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## Klaudt is the new school leader at Willow Lake



Scott Klaudt, originally from McIntosh is looking forward to his position as Willow Lake's new superintendent. He will also be the special education director and the principal of the three colonies that are a part of the school system, the Shamrock, Mayfield and Collins Colonies. Klaudt was the kindergarten through eighth grade teacher at the Shamrock Colony for the 2012-13 year. Student growth and student achievement is his philosophy going into the new school year. "It's all about the kids," says Klaudt.

Scott Klaudt is the new superintendent and colony principal and special education director starting the 2013-14 school year at Willow Lake Schools.

"I appreciate the school board being behind us as we guide our school into the future with technology utilizing laptops and iPads," says Klaudt. "This generation has

grown up never being without computers, we need to keep enhancing that. I want our students to become technologically advanced in preparing for their future. Whether it be at post secondary school or in the work force, we need to keep up with the technology that's out there. I'll admit, I'm still a little 'old school'. My seven year old grandson can run my smart phone probably bet-

ter than I can. I didn't grow up with computers and cell phones but his generation has. We all have to learn how to live with the newer technology.

"In phases, we are moving towards moving into the 'Mac' world (Macintosh computers). We hope to set up the elementary with more iPads and the upper grades with their own laptops. We have some now and students use whichever one they need."

Scott and his wife Kelly moved to Willow Lake this past July. They previously lived in Woonsocket for the last 11 years. Kelly is a nurse who works at the Prairie View Care Center in Woonsocket as their MDS Coordinator as well as their quality control and infection control manager. The couple has four children, Josh, 27, Sarah, 25, John, 24 and Harley who is 21 years old. They have three grandsons, Jerritt, Tyson and Ryker.

Scott admits to being an avid Vikings fan as one can tell by the decor in his office. Over the years he's coached football, basketball and track and has served as an athletic director.

Scott grew up in McIntosh, where he graduated from high school in 1981. He attended Northern State University where he earned his elementary education degree in 1988. He enjoyed playing football, at NSU. He earned his Masters in school administration from the Uni-

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## Swimming pool has closed for the season

Enjoying the last full week at the Horace Bennett Memorial swimming pool in Clark, area children took advantage of their free time before the start of school.

Jumping into the pool simultaneously were, left to right, Ashley Dailey who is 12, seven-year-old Madison Pickrel and nine-year-old Dylan Wray, all of Clark.

Skylar Welk, also a Clark student is in the background. Skylar brought Zoey Helkenn (hidden) to the pool that day for some afternoon fun.

Last Sunday was the final day for the pool to be open as classes started at area schools on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

# Average freeze date for City of Clark is October 4

With the delayed planting and cool July temperatures, we are getting some questions about fall freeze dates. Many field crops, such as corn, will be pushing maturity right around the average fall freeze date this year.

There are no correlations between cool August temperatures and the fall freeze date. For example, it is possible to have a cool August and a late freeze, or a warm August and an early freeze. At this time, it is too early to forecast a specific freeze or frost date this fall. The map here shows the average date by which a fall freeze (28° F) has occurred in the recent 30-year period of 1974-2003.

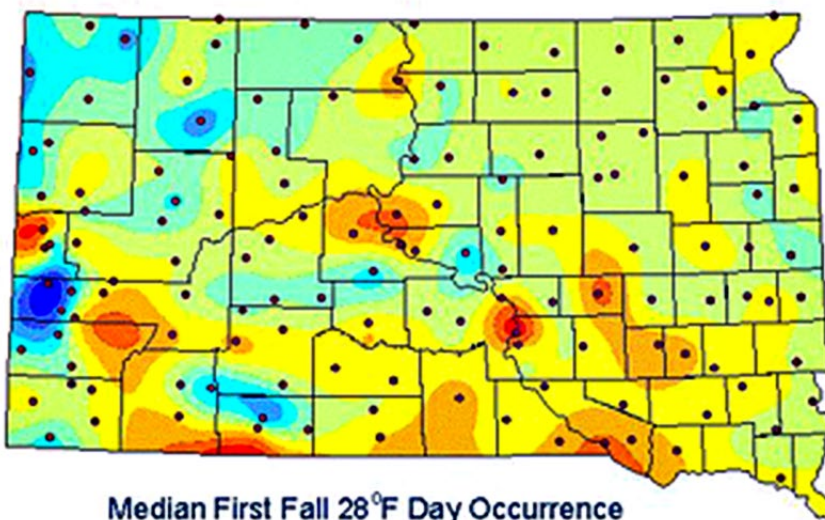
Certainly the cool weather slowed down crop growth during the last few weeks, such as in corn, but the benefit has been reduced impact from the dry conditions over the same period. In the northeast part of the state, one of the driest ar-

reas has been Brown and Edmunds counties. Some locations are about 2 inches of rainfall below average for the last 30 days. Crop water use has been reduced due to the below average temperatures, so substantial drought stress has not been evident yet.

This is a growing concern now, however, as rain is needed to fill pods in soybeans and grain fill in corn. By most accounts, pollination has been good, but now those crops need some moisture in the next few weeks.

The forecast for the next week shows warming throughout most of the state, returning to near average temperatures for this time of year. This will help with the progression of crop growth as GDDs accumulate faster, but we may see more drought stress as rainfall will be spotty and in limited amounts.

50% probability that the first fall 28° F temperature will occur on or before this day (1974-2003)



Median First Fall 28° F Day Occurrence

- 09/06 - 09/10
- 09/11 - 09/15
- 09/16 - 09/20
- 09/21 - 09/25
- 09/26 - 09/29
- 09/30 - 10/04
- 10/05 - 10/09
- 10/10 - 10/14
- 10/15 - 10/19
- 10/20 - 10/23

**Crop Progress and condition**  
By Jack B. Davis, CPA  
USDA's NASS South Dakota Field Office reported corn condition

fell 4 points in the good to excellent condition with 70% rated good to excellent in South Dakota. The U.S. corn condition held even with last

week to finish the week with 64% in the good to excellent condition. The soybean condition also stayed even for the week with 64% at good to ex-

cellent for the U.S. crop. The 2013 crops are in good condition but are below average in progress.

The U.S. corn crop is 5% dented behind the 5 year average of 17%. The five year average for the key states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota are 26, 13, 5, 17, and 5 percent respec-

**Freeze date**  
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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 13.....	72	52	0
Aug. 14.....	72	51	0
Aug. 15.....	71	51	0
Aug. 16.....	68	49	0
Aug. 17.....	78	58	0
Aug. 18.....	78	61	0
Aug. 19.....	81	63	0
2013 precipitation to date	16.26"		
2012 precipitation to date	13.91"		



## Class of 2026 starts kindergarten

Lucas Zemlicka, five-year old son of Andrew and Melissa Zemlicka, Clark, has that look in his eye that he is ready, willing and able to start kindergarten class. His brother Ethan, two, in his mom's arms, has a couple more years before he will be starting school.

Lucas is left handed and his right arm is in a cast, but not for long. His cast could be off by the time

the *Courier* is published. Lucas' first task when he got to school was to make an 'L' out of his pencils. It should be noted that Clark will have two kindergarten classes this fall as there will be 29 students. Teachers Melissa Nesheim and Stephanie Hagstrom will have 15 and 14 students respectively.

## Drs. Stangohr and Sorensen now on duty at Clark Veterinary Service

Assisting DVM Ted Warkenthien at the Clark Veterinary Service are DVM Heidi Sorensen of Watertown and DVM Charlie Stangohr of Clark.

DVM Heidi Sorensen has been at Clark Vet Service for about 20 months, working on a part-time basis on Tuesdays and Fridays. She also works in Watertown in her field of expertise.

Originally from Dell Rapids, she attended the University of Sioux Falls getting a double major in biology and chemistry and finished up at Iowa State for her veterinary training.

DVM Sorensen lives in Watertown with her husband Mark and the couple have two children, Jim who is 16 and Trevor who is 13 years old.

DVM Charlie Stangohr also finished up his veterinary training at Iowa State after attending South Dakota State University majoring in animal science. He grew up working with cattle on their family farm near Howard and continues to enjoy working with them full-time as he started employment shortly after graduation this spring at Clark Vet service.

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Heidi Sorensen and Charlie Stangohr are assisting as Daisy the Golden Retriever gets her rabies and distemper shots as routine maintenance at the Clark Veterinary Service in Clark.

DVM Sorensen is at the clinic on Tuesdays and Fridays specializing in small animal practice.

DVM Stangohr's area of expertise is with cattle mainly and he just started at the vet clinic this spring, right out of Iowa State Veterinary School, where Sorensen also graduated.