

**★ TOP
of the Week**

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 5	62	43	0
Sept. 6	65	43	0
Sept. 7	78	46	0
Sept. 8	69	50	0
Sept. 9	68	54	.39
Sept. 10	78	61	0
Sept. 11	79	58	0
2017 precipitation to date	15.55		
2016 precipitation to date	16.04		

PUC public input hearing tonight

The three-member South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the Crocker Wind Farm tonight, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Elementary School. The purpose of the Crocker Wind Farm public hearing is to hear public input comments.

PDR Youth Hunt is next weekend

The 10th annual PDR Disabled Youth Deer Hunt is next weekend, September 22-24, east of Clark. The PDR Hunt is a free white-tail deer hunting weekend for physically disabled youth.

PDR Hunt founder, Dean Rasmussen said, "All the kids have to do after they register on-line and meet state licensing requirements, is get here. We even cover the processing of venison if they harvest a deer."

Land owners in the community of Clark provide access to private land. Volunteers attend to all of the special needs of these hunters. Custom, ground-level, covered blinds are constructed, transportation to and from the field is arranged, meals are planned and accommodations are reserved.

Clark Center church service is Sunday

Clark Center Lutheran Church will hold their annual Preservation Sunday service on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clark Center Church. Pastor Mindy Ehrke will lead the service. Char and Duane Peterson will be singing.

The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. This yearly service is to honor the founders and former members of the church.

Clark Center Lutheran Church is located three miles west, five miles north and 1/2 mile east of Clark. Everyone is welcome to the service and fellowship following.

Commissioners vote down turkey farms

Last week Clark County Commissioners voted 3-2 against granting two conditional use permits to SD Farm Holding 25, LLC. If allowed, the group would have constructed a facility that would have raised more than 20,000 turkeys.

One turkey brood barn would have been built in Elrod Township, slightly more than one mile from the city of Henry and the other facility would have been in Blaine Township, approximately three miles north of Wallace.

SD Farm Holding 25, LLC is working with the Silver Lake Hutterite Colony which owns the land on which the turkey facilities would be located.

Homegrown book highlights the life of well known vintner Jerry Lohr

Jerry Lohr's life was encapsulated in the book *Homegrown*, written by Chuck Cecil for the South Dakota State University Foundation, Brookings. The book was released earlier this year.

The picture on the right is on the cover of the book and also is the last picture of the 215-page biography of Clark County's most noteworthy gentleman.

The photo symbolizes the way he made his legacy in the vineyards of California, while at the same time he never forgot his home state or his college alma mater.

The first third of the book is Lohr family history and details of Jerry's formative years on the farm in Logan Township.

Author Cecil summarizes Lohr's successful life ride in the inside folder: In the 1960s California's central coast had yet to emerge as a premier winegrowing region. With little history or viticultural precedent, growing grapes there was considered a gamble.

Jerry Lohr was one of the first to realize the potential of this now-acclaimed region with the establishment of J. Lohr Vineyards and Wines.

Lohr's California trailblazing emulated his proud Dakota Territory pioneer grandparents who, more than a century before, were pioneering Dakota's farming flatlands.

Born during a January 1937 blizzard in Clark, S. D., a few miles from his forefather's Valley View Farm, Lohr acquired an appreciation and a farmer's love for the land. One of nine 1954 graduates at tiny Logan Consolidated rural school, Lohr headed off to college at South Dakota State University.

A brilliant student, he earned honors and graduated with a Civil Engineering degree in 1958, continuing at California's Stanford University and completing work for a doctorate in Civil Engineering. Fulfilling his Air Force ROTC commitment as a scientist at Ames' National Aeronautics and Space Administration Research Center, he continued as a civilian NASA researcher in the challenges of the approaching Apollo space flights.

Lohr later established his Saratoga Foothills Development Corporation to build custom homes. He also pioneered vineyards in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties and became a strong advocate for the

California wine industry and for his beloved alma mater, South Dakota State University.

With 215 pages and 12 chapters in the *Homegrown* book, an excerpt has been taken from each chapter as a short representation of this book.

Meet an Original

Lohr is a big man, standing more than six feet, five inches tall. His huge hands and his solid handshake leave a distinct and lasting impression. Neither flamboyant nor ostentatious, he is soft-spoken in a controlled manner. He's famous for his smile and his personable, friendly conversation. An inveterate note taker during business meetings, he writes meticulously, sketching out long, grammatically correct sentences with a ballpoint

Lohr

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Jerry Lohr, a 1954 graduate of Logan Consolidated High School and former Clark County resident is known to many because of his J. Lohr wine. Despite worldwide acclaim and great success, Lohr has never forgotten his roots in South Dakota.



City Retention Pond to be completed by October 1

Finalizing the 2018 budget as well as completion plans for the city sewer retention pond were two of the main topics at the September meeting of the Clark City Council, held Thursday, at the Ulyot Building.

The first reading was given for the 2018 budget ordinance and Mayor John Pollock suggested a three percent total increase for the city employees, except for deputy finance officer Rae Jean Flora, who he suggests go from \$16.00 an hour to \$19.00 an hour.

Finance officer Jackie Luttrell then wanted to address the Clark Municipal Golf Course. Luttrell, for budgetary purposes, spoke of leasing both a greens mower and a fairway mower, rather than purchasing these mowers outright.

"We haven't had much luck buying used mowers," said Luttrell and she asked the council if leasing these mowers for \$15,000 for five years and owning them after this five-year agreement program was the way to go. The greens mower costs \$37,500 new and the fairway

mower would cost \$57,000 new.

The consensus of the council was to go ahead with this leasing agreement and it will be acted upon at the October meeting.

Kerry Kline, who is both a city council person and a golf course board member, talked to the council about the clubhouse and what should or shouldn't be done to the clubhouse.

Council person Louann Streff suggested that a certain amount, to be determined by the council, be set aside annually for the clubhouse.

Councilman Brian Cook was then asked about his thoughts about the clubhouse. Cook felt strongly that expansion or addition was not the direction to go, but rather fixing up what already is there. "The building sorely needs maintenance," said Cook.

A resolution, with a \$10,000 annual amount for the golf clubhouse (community) will be voted upon at the October meeting.

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Moes, Sanchez ruled over Homecoming Week

Gabby Moes, left, was named Queen and Mekel Sanchez Marshal, at Clark High School coronation ceremonies, Tuesday, at the C.H.S. gym.

The couple reigned over Homecoming Week, riding in the parade and being recognized at halftime

of the football game.

Coronation was a little different this year, with high school classes lip-synching Disney songs, rather than the usual skits. Disney Movies was the Homecoming theme.



The 2017 royalty candidates for the Willow Lake Homecoming have been selected. Coronation is on Monday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

From left to right in the back row are king candidates Cody Forbes, Wyatt Burke and Zach Mulder and

junior attendant, Mason Burke.

In the second row, left to right are junior attendant Rayanna Warkenthien and queen candidates Alexis Twait, Callie Flemming and Ashlynn Burke.

First grade gift carriers in the front row are Tabor Fawcett and Bennett Pommer.

Willow Lake coronation is Monday

Willow Lake Homecoming activities begin Monday evening as the Homecoming royalty are crowned. Coronation will be on Monday September 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Willow Lake school gymnasium. After coronation, the burning of the WL will take place at the football field.

Queen candidates selected are: **Alexis Twait** is the daughter of Lee and Lisa Twait. Her activities include FFA, plays and CYO.

Callie Flemming is the daughter of Robin Flemming and Gary Flemming. Her activities include basketball, track, oral interp, plays,

National Honor Society, FFA, 4-H and youth ministry.

Ashlynn Burke is the daughter of Ryan and Bobbi Jo Burke. Her activities include plays, FFA, Girls State, National Honor Society and

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Row crops are looking pretty good in mid September

Crops are looking good in Clark County heading to the middle of September.

"The soybeans could use warmer nights than we have been seeing," said SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist David Karki of the Watertown Regional Center.

"The beans are still filling their pods (as of last Thursday)," he continued and added that he had visited this week with state climatologist Laura Edwards and she told him warmer days are coming.

"I really don't know exactly what 'warmer days are coming' means," said Karki, "but I do know that if we have the sunny, warm days that are in the forecast for the next 10 days, it will really benefit the soybean crop."

Karki said that it is way too early to predict yields with both the beans and the corn, but timely rains in Clark County the past two months have fields looking quite nice.

With the good looking crops, the talk led to the inevitable coming, a freeze to end the growing sea-

son, and Karki said that he's an optimist, hoping we will have an average frost this year, sometime around the first week in October.

"No one knows when the first freeze will occur, but if it doesn't happen in the next two weeks, we should have mature beans," he said.

When asked about dicamba drift in the beans, Karki stated that it is an issue, it is a hot topic and does exist in area fields.

"Aphids have not been a problem in soybean fields this year," said the agronomist. "I do think our northeast soybean fields are ahead of the southeast (SD) fields, as far as maturation."

Karki continued, "Talking corn, the fields are looking good as well and I think I can safely say that the corn is in the late dent stage. Corn is not quite physiologically mature, but coming along nicely." Karki did not want to speculate as to when he thought the corn harvest would begin in Clark County. "We're still a

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School to close early on Thursday

Superintendent Luanne Warren announced that due to electrical issues at the high school, school will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

All students will be picked up at

the elementary school on Thursday. The teacher in-service scheduled for Friday will be held at the elementary school and the field house will be closed from Thursday to Sunday.