



Intensified El Nino means more moisture throughout the summer

▲ The drought is eliminated in South Dakota

As El Nino increases in strength this summer, its impacts on our summer conditions in North America are becoming evident, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist, referencing the latest climate outlook from National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center.

"The July outlook indicates increased likelihood of cooler and wetter conditions throughout South Dakota this July," Edwards said. "These temperature and precipitation projections strongly reflect a summertime El Nino pattern over North America."

The outlook indicates that throughout the central states - including South Dakota - cooler than median temperatures are favored in the month ahead. "In addition to El Nino, this temperature outlook is also a response to the very wet soils and ample rainfall that has fallen in this region over the last several weeks, which tends to reduce the high temperatures in the summer season," Edwards said.

In South Dakota, the median temperatures for July range from the low 80s in the northeast, to upper 80s across most of the south and west for highs. Median lows are in the upper 50s in the northwest to lower 60s in the southeast.

Most of the Rocky Mountain region and the central states are favored to be above median for precipitation in July. "There is strong consensus in the forecast models for this precipitation signal, according to the Climate Prediction Center," said Dennis Today, SDSU Extension

Climate Specialist and South Dakota State Climatologist.

Clark County

In Clark, 2015 has finally caught up with 2014, but it took over three inches of rain in this last week to do this.

It was a very wet week in Clark County, with big rains on both Friday and Sunday nights.

On Friday night, Clark received 1.86" of rain and on Sunday another inch of rain fell.

The southern part of the county has now caught up, with approximately three inches of moisture being reported in southern Clark County for the week. Some damaging hail was reported in the Carpenter area.

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Clark County Rainfall 6/16 - 6/22	
* Bradley	1.10"
* Crocker	.75"
* Raymond	1.57"
* Clark	3.02"
* Carpenter	3.10"
* Garden City	1.70"
* Henry	2.41"
* Vienna	2.81"
* Willow Lake	3.40"



Baseball is now being played at the renovated Dickinson Park field

Kye Winter fielded his pitching position nicely getting this Milbank Firechief out at first base in the top of the sixth inning. Winter also had a big night at the plate for the Clark Traders going three-for-three with a grand slam home run, a triple and single. Winter's opportunity to hit for the cycle (a double), was thwarted when Milbank intentionally walked him in his last two plate appearances.

Rhett Florey is the Trader first baseman. Clark defeated Milbank, 9-6.

The Dickinson Park field looks tremendous as this weekend is the first time this summer that baseball has been played in Clark.

The Dickinson Field renovation is complete, with new sod, irrigation and diamond dust. This is in addition to all of the cement, new bleachers and new press box for the baseball field. Many Rotarians, city employees and baseball enthusiasts put in countless hours getting the field ready for baseball.

Over 3,000 burials have been made at Rose Hill Cemetery

Editor's Note: Studying old records and visiting Clark County cemeteries reveals not only the final resting place of hundreds of early settlers, but also gives a partial glimpse of pioneer life when this area was still known as "Dakota Territory". Along with the large town and church cemeteries are those abandoned, forlorn private cemeteries that dot the landscape in this county. The following story is one in a series of histories of the twenty-eight graveyards in Clark County. Persons knowing of cemeteries that might be missed in this report, or have history material connected with cemeteries in the locality are urged to contact the Courier.

There are 28 cemeteries in Clark County. The largest one in the county is the Rose Hill Cemetery located about a half mile north of the town of Clark. It is estimated

that over 3,000 burials have taken place at Rose Hill since it was incorporated in May of 1906 with Carl G. Sherwood as president of the cemetery board.

Before Rose Hill, it was called the Village of Clark Cemetery.

The cemetery began with the Sloan family five years before Dakota Territory became South Dakota, 1884. The Sloans were looking for a burial site for their son Jasper, who had drowned while they lived in Missouri. With no graveyard in the area, they buried their college-aged son on a hill just west of their home. The family later donated 10 acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Township for use as the town cemetery.

Eleven years later, more acres were added to the cemetery, increasing its size to 20 acres. (The

cemetery is currently 22 acres in size.) Many area residents and farmers moved their family members and reburied them in the Village of Clark Cemetery/Rose Hill.

After Jasper Sloan, Mattie Anderson was the second to be buried there with her date of death 1883. She was moved to Rose Hill later, although she died a year before Sloan.

The northeast part of the cemetery contains the early homesteaders and pioneers of the Clark area. These include General S.J. Conklin, South Dakota's fifth governor Samuel H. Elrod and pioneers with

the names Bockoven, Fountain and Sherwood.

In this area is also the McSpadden Lot. Captain William McSpadden was an officer in the Civil War, under General Sherman. William and his wife Julia and their servants, the Calvin Simmons family, moved to Clark in 1881 and built the Northwestern Hotel. The Simmons family were the first black family to come to Clark. Mr. Simmons was buried in an unmarked grave in the McSpadden lot. The Clark Rotary Club assisted two local benefactors in seeing that a headstone was added to the ceme-

tory to honor Cal Simmons several years ago at his grave site.

The northeast part of the cemetery, known as Potter's Field contains three graves, all children who died in the county poor house. The poor house/farm was located where Tony and Angie Werdel's farm is currently out by the Clark Airport.

Rose Hill's most prominent marker in the early days was that of General S.J. Conklin and his wives. The marker which resembles the Washington Monument, is about 30 feet tall, one of the tallest in the

Rose Hill Cemetery
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Four generations of Floreys use same chair for first haircut

The fourth generation of the men in the Florey family, Bryon Florey of Brookings, sat in the same chair that his great-grandfather Fay Florey, sat in while he held his son, Michael receiving his first haircut in the late 1950's in Clark.

Fay held Michael for his first haircut, years later Michael held his son John for his first haircut and now young Bryon Florey received his first trim. The momentous event was held at Cut Hut with Bryon's parents, John and Londa Florey of Brookings, front and center.

Also in attendance, to record on camera and witness the event were Bryon's grandparents, Michael and Linda Florey and great-grandparents, Fay and Ila Mae Florey and Jean Meier. Bryon's six week old cousin Jace Florey was also there, as he was visiting his grandparents that week.

Bryon started a new Florey trend and sat in the chair all by himself as barber Roger Chapin started the trim.

"That's a nice pipe you've got there," chortled Chapin referring to the 11 month old's pacifier as young Bryon sat wide-eyed, the center of attention in the big chair.

Right away Chapin was given the directions, "Don't cut his curls - just trim his hair on top in the front."

"I wasn't ready to cut off his curls yet," said Bryon's mother Londa who has wavy hair naturally. "We want to wait a little longer for that. He'll look like a big boy then."

As Chapin got ready to cut with his scissor and the cameras came out in anticipation, young Bryon's 'pipe' (pacifier) was removed which caused a little static and was met with opposition by its owner.

John, Bryon's father was right there with cheese bites to help the situation, but the opposition contin-



"It's hard to cut hair, when you can't cut hair," chuckled local barber Roger Chapin when contacted by Michael Florey in regards to cutting his grandson Bryon's hair.

Young Bryon was the fourth generation of Floreys to sit in the same barber chair in Clark, participating in the Florey boys' first ever hair cut. "Don't cut

his curls, just do the bangs," advised Michael under advisement of the mothers and grandmothers involved. Fay held Michael in the chair in the late 1950's, Michael held John in 1990 and last week it was John's son Bryon's turn. All men sat in the same barber chair it was estimated.

ued. "He doesn't want anything to do with me," laughed Chapin.

"No one cried before when we did this," added F. Florey of the previous generation's hair cuts.

In Fay Florey's time in the very same chair, barber Cliff Schwartz did the honors in cutting his son Michael's hair. Schwartz ran the barber shop in Clark from 1946 to 1976.

About 31 years later, in 1990, Schwartz came out of retirement to cut Michael's son John's hair in the same chair with quite possibly the same razor it was noted by Schwartz.

"He's an angel, this guy," said Schwartz in a past Clark County Courier article regarding John's haircut. He was perfectly obliging, sitting still and even seeming to enjoy the attention. Conversation ensued on Schwartz pointing out how similar the store has remained, now in Chapin's hands who started as barber in Clark in 1980.

Fay Florey added following the haircut, on Tuesday, that he bought his engagement and wedding ring for Ila Mae when the barber shop location was previously Mel Reinschmidt's jewelry store.

After the bang trim was over, things settled down in the shop and young Bryon was happy and walking around entertaining everyone with his new haircut - curls intact and hair no longer in his eyes.

Barber slash comedian Chapin told young Bryon before he left - "That wasn't so bad was it? I still have a straight edge around here, I could lather you up and give you a shave now."

After the laughter, the event ended with Chapin receiving a 'high five' hand gesture from the young Florey.