



**School Starts In:**  
 Henry:  
 Wed. (today), August 17  
 Clark:  
 Wed., August 24  
 Willow Lake:  
 Tues., September 6

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

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## Soybeans really benefited from the recent rains

▲ Winter wheat turned out better than expected due to a dry June

Clark County's local elevator managers are all in consensus that this year's winter wheat harvest quality was pretty good this year. "Yields are down from last year on both winter and spring wheat, but the quality looked good on both," noted Jeff Olson of the Clark County Farmers Elevator. "It got awful dry there for a while which affected the spring wheat especially. I'd say maybe it was off 15% from last year's harvest."

Olson estimated the winter wheat results in the 60-90 bu/acre range and spring wheat - 40-65. Both spring wheat and winter wheat harvest are pretty much done around here he added. "The beans have hung on pretty good through the dry spell," he continued and with the good shot of rain last week in the county (two to three inches south of town and in the Raymond area) it will definitely help the soy-

beans. "For some of the corn though, it's probably too late," he ended.

### Rainfall

"It seemed this growing season the rainfall was very sporadic in who received the needed rainfall," ended Olson.

Unusually high temperatures and windy days combined in June with only 1.31 in rainfall in 2016 in Clark. Last year June's rainfall was 3.83.

Month by month rainfall totals for 2015 were: January - .33; February - .18; March - .08; April - .90; May - 5.16; June - 3.83; July - 3.66 and August - 4.19.

So far for rainfall totals in 2016, they were recorded as: January - .40; February - .92; March - .22; April - 2.51; May - 2.56; June - 1.31; July - 2.94 and to date in August through the 15th, 3.62.



September through December rainfall/moisture in 2014 was 2.18. In 2015 it was 3.27.

### Soybeans

"It's been said that August weather either makes or breaks the soybean crop," agreed Karki. "With

two to four inches being reported last week in the county it's a definite positive for the soybean crop. Right now the soybeans are at the early filling stage, which is a great time to get those good rains," added David Karki, South Dakota State University agronomy specialist.

In his travels in the county in the Eden Township and Raymond Township areas, he thought the crops looked good, depending on the sporadic rains received. "One field can look good, then another two miles down the road, in some fields - not so good."

### Corn

Continued Karki, "The corn is anywhere from the milk stage to the soft dough stage right now.

"In the lighter soils, with less water retention, the crops will be drier with an earlier harvest," he estimated.

### Wheat

"The winter wheat turned out better than what I thought with it being so dry in June," noticed Karki. "I've heard 60-90 bu/acre on the winter wheat. The spring wheat

### Soybeans

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 9.....	88	63	0
Aug. 10.....	90	65	2.42
Aug. 11.....	80	63	1.00
Aug. 12.....	77	60	0
Aug. 13.....	76	56	0
Aug. 14.....	78	57	.10
Aug. 15.....	78	60	0
2016 precipitation to date			14.48
2015 precipitation to date			15.60

## Area lakes are refilled last week

Some official and some not so official rain reports in the area ranged from five inches of rain to just under two inches.

This rain was badly needed in the county and beyond, as rain was running behind this summer and crops, although looking good, were in dire need of moisture.

Henry had a five inch rain and correspondent Judy Kos stated that crops and gardens alike were in need and now, almost a week later, look healthy again.

The city of Clark received 3.52" total for the week, with 2.42" coming last Wednesday night and an inch the following night. One-tenth of an inch of rain fell on Monday.

The only spot reporting hail was Fred Obermeier, at Crocker. Obermeier reported "a few hailstones" and 3.44" total for the week.

Raymond was badly in need of moisture and Wednesday's 3.50" brought about many smiles and grins.

Vienna received 3.2" for the week, leading the way in the southern part of the county, but many spots in the southern region had received rain in the last two weeks, with many other spots in Clark County

being shut out.

Scott Finstad, at Bradley, reported 2.10" for the week and Alan Luckhurst said that Garden City received 1.90". "We've been dry all summer," said Luckhurst.

There is a 50 percent chance of rain for this Thursday night into Friday and though the area has received ample rain, this time of year, by most accounts, it is very welcome.

Clark County Rainfall 8/9 - 8/15	
*Bradley 2.10"	
*Crocker 3.44"	
*Raymond 4.35"	*Garden City 1.90"
*Clark 3.52"	*Henry 5.04"
*Carpenter 2.75"	*Vienna 3.20"
	*Willow Lake 2.40"

## Clark Veterinary Service is now Midwest Veterinary Service

Midwest Ag has purchased Clark Veterinary Service from Dr. Ted and Kim Warkenthien. The sale went final recently.

Owned by Cindy Burrell, Midwest Veterinary Service, a division of Midwest Ag, will employ four individuals, including two veterinarians.

Rachel Livermore, DVM and Rebecca Rink, DVM are the two veterinarians at Midwest Veterinary Service. Kathryn Pommer and Chuck Tollefson round out the staff.

Midwest Ag Supply started in Watertown, in 1995. A second store was opened in Aberdeen, in 2011.

"Ted put customers first. We plan to carry on that tradition," said Burrell and she then talked of the building plans along with Chris Bartelt, the Midwest Ag general manager.

"What impressed us was the low-stress working, premier for northeast South Dakota, that Ted and Kim built," said Bartelt.

Building construction is taking place at Midwest Veterinary Service. This new remodel will also feature a small animal examina-



Clark Veterinary Service is now Midwest Veterinary Service, owned by Cindy Burrell, right. Midwest Veterinary Service, a division of Midwest Ag bought this business from DVM Ted and Kim Warkenthien.

Two veterinarians, DVM Rachel Livermore and DVM Rebecca Rink, Practice Manager, are on the staff of Midwest Veterinary Service. Midwest Veterinary Service will also continue being the Purina Feeds dealer.

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## Pool to close this Saturday

The Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool, in Clark, will close its doors for the season, this Saturday, Aug. 20.

August is always a great month at the swimming pool and Jake Wirkus, 7, left and Blake Lenzen, 9, were taking advantage last Friday, of some of these nice summer days. Wirkus is the son of Shane and Jenni Wirkus and Lenzen is the son of Jessica Lenzen and Jeremy Elsen.

As schools and colleges start the fall term, swimming days come to a close.

## City of Clark continues with annexation process

The Clark City Council held a special meeting, Wednesday, August 10, with the 'Clark Annexation Study' as the main topic of business.

First District Association of Local Governments Executive Director Todd Kays led the hour-long 2016 City of Clark Annexation Study report. The city implemented First District's aide in increasing the city's boundaries, especially along U.S. Highway 212, both on the east and west ends.

It is the City of Clark's desire to annex in the Big C Travel Plaza, owned by Clark Community Oil Co., as well as the Midwest Veterinary Service, formerly Clark Veterinary Service, both on the east edge of Clark, south of US Highway 212.

Whatever else the city has in mind for annexation purposes, the process will start with the Tuesday, Sept. 6 meeting. It will most likely be a six-month process. At the Aug. 10 meeting the city accepted the survey resolution, so now decisions will be made in upcoming meetings as to which more, if any, areas will be annexed into the City of Clark.

Kays was asked by the council, earlier in 2016, to show potential annexation areas and last week he identified three areas, with sub areas and he specified, in each, the: 1) cost of providing services; 2) potential revenue from services

and taxes; and subsets. He also showed maps of these specific areas to the council, in Areas A, B and C.

Conclusions listed by Kays:

◆ Many of the proposed areas to be annexed have for many years been, functionally, a part of the City. Residents and businesses outside of the City have benefited from the provision of city services i.e., water, sanitary sewer, police protection and access to city facilities such as streets, parks and libraries.

◆ Annexation would ensure future development could be properly managed and conducted in a fashion which would enhance the development of the City.

◆ Annexation would provide for regular and non-arbitrary boundaries.

◆ Annexation would provide additional annual property and sales tax revenue for the City - \$63,788 and \$18,050, respectively.

Annexation would provide additional annual water and sanitary sewer user revenue for the City - \$12,282.

◆ In terms of the potential areas of annexation, Area A and Sub-areas B1, B2, C1 and C2 likely represent the best annexation opportunities for the City based on current conditions.

Mayor Larry Dreher asked Kays several ques-

### In other business:

▲ The council approved a tree plan for the dump ground site that abuts the golf course. Four foot evergreens, at \$108.00 per tree were purchased. Plus, more green privacy fence was purchased for the south end of the dump site.

▲ Midwest Ag Products general manager Chris Bartelt introduced himself and stated that Midwest Ag had bought the Clark Veterinary Service and then the talk turned to the fact that Midwest Veterinary Service will be annexed by the city and will have city water and sewer hook-up. Forest Excavating will be providing this service to Midwest Veterinary Service as well as to the new Community Oil convenience store, located directly east of Midwest Veterinary Service.

▲ Council members present included Louann Streff, Andrew Zemlicka, Belinda Hanson and Dennis Larson. Absent were council persons Vicki Orris and Kerry Kline. Also present were Mayor Dreher and finance officer Jackie Luttrell.