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Some corn is knee-high by the Fourth of July

"The corn growth is delayed because of late planting," stated South Dakota Agronomy Specialist David Karki, Watertown, when asked if the corn crop will be knee-high by the Fourth of July.

"We had a cooler than average spring, especially during planting season, and not everyone was able to get into the field, because of wet conditions," said the Watertown regional SDSU agronomy specialist. High water and saturated soil prevented much on-time planting. Some producers, however, did find a window of opportunity to get the corn planted in a timely fashion.

North and east of Clark County, conditions are wetter and planting was delayed even more causing producers either to not plant anything at this time or some forage crop. "Some farmers are looking at sorghum or millet. Plus, another good thing is this land can be grazed. I can't tell you what the delays have been, but two weeks ago corn was quite pale, but non nutrients have kicked in and it looks very healthy."

Soybeans

The bean crop has also been delayed in 2022. Beans are small at this point," Karki said, and added, "some producers took a chance and planted later because of the good market price."

"So far they soybean crop doesn't look as good as it has at this time in recent years. Generally speaking, the beans are behind in growth."

Wheat

Winter wheat and spring wheat both look good at this point, noted the SDSU agronomist. So do oats. "I think the small grains will do well this growing season," Karki continued.

The winter wheat is the crop that probably fared the best this season. With wheat liking cool weather more so, moisture in abundance and a good insulating cover of snow this past winter, the wheat

crop fared better than usual. "The winter wheat is one of the better crops this season," noticed Karki in his travels around the area. The winter wheat really looks nice," he stated.

The moisture has been good for spring wheat. The cooler days may have some effect, time will tell at harvest time. Scab could be a problem and other rust diseases that like moisture. Spraying at the flowering stage has been done in winter wheat, but we're not at that stage yet for spring wheat.

"But it will be soon," advised Karki. "Now is the time to make a decision and make plans for spraying. Spraying is playing it safe, although some may get by without it."

Prevent plant

A buzz word this spring unlike others is the term 'prevent plant acres.' Some areas were just too muddy and wet to try so producers were prevented from planting for that reason. For insurance purposes, the planting deadlines for corn were May 31 and for soybeans it was June 10.

"Farmers have a fair amount of prevent plant acres this year that were slated for corn and beans," said Karki. Mostly north and east of Clark County.

A soil cover for soil health would be a good idea for these prevent plant acres it was noted, with whatever seed can be found now. "One may not find millet as it's now in short supply, but there is sorghum or other cool season cereal grains such as oats, wheat, barley or rye."

Alfalfa

Unexpected rainfall this year has made it a challenge to find a dry period for the first cutting of the alfalfa to dry.

"It's been a struggle to put it up this year," reported Karki. "When it's dry enough to bale, finding that ideal time has caused some management difficulty this first cut-



Spring has been all across the board regarding temperature, wind and moisture. Rain has come, as has wind and really up and down temperatures.

Timely rains will be important this summer, but many cornfields are showing potential. This 80 acre field of Mark and Sandy McHenry's was the first one that was planted this spring, on May 5. With fertilizer ap-

plied and good rains, it is definitely knee-high by the Fourth of July.

The featured 'Children of the Corn' 2022 are Jason and Sarah McHenry's children, twins Hallie and Logan, who will be three in August and seven month old Sadie.

Their grandparents are Mark and Sandy McHenry of Clark and Bob and Julie Jeffries of Pierre.

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Farm Tour

The SDSU Research Farm, near South Shore is scheduled to have a tour on Thursday, July 14, from 4:30 p.m. until dusk, with a meal being served.

Topics covered at the farm tour

will be small grains, agronomy, soil fertility, insects, weed management and herbicide control. Karki said if anyone has questions or needs more information, contact him.

Topics covered at the farm tour

Attorney General removed from job, can never hold elective office again

The South Dakota Senate voted on Tuesday to uphold the articles of impeachment offered by the House removing Attorney General Jason Ravensborg from office. The Senate also voted unanimously to keep Ravensborg from ever again holding elective office in South Dakota.

A two-thirds majority—24 of 35 senators—was needed to convict Ravensborg. On the first article of impeachment, the two misdemeanors Ravensborg was charged with following the death of Joseph Boever of Highmore, the senate voted 24-9 to convict. On the second article of impeachment, that Ravensborg lied to law enforcement and used the resources of his office for the betterment of his case, the senate voted 31-2.

The senate then voted on whether Ravensborg should be barred from

holding elective office. The vote for each article of impeachment was 33-0. Two senators were excused from the day's proceedings.

The first words senators heard, the opening statement of the prosecution, offered an argument in the morning that senators would agree with in the early evening. Clay County State's Attorney Alexis Tracy, one of the impeachment prosecutors, told lawmakers that Ravensborg should be impeached for the crimes he committed in the death of Boever. She maintained that he lied to law enforcement during the investigation and improperly used the resources of his office during the investigation.

Returning to Pierre from a Lincoln Day dinner in Redfield on the evening of Sept. 12, 2020, Ravensborg's car struck and killed Boever.

Thinking he may have hit a deer, Ravensborg and the Hyde County Sheriff conducted a cursory search of the area in the dark. Ravensborg returned to Pierre in the sheriff's personal vehicle and returned the next day to find Boever's body on the side of the road.

Ravnsborg was originally charged with three misdemeanors. A careless driving charge was dropped in exchange for no-contest pleas on two charges: an illegal lane change for driving on the shoulder of the highway and the illegal use of an electronic device while operating a vehicle. He was fined \$500 each for those offenses.

In Ravensborg's defense, Ross Garber, a professor at Tulane Law School and an expert on impeachment, told senators that they were faced with a unique situation.

"It is incredibly rare, what's being contemplated here," Garber said of impeachment. "It's quite a thing to reverse the will of the people."

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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
June 21.....	95	60	0.45
June 22.....	78	60	0
June 23.....	84	60	0
June 24.....	91	70	0
June 25.....	91	63	0.38
June 26.....	70	51	0
June 27.....	74	56	0
2022 precipitation to date	11.21		
2021 precipitation to date	8.78		

Greenfield is Commissioner of School and Public Lands candidate

Brock Greenfield (R-Clark) has secured the Republican nomination as the GOP candidate for Commissioner of School and Public Lands. Greenfield has served in the S.D. Senate and House of Representatives the past 22 years. In 2000, he became the youngest Senator ever elected in S.D. history. He has served 16 total years in the Senate and six years in the House.

Greenfield said, "After praying about our next steps in life, my wife Kelli and I felt we were being led to seek this new opportunity. We then visited with our families and they were wholly supportive of us taking on this challenge." Kelli is a nurse practitioner who works for Monument Health in their cardiac care department.

Greenfield announced his candidacy in February of 2021 and has spent the past 17 months crisscrossing South Dakota meeting with delegates and numerous South Dakotans who are affected by the functions of the office. Ultimately, the goal of the office is to return maximum investment dollars to the K-12 and higher education systems who have land interests under the purview of the Office of School and Public Lands. The office is also charged with ensuring responsible utilization of grazing, mineral, gas, and other land leases, while prioritizing optimal stewardship of the public lands and dams under

Greenfield (continued on page 2)



As summer hits July 4th baseball is going strong in Clark

When one thinks of the 4th of July, patriotism is at the top of the list, along with the fact that summer is going too fast and already half over. Plus, it's prime time for baseball/softball.

Dakota Style Field has been busy this summer, as has the youth baseball/softball field.

The 12-team Clark Rotary baseball Legion tournament is set for July 7-9. It will be a crazy, baseball-filled three days.

Dakota Style Field is used by 14U, 16U, Legion and the Clark Traders. From last week, action left, the ball and Castlewood runner arrive at the same time. Second baseman Jack Bratland applies the tag with shortstop Lucas Kannegieter, backing up the play.

At right, Clark Trader Tyler Brinka slides head-first, safely into third base.

Photos by Heather Jordan