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## Now is an important time for weed and pest control

"In Clark County, the corn planting is done and has emerged in most areas. The soybeans are over half done with fields planted just starting to peak through," said Mark Rosenberg, Extension Agronomy/Weeds Field Specialist out of the Aberdeen office. "We're a little late this year. Planting dragged on in the spring with a slow starting time with the cooler temperatures, but we're catching up in quick fashion according to the state numbers."

The first cutting of hay which looks to be in good shape and we'll be seeing a lot of activity starting this week continued Rosenberg. The big problem now is timely weed control. Early season weed competition reduces yields in a hurry. The mid-west research shows competition at the vegetative (V-3 or 4) stage could lose up to three bushels a day.

"Weed control is the big item

**Weed and pest**  
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## Clark Area Relay for Life is set for June 13

Clark County's Relay for Life marks its 18th annual run on Friday, June 13, 2014. The theme for this year is "Colors of Cancer".



The Relay for life site will again be on Main (Commercial) Street in Clark and at the American Legion building. Opening ceremony is slated for 6:00 p.m.

The luminary "Remember" ceremony begins at 9:30 p.m. This ceremony is very symbolic of the hope for recovery by victims. Each luminaria is sponsored by a family member or loved one in the name of a cancer victim or survivor. The "Fight Back" ceremony begins at 10:30 p.m.

## Heritage Day is Sunday at Complex



**Phyllis Schrag**

There will be a pie and ice cream social beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the lunch stand in the Machine Shed building behind the Clark House.

At 2:00 p.m. there will a program in the Crandall Community Historic Church. This year's program will feature Phyllis Schrag, a retired educator/speaker/actor/storyteller from Sioux Falls. She will present two programs.

The first program is entitled "Letters from the Attic". Schrag will help those in attendance gain a perspective on the life and times of people who settled in Dakota Territory. Her presentation is based on

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Heritage Day, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society, will be Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Beauvais Heritage Complex.

The buildings on the grounds will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday with full tours available.



## Bleachers are now in place at the baseball field

The bleachers are up at the baseball field and Dickinson Park and one and all will be impressed about the grandstand area upgrade.

A crew out of Minnesota was hired to put these bleachers up, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday of last week and finishing about 8:00 p.m. that same day.

The Clark Rotary Club along with the City of Clark have been working hard with several baseball field improvements.

Cement will be poured for the sidewalks as soon as the weather

straightens out, with drier conditions. Also in the near future several trees will be planted.

These sidewalks will surround the stands, from the west entrance to the concession stands and restrooms.

In the near future, the baseball press box will be erected, with room below the press box being the umpire's room.

The baseball field (infield and outfield) will be re-sculpted after the current baseball season is over.

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 27 .....	80	58	.19
May 28 .....	80	55	0
May 29 .....	81	60	0
May 30 .....	84	61	.28
May 31 .....	69	61	.84
June 1 .....	74	57	.56
June 2 .....	65	50	0
2014 precipitation to date	7.07"		
2013 precipitation to date	8.11"		

## City continues to deal with property abatements

Every summer, about this time at the city council meeting, talk turns to mowing lawns, keeping property looking respectable and repairing the roadways, etc.

Such was the case at the June meeting of the Clark City Council. The hour-long meeting was fairly routine in nature, with many summertime activity discussions and decisions.

The Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool will open this Saturday, weather permitting, said

water/sewer superintendent Darin Altfillisch. Altfillisch said the swimming pool is currently being filled, as it takes at least five days to fill the 500,000 gallon capacity.

Police chief Jeremy Wellnitz, during the departmental updates, stated that he has issued 16 abatements south of US Highway 212 in Clark, for junked vehicles, inoperable vehicles and unmowed lawns. "It's all a process," he stated, and fi-

nance officer Jackie Luttrell chimed in that her number of abatements was 26. "It's the same people, over and over," said Luttrell.

Wellnitz' May 2014 police report included: Total miles logged, 1,647; 70 calls for service; one accident; 16 warnings and one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one open container

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## Horace Bennett Memorial Pool to open this weekend

At the rate of about 40 gallons a minute, the Horace M. Bennett Memorial swimming pool is being filled with water. By press time or shortly after, the pool will be filled with 500,000 gallons of water. Water superintendent Darin Altfillisch has been the one in charge of the pool filling and maintenance the last 22 years and is shown above setting out the five gallon chlorine jugs.

He'll use about four or five jugs to start out and when the season starts, approximately 165 pounds of chlorine will be needed in the pool daily. The 66 x 147

foot pool was built in 1956.

Preparations to ready the pool for the summer started three weeks ago, with Altfillisch removing 100 bags of wet leaves from the pool floor. "With chemical costs, staff, heat, water and electrical figured in, the pool costs the city about \$1,000 a day to run," stated Altfillisch. "After all of the pumps are started at the end of this week and everything is working smoothly, the pool should be open by this weekend."

Saturday, June 7, is the date the pool will open, weather permitting.

## School's out for summer

## Driver's ed is in session

It's that time of the year when young drivers take to the driver's education car and are seen learning good driving habits, which hopefully will last a lifetime.

At Clark, driver's ed. instructor Joel Huber has started the classroom section and soon will be beginning the behind-the-wheel part of driver's education.

Last Thursday, driver's education students took part in their annual survey, strategically watching and observing the main intersections, in Clark.

According to the annual survey:

- Only 56.5% (140/248) of the drivers observed, properly signaled their intentions prior to turning.
- Only 60.55 (118/195) of the drivers observed, properly stopped at stop signs.

The students also conducted a window check of cars parked on public streets to see if keys had been left in the ignition and found that 53% of the drivers had not removed the key from the ignition when leaving their vehicle unattended.

The Driver Education class conducts the survey each summer to actually observe the negligence shown by many drivers and to stress to the student drivers that

many times other operators do not do as might be expected and to be constantly on the alert for the other driver.

Joel Huber has been teaching

driver's ed approximately 17 years at Clark High School and said it's definitely easier to teach students

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"Did you see that," driver's education student Malachi Bjerke asks classmate Austin Finstad, last Thursday morning as all driver's ed class members took part in a survey to see how well drivers follow driving protocol, including the wearing of seatbelts.

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