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**TOP
of the Week**

WEATHER
Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

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July 30	72	58	tr
July 31	74	54	.19
Aug. 1	74	54	0
Aug. 2	71	53	0
Aug. 3	72	50	.05
Aug. 4	71	54	.19
Aug. 5	75	61	0
2013 precipitation to date	16.26"		
2012 precipitation to date	13.02"		

Clark's blood drive is Monday, August 19

Clark's blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lions and Lionesses will be Monday, August 19, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Clark from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 or 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. All donors receive a free cholesterol test with every blood donation.

Helkenn urges residents to be heroes and make time to save lives, suggesting that those who are not able to donate recruit others in their place.

School pages are featured this week

All three area schools are running their respective school pages this week regarding the soon-to-be starting 2013-14 school year.

Brian Heupel returns as the Clark School superintendent and Steve Zirbel returns at Henry. Scott Klautdt will be the new superintendent at Willow Lake and look for a story about him in an upcoming edition.

Both Clark and Willow Lake will open school doors on Monday, August 19, 2013. Henry opens the following day.

A new teacher feature story of the new educators at all three schools will also be coming.

Clark Traders play Thursday at State

The Clark Traders amateur baseball team will play the last game of the first full day of games at the State B Tournament, in Sioux Falls.

The state tourney opens Wednesday with two games slated. The Traders play Salem at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. The tourney runs through Sunday, August 18.

City Golf Tourney is this Sunday

This Sunday, August 11, is the date for the Clark Golf Club City Tournament. There will be a Mens tourney and a Womens tourney with senior divisions in both tournaments.

This is Sturgis Bike Rally week

It seems as if there are more motorcycles than ever on the road this year. Maybe it's because more cyclists are using U.S. Highway 212 to get to the Sturgis Bike Rally this year.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally officially began Monday and runs until Sunday, August 11.



Clark Potato Day continues to be a HUGE success

The 22nd Annual Clark Chamber of Commerce Potato Day continues to be a huge day for the community. Huge is a good adjective to describe the 2013 Clark Potato Day. "The weather really cooperated and every event seemed to have 'huge crowds'," said Chamber co-chairperson Melanie Smith.

Smith said Saturday was a good day for everyone involved. "The restaurants had a great day, all the various shows, etc., were very well received. Even after 22 years, we had

a great day."

The day started off cool, but by Mashed Potato Wrestling time, things had warmed up nicely.

At left, Sarah Weisbrod and Emma Adam were having some fun preparing the mashed potatoes for the wrestling event. At right, Alayna Merkel enjoys the inflatables at Dickin-son Park.

Senior Features of 2013

Lorna Burke moved four miles north of Carpenter in the 1940's



Lorna Mae (Monk) Burke was born on a farm home in Pipestone County, Minn., but their address was Ward, S.D. After marrying, an ad in the Pipestone paper offering land for sale with little or no down payment in Clark County brought them here. Lorna and Daryl Burke had five children in seven years time. In Lorna's family there were seven children born in 10 years. "I guess I take after my mother," said Lorna with a smile.

"My grandkids can hardly believe it when I tell them stories of how it was like when I was younger. Like our second house after we were married that we had to clean the cowpits out of as there were cows walking through it with both doors opened out in the country. I wondered why the landlord said there was no key to the house," chuckled Lorna Burke of Willow Lake. "We were young and newly married and just laughed about it at the time."

Lorna Mae Monk was born on April 22, 1929 to Walter and Elizabeth (Hammer) Monk. She was delivered at home on a farm about 16 miles north and a little west of Pipestone, Minn. Her parents had seven children in 10 years, those being Paul, Lorna, Bonnie, Walter, Fred, James and Jean.

"We lost Paul in a car accident

Burke
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Clark County Achievement Days kick off this week, starting today

The Clark County extension office and 4-H members and leaders have been hard at work as they get ready for the upcoming Achievement Days which will be held August 7 and 8. Kim McGraw says, "We are about ready, we have been hauling stuff out there all week." McGraw is the Clark/Spink 4-H advisor.

4-H has gone through a transition in Clark County lately but McGraw stated, "This will pretty much be the same as always. This year we are back to Wednesday and Thursday."

Judges

Foods: June James, Darlene Grant.

Clothing: Diann Steinhauser, Gail Heismeyer.

Home Environment/Place Settings: Pam Hofer, Kara Gollnick.

Visual Arts: Pam Raeder, Deloris Fox, Beth Duerre, Kay Solberg.

Photography: Ann Scheel, Vickie Dreher, Chris Sichmeller.

Horticulture: Diane Grooper.

Electric/Welding/Wood: Bill Luke.



Crops/Eggs/entomology: Don Guthmiller.

Child Development/Hobbies/Collections/Garden Containers: Jeanne Fuller.

Computer/Graphic Arts: Michelle Mehlberg.

Writing/Poster/Curriculum/1st Aid/Misc: Bev Wright.

Goats, sheep, swine and beef: Jeff VanderWal.

Small animals: Mike Grann.

Schedule

Static judging took place on Tuesday, August 6 with the exhibit building scheduled to open at 10:00

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Library, baseball park and golf course are all city hall topics

There was some drama Monday night at city hall. City librarian Sam Hensley, who was hired at the August, 2012 city council meeting, resigned.

But there are many questions concerning this resignation and it was anything but amicable. Because this personnel matter was discussed exclusively in executive session, no details were ascertained.

Two executive sessions were held for this matter at Monday's meeting. The first closed meeting, lasting a half hour, ended with Hensley, in loud voice, leaving the building with her family. From comments made by Hensley during the Public Input portion of the meeting, she felt it was clearly a dismissal from her position and she wanted closure.

The second executive session was held at the end of the meeting. It was brief and following this session, after the council voted unanimously to accept Hensley's resignation, the mayor and council declined any comment.

Dickinson Park improvements

Craig Spieker, representing the Clark Rotary Club, visited with the council about proposed improvements to the baseball facility.

The project will give the baseball stadium a complete makeover when completed and also will improve the infield area of the playing field.

The Clark Rotary Club, through various fundraisers including the signage along the fence, has committed approximately \$25,000 to replace the stadium bleachers, a two-year project.

The City of Clark approved \$9,000 from their park fund to replace the pearock with cement this fall and to help with the take-down of the bleachers.

Both the Clark Rotary Club and the city council felt that these improvements will help to make the baseball field a viable facility for years to come.

2014 golf course needs

Mayor Larry Dreher, with 2014 budget areas being finalized, asked the Clark Golf Club board of directors to come to the council meeting and discuss how the club is doing, "tell us what you need and where you are at." Last year the city helped the golf club with \$30,000 for a pump, so Dreher felt it important for the city and golf club to keep communications open.

Mike O'Neill spoke on behalf of the golf club explaining that the

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SIM is a great learning device

A very effective training device for emergency health care providers was available for Clark County EMT's, Monday night, at the Clark Fire Hall and Ambulance Center.

EMT's from the surrounding towns in Clark County took part in a training exercise call SIM (Simulation In Motion). "This exercise is put on for hospitals, fire departments and ambulance services in

the eastern half of the state to help reinforce their education," stated Clark County Ambulance administrator Pam Grensberg. This exercise is offered to EMT's in this area by the state and has only been used for the last two years, through the Hensley Grant, in South Dakota.

EMT's pictured include, Randy Froke, Colleen Hohm, Toni Goodall and Randy Angermeier.