SDSU agronomy major Justin Meier



Visiting the Great Wall in China was one of the sights Justin Meier enjoyed when he joined 30 other students in an Ag Study Tour to China. Majoring in agronomy at South Dakota State University, Meier was able to tour several farms and ag related industries in the country of China. The group visited the Great Wall, saw the Terracotta Warriors and many other sights of interest while on their 13 day trip in mid May

Justin Meier who farms north of Clark and is attending SDSU, joined 30 other students in ag-related fields recently in the SDSU China Ag Study Tour.

They spent 13 days traveling around various points of interest

in China and had the opportunity to learn about farming practices in their country.

They arrived in Beijing on May 12 and the following day had the opportunity to have dinner with Governor Dennis Daugaard. He

was there doing a business summit.

The next day they toured the Pioneer Seeds headquarters in Beijing.

"We learned how farming is very different in China," continued Meier. "Their government owns all the farmland with the average farm size being only two acres. All the land is leased and it is a struggle for them to expand. Some farmers are trying to get larger by cooperating their acres together. Farming practices are more like the 1940's/1950's with older tractors, which they need a permit to drive. In visiting with them, they couldn't believe girls drove tractors in the United States."

It seemed to Meier that many didn't have a passion for farming in comparison to American farmers and believes it could be from the practices of the aptitude tests all students are required to take. Before college an aptitude test is taken and that determines what profession one goes into. A farmer's son could end up being a teacher and vice versa. They don't have a choice to follow in the profession they may have always wanted to go into. So those who are educated in agriculture may not be there by choice.

"Some Chinese have trouble breaking away from tradition. They have the belief that a taller corn plant will yield a better seed. They have trouble with extension. They believe taller corn will make them taller or bigger and that's not the case," said Meier.

The southern part of the country is more diversified than the north with crop variety. "The farms we saw were mostly corn, beans and wheat with some specialty crops like kiwis and bananas. They were pretty vague when we asked about

Meier in China
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Relay for Life... teaming up for a cure

I am strength - I am hope - I am a survivor - walk with us to finish the fight. This was the saying on the back of the purple shirts the survivors wore at the 18th annual Relay for Life event on Friday evening in Clark. At the opening ceremonies, Sue Kautz sang the National Anthem and moving talks were given by honorary chairperson/survivors Jessica Michalski and Grace Paulson.

At the end of the lap by the survivors and their caregivers, each survivor let go of their balloon, in symbolism of hope. "With today's wind, they may end up in Crocker or Crandall," said emcee Greg Furness. Furness led the group in singing 'Happy Birthday' to honorary survivor Jessica who celebrated her 38th birthday on Friday. The rain stayed away that evening as events were ongoing on Commercial Street in Clark. Luminaries in the foreground representing loved ones, surrounded the walking area.

Hurlbert's reign as SD Legion Auxiliary president is ending



Janet Hurlbert

Veterans leave footprints on our hearts. That was the theme of 2013-2014 President of the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, Janet Hurlbert.

"There have been many footprints left on my heart this year as I traveled across the state," added Hurlbert. "My year has been filled with awesome memories as I have met and greeted veterans, Legion and Auxiliary members across the state. I've made friendships this past year that will last a lifetime. It's been an honor to serve as the South Dakota president of this, the largest patriotic organization in the world."

Hurlbert will be ending her reign as President of the Department at the state convention in Pierre on June 21 and 22. At the national convention in Charlotte, N. C., she will be ratified as National Executive Committee Woman for the Department of South Dakota for a one year position. Following that, she will become a Past President Parley Chairman for 2015-2016.

Carol Edwards of the Spearfish ALA unit is the current First Vice President and will be Hurlbert's replacement for 2014-2015.

Janet and her husband Roger, who are long-time members of the Raymond Baker Post #209 Legion and Auxiliary did a lot of travel-

ing this year. "We had an excellent time traveling with State Legion Commander Rick MacDonald of Hermosa and his wife Deb to the gift shops and parties and also to many of the district meetings we attended." Eight district meetings were held in the spring and in the fall.

Hurlbert's year started out with her homecoming in Raymond with her entire family in attendance. "Our home Post #209 did an awesome job making that day one I will never forget," claimed Hurlbert. "I really appreciate all that they did for me."

Public speaking events over the year included: being this year's guest speaker at the Raymond Memorial Day services; being guest speaker at Clark's Veteran's Day program held at the Clark School and addressing the young women at the opening ceremonies of the 2014 Girls State in Vermillion.

"I was very impressed with the girls at Girls State. I had the privilege to be on the selection committee for Girls Nation this year and spent the entire week volunteering. What a fantastic event this is!"

Other highlights of her reign were attending the gift shops and Christmas parties for the veterans at all five facilities in South Dakota. "It's so important to make sure our veterans and their families have the best Christmas. The hospital reps, deputy reps, gift shop chairmen and Christmas party chairmen do a wonderful job in helping our veterans throughout the year and at Christmas."

She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new

Hurlbert
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The Jolly Neighbor Club which began in Fordham Township many years ago as a social/support group, celebrated their 90th anniversary last week with supper out in Clark.

Having approximately 100 members over that time,

the small group that still meet include above, left to right in front, Alma Hass, Flo Brenden, Lorraine Logan and Kathryn Becker. In back are JoAnn Meyer, honorary member and Mona Schlagel.

Jolly Neighbor Club is celebrating 90 years

On the afternoon of October 20, 1923, nine ladies and families met at the home of Drue Baldwin. It was a birthday celebration for Clara Rusch in part. The families had so much fun getting together, they thought they should keep going with the gatherings and the Jolly Neighbor Club was formed.

Ninety years later, the Jolly Neighbor Club still has members that gather monthly to share their

lives and support each other as they have for many years.

Currently Florence 'Flo' Brenden is the chairman and Mona Schlagel is the secretary. Active members are Lorraine Logan, Kathryn Becker and Alma Hass. Most recent honorary members are Mary Helkenn, Betty Helkenn and JoAnn Meyer.

As the members get older and fewer, they don't do quite as much say the ladies, but they very much

so enjoy getting together like they have for years - the first Thursday of the month.

"For our 70th anniversary we had a big party at the golf club. For our 90th anniversary now, we're five people going out for supper," said Schlagel. "We started keeping records in 1931 and now have four

Jolly Neighbor
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