

TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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June 30	74	61	.18
July 1	72	58	0
July 2	68	54	tr
July 3	76	54	0
July 4	81	61	.12
July 5	84	61	.47
July 6	68	50	0
2015 precipitation to date	11.07"		
2014 precipitation to date	10.52"		

Garden City Alumni Reunion is Saturday

The Garden City All-School Reunion will be held at the United Methodist Church in Garden City on July 11, 2015. The social hour will be at the Garden City Town Hall.

The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

Calcutta Tournament is this weekend

This week is a golfing highlight of the Clark Municipal Golf Club summer with the Calcutta running Thursday through Saturday. Note that it has been moved up a day from traditional scheduling.

The scramble will begin on Thursday along with practice rounds being played all day. The tourney begins Friday and ends on Saturday afternoon.

Rotary Baseball Tourney starts Friday

The Clark Rotary Legion Baseball Tournament is this weekend at Dickinson Park. The eight-team tourney begins at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes with the championship tilt at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Teams participating include: Clark-Willow Lake, Volga, Milbank, Aurora, Miner-McCook, Atwater, Minn., Gettysburg and Moberge.

Youth 'Step Outside' event to be held

A 'Clark County Step Outside' day is planned for Thursday, July 16, at the Clark Rural Water gravel pit, six miles south of Clark.

"It will be a great day for all kids ages 8 to 17," said Clark County Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Kyle Lenzner.

Youngsters will learn trap shooting, archery and working with hunting dogs.

Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head Clue #1

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is again having the Mystery Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head contest in conjunction with Potato Day on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Clue #1: About this Potato Day couple: We have so much to say - They like to work, they love to play. And their favorite holiday is Clark's Potato Day!

Send answers to: Cassi Bloom, 604 S. Smith St., Clark, SD 57225.

Clark County Rainfall	
6/30 - 7/6	*Bradley .30"
*Crocker .72"	
	*Garden City .50"
*Raymond 1.28"	
	*Henry 1.05"
*Clark .77"	
	*Vienna .70"
*Carpenter 1.50"	
	*Willow Lake .75"

El Nino expected to affect July climate

The latest climate outlook for July 2015 continues to indicate wetter and cooler conditions for the central U.S. - including most of South Dakota.

According to the June 30 National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center update, average temperatures for July are more likely to lean cooler than the normal in a large area from New Mexico and Texas to the Great Lakes region. "All of South Dakota is included in this area on the updated forecast map," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards added that the Pacific Northwest and southeastern states are trending towards temperatures that are warmer than normal in the month ahead.

The update projects a large area of the U.S. to be wetter than normal in July, with the highest probabilities in the states of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. This area also covers the southern two-thirds of South Dakota.

Drier conditions are favored in the Pacific Northwest and the Gulf Coast regions. "The summer season can be challenging for precipitation, as oftentimes thunderstorms emerge and can produce co-

pious amounts of rain in a localized area," Edwards said.

This July forecast does weigh the first week or two of the month more heavily than the last two weeks where forecast skill can diminish quickly, Edwards explained.

For the month ahead, drought is not much of a concern as the forecast for cool and somewhat wet conditions continues. "There is a small area of moderate drought in the southeast part of South Dakota, but this area has greatly diminished in size since early May," Edwards said.

She added that it is unlikely any long term, excessive heat waves will impact the state in the month ahead as well. "So crops and gardens could do well in the coming weeks," she said.

A look back at June 2015

This cool and wet pattern over the central states is consistent with the typical summertime El Nino impacts. "The temperature outlook for July, in particular, has been very consistent in most of the climate models in the last few weeks," said Dennis Today, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist. "Continuing El Nino

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Photo by Jake Leibke

This was the scene last Sunday morning at the Garden City Elevator. Taken around 4:00 a.m., by Jake Leibke, one can see that lightning was very evident.

The weekdays this week look to be moderately cool, with a very warm weekend forecasted.

Dry is the norm for this time of year and it looks as

if starting next week, that is what it is going to be.

Looking at the moisture map for the week, Carpenter, Raymond and Henry all received over an inch, with Crocker, Clark, Vienna and Willow Lake receiving about three-quarters of an inch.

It is now "Dakota Style Field" at Dickinson Park

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher started the July city council meeting with the comment, "It's been an interesting couple of weeks." That comment also is a very appropriate description of the Monday night meeting.

Security cameras at the CCR run and a name change to the field at Dickinson Park were the top two items of interest at the meeting, but what prompted the mayor's comments was the chip sealing of the down town area last Thursday, July 2.

"I'm not really happy...with the

abuse handed out to the city employees," said Dreher, but then he added that he would curb his tongue, but he was frustrated that no one approached him about this subject. No more information was given as to what was said to whom, regarding the chip sealing.

Cameras at CCR run

The Clark County Riders (CCR) hosted their motorcycle event the last weekend of June at the Clark County Fairgrounds, on the edge of Clark.

A handful of CCR members were in attendance at Monday's meeting,

as group secretary Larry Neilson stated, "to answer questions."

At the core of this discussion was the fact that security cameras were put up at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, prior to the event. The cameras came down on Friday per Sheriff Rob McGraw's request, due to complaints and opposition, as his phone was ringing off the hook, but the CCR group was in attendance to show and voice their opposition to cameras.

"We have many professionals, etc., with reputations and these reputations need to be maintained

and this (security cameras) is intimidation," said Neilson. "Our clientele is not the problem."

City of Clark police chief Jeremy Wellnitz explained that it was the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation who placed the security cameras on Wednesday.

"We've talked about this before," Wellnitz told the CCR group. "I was open to why they were put up," Wellnitz continued that intelligence had gained that outlaw motorcycle gangs were coming and he mentioned that the Hell's Angels have a presence in Watertown and that

another known outlaw biker gang, the Sons of Silence, from Minnesota, are looking to get into South Dakota."

Said CCR member Chad Smidt, "We've done this for 33 years and we haven't had an issue. We haven't had a problem."

"This isn't about the CCR," Wellnitz stated. "It's all about in the last couple of months we've been told of these gang members coming. We don't want this clientele in our town. It is a safety issue. We have

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Memories are made as are re-connections at C.H.S. Alumni All School Reunion, 2015

The Clark Alumni All-School Reunion pulled off another very successful all-school reunion, highlighted by the banquet last Friday night at the Clark High School gym.

"It went off without a hitch and things went very smoothly," said Sharon Larson, the CHS Alumni secretary/treasurer.

Banquet emcee Terry Schlager entertained the crowd with his stories and jokes before handing off the microphone to Clark Mayor Larry Dreher and Luanne Warren for their

respective 'welcomes'. Greg Furness gave his power point presentation of 'years gone by'.

Barb Desnoyers directed the Clark High School alumni choir, as three songs were done by the chorus.

Above, this was the scene just prior to the start of the C.H.S. Alumni Banquet.