



TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 24	71	56	0
June 25	75	56	0
June 26	81	64	0
June 27	76	62	tr
June 28	75	58	tr
June 29	77	56	0
June 30	73	58	0
2014 precipitation to date	10.10"		
2013 precipitation to date	12.41"		

4th of July fireworks and activities are set

Big activities are planned for this July 4th holiday in the county. On Saturday, July 5 in Clark, the Street Dance, featuring the band Judd Hoos will perform, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Clark Fire Department spokesman Jeff Seefeldt said they're a top notch band and will provide excellent entertainment. Fireworks will take to the sky at dusk come Friday night for Clark's 4th of July celebration. The City of Clark, along with the Clark Chamber of Commerce, Clark Lions and Clark Rotary Club, will make the fireworks display event again a reality and it will take place at dusk at the Clark Golf Course.

Willow Lake

At Willow Lake, the annual 4th of July parade begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, the fourth. Entries will begin lining up at the football field at 3:30 p.m. Supper will be at the Veterans Memorial park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There is a bean bag tournament starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday at the park. At dusk the Willow Lake Volunteer Fire Department puts on the community fireworks display.

The Willow Lake Museum, located on the south end of Main Street, will be open in the afternoon on the Fourth of July, to give visitors and locals a chance to come in and see a display of pictures of Willow Lake over its 125-year history. According to Vivian Johnsen, spokesperson for the museum committee, the building will remain open on Friday the fourth as long as people are interested in coming in and looking.

Garden City Reunion has new location

Garden City All-School Reunion will be held at the Methodist Church in Garden City on July 12, 2014.

Registration and social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who attended Garden City School is welcome to attend. Contact Delores Halajian for reservations at 1-605-882-2678.

Courier office closed on the Fourth of July

The Clark County Courier publishes 52 editions a year as the legal newspaper for the Clark County area.

Having said that, the Courier office will be closed this Friday, our nation's holiday, the Fourth of July.

Gov. Daugaard urges safe holiday driving

Gov. Dennis Daugaard is asking motorists to use caution and make safe choices as they travel South Dakota highways during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. "Because most crashes are entirely preventable, wearing seatbelts, following speed limits and avoiding distractions while driving can go a long way in making highways safer," said Daugaard.

The corn is definitely over the kneecaps



When one is four or two years old, playing in a tall cornfield is like playing in a jungle. Tall and healthy looking is the description for this 150 acre corn field east of the home of James and Stephanie Arthur near Clark.

Grace Arthur who is two years old and Kayla Arthur, her sister who is four, had fun on Monday posing and playing in daddy's cornfield. James

Arthur, who farms with Arthur Farms, reports that all of their crops are in good shape, but maybe a little behind. Especially in areas out of Clark County where they farm, it was too cold and too wet and those areas are a little farther behind. This field had some corn in it that was chest high to James, who stands six foot, two inches tall.

"We're sitting in pretty good shape right now with the corn and I'm guessing one will find a lot of fields taller than knee high by the Fourth of July," said agronomy specialist Mark Rosenberg of the Aberdeen Extension Regional Center. "Some fields are pretty advanced and could be hip high or higher in some cases by next week. We've had very adequate moisture this growing season, and to my knowledge, your area in Clark County hasn't had any major hail events unlike Spink and Brown counties to the west and north."

Corn being knee high by the Fourth of July in Clark County has been the norm for some time now and 2014 will have most fields with at least knee high corn.

Small grains

"The small grains are looking good. We're turning the corner on spring wheat going into the reproductive stage," continued Rosenberg. "The rains we've had will help heading into head development with the wheat. Wheat is doing well, but there is always the issue with wet weather disease problems. Head scab comes to mind in what to be watching for, especially since we're on the wet side, infections can present themselves and will have an effect on yields, if the situations are right," said the agronomy specialist.

Soybeans

We've seen some pretty good emergence with the soybeans Rosenberg reported, stating that the soybeans look good with good development overall. "We've had

Corn

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Clark Rural Water serves up a successful open house



The Clark Rural Water System Treatment Plant open house was held on Friday. CRW plant manager Terry Kaufman, pictured in the middle, said the day went very well and the new plant has been working well, with great water.

This new treatment plant, located six miles south of Clark, has been up and running since October, 2012. Instrumental in this CRW building project are from left, retired CRW manager Duane Stokes, engineer Ryan Norman, representing the DGR engineering firm, Kaufman; Jack Madsen and Dominick Grenz, representing general contractor Gil Haugan Construction.

Soft water is something we now take for granted in Clark County, with the new Clark Rural Water Treatment Plant up and running.

Friday was the Clark Rural Water System Treatment Plant open house and a very steady crowd kept coming to tour the facility during afternoon and early evening hours.

"The plant is working great," said CRW general manager Terry Kaufman. "We have great water. We have had to work through minor little glitches, but this plant runs by itself."

Duane Stokes was the CRW manager when this building project began in May of 2009. Stokes retired in March of this year and Kaufman has taken over managerial duties. Diane Burns is the CRW office manager.

CRW board members include: President, Steven Arneson; vice president, Mark McHenry; treasurer, Arlen Boehnke; secretary, Darrell Seefeldt; Marlin Fjelland, Mike Hovde, Ron Hinman, Larry Wasland and Michelle Birkholtz.

At Friday's open house, treatment plant tours were given on the half hour and many county residents toured the water treatment plant.

In a nutshell, CRW employees explained during the tour that lime is a key component in softening hard water. Dry lime is augered from the lime silo into the slaker where water is added and a chemical reaction occurs and it is heated up to 185'. This takes place in an upper tank and once this happens an air valve opens and the lime slurry flows into the day tank of the larger lower tank.

"We average 18, 200-gallon batches a day which takes 1,500 pounds of dry lime a day," explained Kaufman. The lime slurry is then pumped to the clarifier by the two red pumps that are on the west wall of the lime room.

The aireator plays the role of removing any CO₂ or any other raw gases from the water. It is now mixed with the lime slurry in the clarifier, raising the PH to around 10.20, with all the iron, manganese and calcium hardness

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Bruley comes back from broken arm to compete in national rodeo finals

Last winter/spring was a broken arm. This past winter/spring was a regional college championship for Newt Bruley of Willow Lake. A year ago in February, Bruley's left arm was in a cast due to a snowmobile rolling over on him and snapping his arm above the elbow.

After a lot of hard work, this past fall and spring, he earned the points in South Dakota State University's rodeo circuit to become the intercollegiate calf roping champion of the Great Plains Region. Approximately 30 colleges are in the Great Plains Region which includes South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Bruley is the son of Rick and Lisa Bruley of Willow Lake and along with his younger brother Reis, has been in rodeo since his early years in the Pleasant Country 4-H club.

"I probably started riding horse when I was about four or five," said Newt. "I started rodeoing when I was eight or nine years old. I did breakaway roping, flag racing and goat tying."

"Now I stick to calf roping and team roping. Since college started I've been roping with Tanner Cross of Woonsocket. Next year I'll be roping with Marshall Peterson from Nebraska. We do 10 rodeos a year for college rodeo, five in the fall and five in the spring."

When a junior and senior in high school at Willow Lake, he participated in the Amateur Rodeo circuit, Little Britches rodeos, a junior rodeo association and high school rodeo. This past winter, he's started the Pro-Rodeo circuit as well.

"Going to the national rodeo was a good experience," noted Bruley. "It was fun to rope against guys who rope so well. The competition was tough. Eleven regions competed in Casper, Wyo. at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), held indoors at the Casper Event Center."

Bruley said he would have liked to have done better there, but he accomplished what he set out to do. "I went there to rope," he said.

Bruley was awarded a Cactus trophy saddle for winning the calf roping championship in the Great Plains Region, before heading to



Newt Bruley and his quarter horse mare named 'Fancy' recently returned from competing at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. To earn his way there, Bruley won the Great Plains Region Calf Roping championship in the SDSU Intercollegiate circuit.

Bruley competes in about 40 rodeos a year in calf roping and team roping and started the pro-circuit this winter. A junior at SDSU in General Agriculture, his plans are to come back home and farm and to eventually train professional rodeo horses.

the college nationals. Fancy In high school, Bruley rode a quarter horse mare named 'Split'. Upon graduation in 2012, he received a new horse named 'Fancy' as a gift from his parents, who both have participated in rodeos themselves over the years.

Bruley

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