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Clark starts 8-25, Willow Lake starts 8-26 & Henry started 8-19

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## Small grain harvest continues; row crops progressing slowly

The rain received late last week was very beneficial to all crops, as moisture was needed and all of the area received at least an inch of rain, or thereabouts, this past week.

"Both the soybeans and the corn are looking good and moving along and a month ago we said we needed a mixture of heat and moisture. We received the moisture, so now we really need the heat units," Kim McGraw, the Clark County 4-H activities program director, said.

McGraw, the former Clark County ag educator was being interviewed about the State Fair, but didn't feel out of line commenting on how the county needs warm weather to get the crop to maturity.

"We still want a cool State Fair week," McGraw jested, but continued that growing degree days are still needed, as we have had a fairly cool, comfortable summer.

### State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair seems early this year and it is. All but two days of the fair will be in August. The State Fair 2014 runs from August 28 through September 2.

McGraw said her office has pre-registered and entered all eligible livestock. "A lot of Clark County exhibits are going to the State Fair this year," she said. "Clark County 4-H does very well each year at the fair. We have high quality livestock and very good static exhibits."



The hay crop has been deemed above average this summer in Clark County, and it seems as if we need rain in the county, just put some hay on the ground. Whether or not that was the case,

the county received a very welcome rain last week. Now, one and all in the ag sector are looking for heat units to try and catch up this growing season.

### Small grains

Jeff Olson, at Clark County Farmers Elevator said the small grain crop is 'pretty decent'. "Winter wheat came in at 65-90 bushels an acre, and the winter wheat harvest is pretty much done," said Olson. "As far as the spring wheat, the yields are pre-

### Harvest (continued on page 6)

Clark County Rainfall 8/12 - 8/18	*Bradley 1.60"
*Crocker 1.02"	*Garden City 1.50"
*Raymond .90"	*Clark 1.44"
*Carpenter 1.50"	*Henry .90"
	*Vienna 2.50"
	*Willow Lake 3.50"

## Gail Thompson is new Henry School business manager



Gail Thompson, a familiar face in the Henry area, is the new Henry School business manager. Formerly Gail Johnson, a Henry High School graduate in 1982, she looks forward to her new career as the school's business manager.

manager of the Henry School. Dianne Easthouse formerly held this position for 40 years and Thompson remembers buying her lunch ticket from Easthouse when she started at 'the big school' in Henry in fifth grade.

Thompson who back in the day was Gail Johnson and attended all 13 years of school in Henry, recalls Easthouse's help back then and really appreciates her help now.

"Dianne's been fantastic," said Thompson. "Her training and information has been invaluable. I'm trying to absorb as much as I can, as fast as I can. Dianne made this school run all these years and that is quite an accomplishment. She's been great and a huge help in this transition."

Along with being the business manager, Thompson's position also includes being the school's receptionist and secretary and handling

**Thompson**  
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With a new school year, comes a new face in the office of the business manager at the Henry School for

2014-2015.

Gail Thompson of Henry started her job on June 1, 2014 as business



## Splash, splash at the Kiddie Pool

As summer comes to an end, so does the swimming season at the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool in Clark. The pool will close sometime this weekend as the lifeguards and basket workers go back to school next week.

Shown above having fun at the Kiddie Pool, splashing away are, from left to right, Archer Lenzen, Wyatt Schlagel and Paisley Schlagel, who were

brought to the pool by their daycare provider Jorgan Jager. "It's been a good year but it's been more of a cool year for July and August which are usually hot around here," added Lonna DesLauriers, pool manager, suggesting that the pool sees better numbers the hotter it is. The high for the day on Friday was 82° at the pool, the day this picture was taken.



## City drainage project nearing completion on 5th Ave. N. E.

A drainage project on 5th Ave. N. E. in Clark is nearing completion. This project has been talked about and planned for some time and city of Clark road superintendent Roger Collins said that it will be entirely done within the month, weather permitting.

Located between N. Cloud St. and N. Kansas St., Collins stated that the ditches have been sloped and a valley (concrete) gutter is now in place.

"The ditches were so uneven and the water would pool," stated Collins. "Now it gets in the valley gutter and it's gone."

Pictured above in the earlier stages of this project are, left to right, city employee Tyler Silkman, Northwestern Energy field manager Warren Brandlee and Elite Concrete contractor Jake Leibke, who was hired by the city to do this drainage work.

"What is left to do is the filling in and the covering of the ditches," said Collins.

## Henry School is now open; Clark and Willow Lake will open early next week

It's back to school time! All three area schools, Clark, Willow Lake and Henry will have begun by the time next week's paper has been published. Sports practices have begun in earnest. Volleyball games and football games will start at the end of August. The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones have both a football game and a volleyball tournament before Labor Day this year.

As in-services are held, new faculty interviews and photos will occur, and be published shortly thereafter.

### Clark

Classes will resume at Clark School Monday, August 25, with teacher in-service scheduled for today (Wednesday), Aug. 20 for all staff. New superintendent Luanne Warren said that between now and the opening of school doors next Monday, that it's really one giant in-service, with meetings and group discussions going on daily.

New faculty members for 2014-15 include: Megan Baule - Honor/AP English, Elementary PE; Corrine Kallemeyn - HS English/ One

Act Play; Tim Page - Machine Tool; Elizabeth Wookey - Science/Spanish II; Claire Mohr - MS teacher/ Oral Interp; Taylor Wieseler - first grade teacher; Sara Enstad - fourth-eighth grade teacher, Fordham; Bobbie Uecker - sixth-eighth grade teacher, Hillcrest, BBB cheer coach; Colleen Juntunen - sixth-eighth grade teacher, Silver Lake.

Mary Nelson is the new Clark School business manager. Superintendent Warren stated that she is very pleased to have hired all personnel, certified and classified, in a timely manner this summer.

### Willow Lake

Willow Lake is the last area school to open its doors, on Tuesday, August 26. The Willow Lake School in-service is tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 21.

New staff members are: Brandon Stahl - sixth grade, assistant football coach, JH boys BB coach; Emily Bastian - K-12 special education teacher, head volleyball coach; Pauline Lewis - Collins Colony teacher; Lucy Vandersnick - Mayfield Colony teacher; Lukas Anderson - Science

teacher; Jamie Frysle - English, Spanish teacher; Eric Stevens - JH Math teacher, PE, Technology; Cheryl Bratland - 1/2 time janitor, 1/2 time kitchen; Brooklyn Schmidt - paraprofessional.

### Henry

Classes have already begun at Henry, as school started yesterday, August 19. New staff members (pictured on page 8) include: Brit-tany Petrik - fourth grade teacher; Nancy Hirsch - elementary special education teacher; Nicholas Ernst - social studies teacher.

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Aug. 12.....	76	52	0
Aug. 13.....	79	55	0
Aug. 14.....	68	62	1.24
Aug. 15.....	77	63	0
Aug. 16.....	73	65	0
Aug. 17.....	78	59	tr
Aug. 18.....	78	58	20
2014 precipitation to date	12.83"		
2013 precipitation to date	16.26"		