

## 'Under the Sea' Prom held in Willow Lake on Friday night

Willow Lake High School's junior-senior prom was held Friday, March 28. A crowd of friends, family and community members filled the high school gym to watch the students in their Grand March at 8:00 p.m. Members of Willow Lake's junior class spent last week decorating the gym with the 'Under the Sea' theme. Junior class members attending prom are pictured on the left. From left to right: Masyyn Knock, Ella Vandersnick, Andy Peterson, Brook Villasenor, Emmerson Larson, Cadence Bochek, Ky Vandersnick, Kiersten Cham-

bers, Mato DeNoyer, Zoe Nichols and Cooper Pommer. Pictured on the right are the Willow Lake senior class prom attendees. From left to right: Nora Terhark, Samantha Brenden, Tehya Vig, Ginny Warkenthien, Kaylyn Hofer, Shay Michalski, Kate Larson, Josh Kannegeter, Elliot Bratland and Cayson Bratland.

Photos by Catie K Photography

## Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones girls blaze new horizons in 2025 with softball

By Heather Jordan  
Clark-Willow Lake is joining the fun in 2025, putting together the co-op's first-ever girls' fast-pitch softball team. South Dakota began sanctioning girls' fast-pitch softball in the spring of 2022-23, and now the Cyclones have a full roster, a new coaching staff and high aspirations.

Head Coach Grayson Florey is no stranger to the diamond and brings plenty of passion and strategy to the fledgling squad. "My roots stem from my father," Coach Florey explained. "When I was younger, my father and I would go outside almost every day to work on different drills and play different games. At a young age, I started to play tee ball, and I have played baseball my whole life to even now playing for the Clark amateur baseball team, the Clark Traders. I was excited to hear of the start of this new program and am thrilled to be a part of it."

Florey will be assisted by Raegan Karber, who also has an athletic mindset and a true passion for the game. One could say that it is a 'family affair,' as Grayson and Raegan are a formidable brother-sister duo who will pack a one-two punch this spring. "Softball has always been my favorite sport," Assistant Coach Karber replied. "Growing up, I have many memories of our family traveling to Minnesota and cheering on the Twins multiple times throughout the summer. With having three competitive brothers and dad, we were always out in the yard catching fly balls or playing made up ball games out in the yard."

Karber, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience herself, has spent her fair share of time on the field and in the stands. Raegan explained, "My junior year at Clark, I watched my brother's (and boyfriend at the time) Legion team, and they were short players. Coach Brock Greenfield came to the stands and asked if I could play so the team wouldn't have to forfeit. Long story short, I ended up joining the baseball team that summer and having so much fun with it."

Added Karber, "My summers now are still filled with following the Clark Amateur baseball team, as two of my brothers and husband

play for the team."

With a passionate coaching staff with a wealth of knowledge and field experience, the Cyclones are in capable hands. "I played softball in Clark up 10 ten years old," said Coach Karber. "There was no division available for me to join above that due to not having the numbers of players interested. Luckily, my parents drove me to Watertown to play competitively there."

"Up until my first child three years ago, I played in Watertown, so when I heard the talk of Clark-Willow Lake starting a school team, it was so exciting for me. Also, seeing we have a total of over 20 girls interested is so awesome to see our youth numbers growing! This is such an awesome opportunity for the youth in our town and generations to come!" Raegan exclaimed.

The Cyclones began spring practice on March 17, and with 24 student-athletes, Clark-Willow Lake will be solid in numbers and looking to develop leadership as they go.

"Every position is important for the team's success. However, there are positions that need a strong individual to fill in and provide

leadership to the rest of the team," added Coach Florey. "Positions like the pitcher, catcher, short stop and center fielder all come with a lot of responsibility. We are fortunate to have some players with experience in fast-pitch softball, and we will really look for those girls to lead and support the team in a positive way."

With the quick rise of fast-pitch softball gaining popularity in South Dakota, there are a few key differences between slow-pitch and fast-pitch that are worth noting:

"There are a lot of differences between slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball. In fast-pitch softball, the pitching style is faster and more level. Players can also lead off and steal bases after the ball has left the pitcher's hand. Fast-pitch softball is played with a larger ball compared to slow-pitch and only has nine players on the field instead of ten," explained Coach Florey.

A brand new sport comes fresh goals and expectations.

"Our goal for this season is to build a strong foundation of the sport - working on the proper fundamentals and key components of the game to becoming a successful

team," noted Coach Florey. "Our goal is to learn and get better after every game and see where we are at the end of the season. Hopefully, we can make a run in the playoffs."

The Cyclones will kick off their season at home hosting Florence-Henry on April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Clark.

Coach Florey ended, "We are grateful for the opportunity to start this program for the Cyclones. A few weeks in, we have already seen progress in our athletes. They are strong and determined individuals that are balancing their commitments in the busy springtime. We are excited to see where this season takes us."

### Softball Roster

There are 24 girls in grades 7-12 on the 2025 spring roster including seniors Kaylyn Hofer and Hannah Heiman, juniors Zoe Nichols, Ella Vandersnick and Yeleiney Ramirez, sophomores Kelsey Hofer, Kadee Frankfurth, Johanna Vandersnick and Lily Hartman, freshmen Jordyn Repp, Grady Huber, Kayla Arthur, Alayna Merkel, Kya Kesler, Rylee Pickrel, Macy Ingraham, Ella Sass, Maddie Brenden, Selma Nelson, Coy Nichols and Kayleigh

Nicola and seventh graders Maddie Kadinger, Aimee Verdon and Grace Arthur.

### Softball Schedule

- April 3 vs. Florence-Henry in Clark.....4:00 p.m.
- April 5 vs. Tri: Avon, EPJ @ Pentagon Fields.....1:00 p.m.
- April 8 @ Chester.....4:00 p.m.
- April 10 vs. Milbank in Clark.....4:00 p.m.
- April 14 vs. Kingsbury County @ DeSmet.....4:00 p.m.
- April 22 @ Sisseton.....4:00 p.m.
- April 26 vs. Howard in Clark.....4:00 p.m.
- May 3 @ Redfield Tournament.....10:00 a.m.
- May 12 @ Redfield.....4:00 p.m.
- May 17 @ Castlewood.....9:00 a.m.
- May 19 DVC Tourney @ Colman.....9:00 a.m.
- May 20 vs. Florence-Henry in Florence.....4:00 p.m.
- May 23 vs. Deubrook @ Clark-Willow Lake.....4:00 p.m.
- May 27 SoDak 16...TBD
- June 5-7 State B @ Aberdeen...TBD

## Foster, Waples vying for board member position in Garden City

An election is being held in Garden City for a three-year board member position. Incumbent Marilyn Foster is being challenged by David Waples. The election is Tuesday, April 8.

Each board member candidate was asked questions and their answers follow:

**Please state your present employment and how many years you have lived in Garden City and your involvement in civic and church activities, etc..**

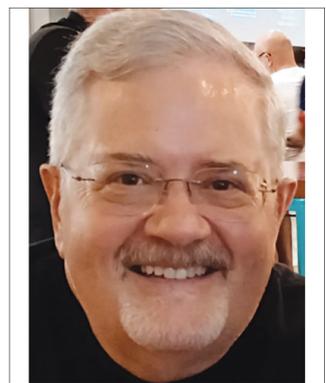
**Marilyn Foster** - I work at Best Western Hotel and Suites of Watertown, Clark County Courier newspaper of Clark, as the correspondent for the Garden City News, and serve as a Garden City Town Board Member.

I am a four-time published author. I created my brand, Marilyn's Way, in 2012. I have run a social media group of 7,000 members for 14 years. I help others with decluttering, homekeeping, self-care, and personal development. I have a website called Marilyn's Way where I have written dozens of articles on the subjects.

I was raised on a farm a mile and a half from Garden City. I attended Garden City Grade School kindergarten through 6th grade, and



Marilyn Foster



David Waples

transferred to Clark for junior high and high school. I attended college, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Marketing at South Dakota State University in Brookings. After college, I moved to Dallas, Texas where I had a career in communications. I moved to Sioux Falls in 1993. About 27 years ago, I moved back to Garden City. I was the church secretary when it was Garden City Methodist Church. On Wednesdays, I take my great-niece and nephew twins to church school in Watertown. I have worked the election boards, state and federal, for the Garden City Precinct. I

am currently a Garden City Town Board Member up for re-election.

**David Waples** - I am currently retired. My family moved to Garden City in 1974, and after graduation and a few jobs, I joined the U.S. Air Force. My family returned here in 1993 and we have been here since then. I have been on the town board previously and am seeking to be elected once again. I have been attending a church in Watertown. I was previously in the Garden City American Legion until its closure.

**Why are you running for the town board position?**

**Marilyn Foster** - In April of

2022, I ran for the town board and won. I immediately began working on the infrastructure. The first project was to get rural water into Garden City. When Jake Liebke became a town board member, together we were able to work with officials and bring rural water into Garden City.

Our other infrastructure is updating the sewer system. The board received a grant to put towards installing a new lift station. I would like to see it through during my second term as a town board member.

**David Waples** - Having served on the board in the past, I feel I am familiar with the operation of the

### Garden City Election (continued on page 6)

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March 28 .....	63	32	0
March 29 .....	69	31	0
March 30 .....	34	29	0.60
March 31 .....	39	21	0
2025 precipitation to date	1.33"		
2024 precipitation to date	1.21"		



## Jump! Into Spring was Saturday

The Clark Area Chamber of Commerce held their third annual Jump! Into Spring event that was held on Saturday, March 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Clark High School. There were four inflatables set up in the field house, bingo in the gymnasium, and a free will donation pizza party meal was offered. Chamber President Lacey Helkenn said, "We are so grateful for the support from the community! We had a great turnout and hope that everyone had a great time." Plans for next year's event are already in the works. "Next year we have plans to add a couple more activities for kids to enjoy as well."

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## 5 years ago-April 2, 2020

These are unprecedented times. Schools are closed. Many businesses are shuttered. People are staying home, not by choice, but by edict. COVID-19 has the United States in a State of Emergency as the coronavirus has spiraled out of control. Currently, there are 140,904 cases in the U.S. and 2,405 deaths. In South Dakota, there are 101 positive cases, 66 active cases, one death, 34 recovered and 3,478 have tested negative. The first case of COVID-19 in Clark County was reported on March 29, according to Clark County COVID-19 Response Team information director Jeremy Wellnitz.

Clark Rural Water is coming to Willow Lake. "It's been kind of a slow process," said Clark Rural Water Systems manager Terry Kaufman of the attaching of Willow Lake to the CRW system. "Now, we're working on various bodies of water between Willow Lake and the Clark plant." This has to be done before the online hookup can be made.

## 10 years ago-April 2, 2015

The Clark FCCLA Chapter held a Families 50's Dance late last month at the Clark High School gymnasium. In attendance were approximately 70 people, parents, grandparents, children and FCCLA members. The night consisted of games, contests, food (at 50's prices) and just good family fun. The purpose of this night

was to promote FCCLA Families First Peer Education Program. This event, along with other family focused activities will be used by Nicole Luttrell, Emily Binger and Lauren Fjelland at the State FCCLA Convention later this month in Sioux Falls.

Clark Rural Water held their 36th annual meeting at the Clark American Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 24. Over 125 members were present to re-elect Steve Arneson, Mark McHenry and Ron Hinman to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Other directors include Darrell Seefeldt of Clark, Arlen Boehnke of Henry, Michele Birkholtz of Willow Lake, Marlin Fjelland of Clark, Mike Hovde of Vienna and Larry Wasland of Wallace. An appreciation "Spirit of Rural Water" plaque was presented to Cliff Dekker from the S.D. Association of Rural Water Systems for his 34 years of service on the CRWS Board of Directors.

## 20 years ago-April 2, 2005

Friday was Clark County Extension Educator Delores Henderson's last day on the job. She has retired after 25 years with this position. An open house in Henderson's honor was held Friday afternoon at the Clark County Courthouse and Friday evening at the Ulyot Building in Clark. Henderson said that she and her husband, Earl plan on doing some traveling in retirement. They have two grown children; Kirk is in medical school in Minneapolis,

and Kristi is a computer training specialist in Sioux Falls.

Jennifer Warkenthien, a senior at Willow Lake High School, has been named the 2005 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year. This award honors the top high school student-athletes for their athletic performance as well as their achievements in the classroom and overall character. Jennifer is the daughter of Loren Warkenthien of Willow Lake.

## 40 years ago-April 2, 1985

The Willow Lake Ambulance Squad has completed their CPR and Choking Course for the community. The following have successfully completed the course: Duane Seefeldt, Reneta McFerran, Harley McFerran, Pam Dreher, Vesta Harms, Kathy LaBay, Cindy Bratland, Chad Bratland, Mary Hovde, Shirley Siebrands, Floyd Mundhenke and Loris Kannegieter. The course was taught by Red Cross CPR instructors, including Deb Whirlledge, Harry Kannegieter, Ron Symens, Del Bratland and Larry Grensberg.

A science fair was held at Henry High School last week, with the results listed below. Winning in the senior division were: Biological - Darla Kludt, Gwen Johnson, Chris Owen, Sheila Stewart in first place; Kristi Stulc, Ed Clausen, Jim Stewart and Don Sharp in second place. Behavioral - Cheryl Berens and Shelly Stewart in first place; and Ann Phipps in

second place. These winners will participate in the Eastern Coteau Conference Science Fair in Waverly April 23 and at the regional science fair in Brookings April 30.



## 50 years ago-April 2, 1975

Grand opening for Clark's newest business establishments, Neal & Company and Esther's Draperies, is set for this Saturday. Esther Young, manager of Esther's Draperies and Ethel Neal, who is in charge of Neal & Company, state they will be in the same building. Neal & Company will specialize in a complete line of carpeting, bathroom fixtures, water softeners and heaters, plumbing supplies, vinyl runners and home care cleaning supplies. Young, who has worked in the drapery department at Herberger's in Watertown for 10 years, says her store will carry woven wooden shades, Kirsh rods and hardware and bedspreads in addition to custom made draperies.

Recently, three Clark grade school basketball teams competed in the Interstate YMCA tournament in Aberdeen. They were

coached by Jin Calhoun and Mike Florey. The sixth grade team captured the Class A Division title. Team members included Lance Calhoun, David Florey, Gene Lorenz, Todd Fiedler, Randy Gruenwald, Sam Hartley, Rod Steiger, Scott Tipton, Scott Severson and Brad Temple. The fifth grade team finished in sixth place, with players consisting of Shawn Thelen, Dana Nordhus, Bill Boss, Bruce Schrader, Brian Erickson, Brad Furness, Paul Albert, Steve Stern, Chris Lamb and Dean Paulson. The fifth and sixth grade composed of substitutes earned third place. They included Jeff Sasse, Mark Collins, Rod Gruenwald, Bruce Hanson, Jim Orterberg, Geof Furness, Greg Syvertson, Gary Kolden, Rich Arneson and Mel Brenden.

## 75 years ago-April 2, 1950

Golf enthusiasts in the Clark area came together last evening, as the annual meeting at the Clark Golf Club was held, and new officers were installed. Heading the golf club this coming year will be Kenny Asher as president, Elton Geise as vice president, Robert Bonfoey as secretary and Al Buelow as treasurer.

"Take it Easy" will be presented Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.

in the Bradley School auditorium by the senior class. Cast members include Martha Arndt, Gloria Rindahl, Orlyn Nisich, Charles Lundholm, Donald Nash, Dorothy Jones, Dean Bayard, Mary Daling, Dale Brown and LaVerne Springer.

## 100 years ago-April 2, 1925

The Dowd Brothers road crew pulled out of their winter quarters in Clark this morning, heading to Redfield to begin a job of grading the city streets in that community. The crew will also complete a state job near Redfield in addition to a state job in Beadley County before returning to Clark to grade the new state project nine miles south and five miles east of Clark. The Dowd Brothers equipment consists of five Caterpillar tractors, 103 head of horses and 40 dump wagons.

A train car load of Woodrow electric washers arrived in Clark last Saturday. The machines are being distributed by Manager Meade of the Northwestern Public Service Company during this special April sale. During this month, a \$10 electric cooking machine is given free with each washing machine and will be installed in any home on a small payment plan.



## Karli's Corner

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Welcome to my corner! Last week, I shared my thoughts on the film *The Time Machine*. This week, I'm sharing my thoughts on the film *Dial M for Murder*.

On March 12, the TCM TV channel played *Dial M for Murder* during the daytime as part of their celebration of National Alfred Hitchcock Day. Hitchcock directed the movie. Obviously, Enjoy!

## Dial M for Murder

*Dial M for Murder* is a 1954 American crime thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly, Robert Cummings, Anthony Dawson and John Williams. Both the screenplay and the successful stage play on which it was based were written by English playwright Frederick Knott. The play premiered in 1952 on BBC Television before being performed on stage in the same year in London's West End in June and then New York's Broadway in October.

Originally intended to be shown in dual-strip polarized 3-D, the film played in most cinemas in ordinary 2-D owing to the loss of interest in the 3-D process (the projection of which was difficult and error-prone) by the time of its release. The film earned an estimated \$2.7 million in North American box office sales in 1954.

**Plot:** Ex-tennis pro Tony Wendice (Ray Milland) wants to have his wealthy wife, Margot (Grace Kelly) murdered so he can get his hands on her inheritance. When he discovers her affair with Mark Halliday (Robert Cummings), he comes up with the perfect plan to kill her. He blackmails an old acquaintance into carrying out the murder, but the carefully-orchestrated set-up goes awry, and Margot stays alive. Now, Wendice must frantically scheme to outwit the police and avoid having his plot

detected.

**Acting:** Ray Milland played Tony Wendice. I don't think I've seen any of Milland's other work. I loved him in this role! He was cool, calm, collected but manipulative and murderous at the same time. It seems wrong to say it (more on that later), but he was my favorite part of the movie.

Grace Kelly played Margot Mary Wendice. The only other Grace Kelly movie I've seen was *Rear Window* with James Stewart. Another Alfred Hitchcock movie! And coincidentally, the next movie he made. I loved *Rear Window*! I really liked *Dial M for Murder* as well but not because of Kelly.

She was fine in *Rear Window*, but I could not stand her in this movie - not necessarily because of bad acting on her part, but because of her voice/accent. I don't know if she was putting on a certain accent for the role, or if her regular voice/accent was just really strong, but I was really annoyed by it from the moment she spoke. I could not get past it. Her voice did not bother me in *Rear Window*, so I'm not sure.

Robert Cummings played Mark Halliday. His role wasn't that large in the movie - nothing remarkable to speak about, but nothing horrible to speak of either. It was kind of a forgetful role.

John Williams played Chief Inspector Hubbard. His role wasn't particularly large either; however, he left more of an impression on me than Cummings playing Halliday. He was just as smart and conniving as Milland playing Wendice. He was also surprisingly funny at times. I enjoyed watching him on screen.

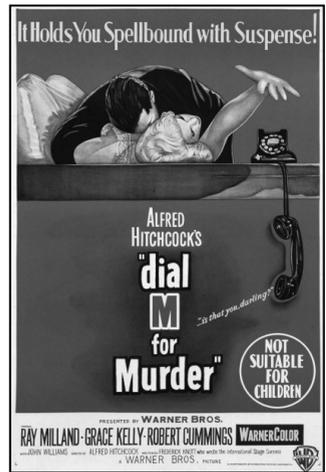
**Technical aspects:** According to his biographer Donald Spoto, Hitchcock was not enthusiastic about the film, and Spoto

quotes Grace Kelly to the effect that "the only reason [Hitchcock] could remain calm was that he was already preparing his next picture, *Rear Window*."

I won't lie - I did like *Rear Window* more than *Dial M for Murder*, but I enjoyed both immensely. I'm curious to know why he wasn't enthusiastic about this movie though. Maybe he was just more excited about *Rear Window* on the horizon? Even with lackluster drive for this movie, it still turned out great. I guess that's what happens with a legendary director at the wheel.

Alfred Hitchcock's cameo is a signature occurrence in most of his films. In *Dial M for Murder*, he can be seen 13 minutes into the film, in a black-and-white reunion photograph, sitting at a banquet table among former students and faculty.

I didn't even notice his cameo, but when I read that he had one, the first thing I thought of was the reunion photo. And, I was right!



**Themes:** *Dial M for Murder* explores themes of betrayal, greed, manipulation and the illusion of appearances versus reality, all within a tightly controlled and suspenseful environment.

Betrayal: Tony and Margot are married but apparently not happily. Margot is cheating on Tony with her old friend, Mark. I don't remember if they said how long this affair was going on, but I think it had been going on for months or maybe even years. After Tony finds out, he's mad

and wants revenge, understandably so. He decides to blackmail someone into killing Margot, in which case he'll get her money. I suppose that's where the greed comes into play.

Instead of trying to work it out like a civilized married couple, he jumps to murder plots. I think the money was just icing on the cake, but Tony would be broke without Margot.

Manipulation and illusion of reality go hand in hand. Tony is a master manipulator, and strangely enough I can't stop rooting for him. He's able to create doubt in the minds of others while also coming off as a trustworthy individual.

**Final Thoughts:** I enjoyed this movie a lot, mostly because of Milland as Tony. I know this may seem wrong and twisted to say, but I was actually rooting for Tony to get away with it. I couldn't feel bad for Margot. As I said before, she annoyed me from the beginning. And, to add cheating on top of that? There was no way I was cheering for her. Sure, she didn't deserve to be murdered, but she wasn't really free of guilt either.

I feel a little bit better knowing that Tony probably wouldn't have been executed for attempted murder. Heck, he probably wouldn't even be in jail that long. He may have instigated it all, but he didn't actually kill anyone.

I feel like a horrible person defending Tony to this extent, but it's honestly how I feel about the situation. Let me know if you feel any different after watching the movie!

**Where to watch it:** *Dial M for Murder* is available to watch on the streaming services Xumo Play and PLEX (according to Google), or you can purchase or rent a digital copy for a few dollars. I've also donated a DVD copy of the film to the Emil M. Larson Library in Clark for you all to enjoy if you choose to.

That's it for this week! What were your thoughts? Feel free to share them with us! You can call us, email us, visit us at the office, leave us a comment or message on Facebook or even mail us something. Keep the comments, suggestions, questions, submissions, etc. coming our way! We'd love to hear from you!

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## Community Calendar

**April 3:** CWL Softball vs. FH in Clark @ 4:00 p.m.; Willow Lake Kindergarten Roundup; Clark Community Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Clark Golf Club; Garden City Town Board Meeting

**April 4:** Bradley Fish Fry @ 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**April 5:** Willow Lake Fireman's Supper & Bingo @ 6:00 p.m.

**April 6:** Crocker Lutheran Church Pancake Supper @ 4:30 p.m.

**April 7:** Clark City Council meeting; Willow Lake City Council meeting; Naples Lutheran Cemetery Annual Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.; Willow Lake School Board special meeting

**April 8:** Clark County Equalization meeting; Garden City Municipal Elections

**April 10:** Clark County Annual Weed & Pest Board meeting @ 9:00 a.m.; Vienna Town Board meeting

**April 11:** No school in Clark, Teacher In-service; Clark Prom

**April 12 & 13:** Clark Golf Club Special Membership Discount Days

- **One AA Meeting each week, Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.** at 606 N. Commercial St. in Clark
- **Clark School Field House Hours:** open Mon.- Fri. 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
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Ryan Eggleston  
Clark County Highway Superintendent



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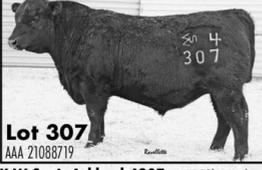
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Garden City, South Dakota

April 8, 2025

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David Waples

Marilyn Foster

# Clark County March 18, 2025 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS MARCH 18, 2025 APPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 in the Commissioner Room of the Clark County Courthouse. Chairman Knock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present at the Courthouse: Chris Sass, Francis Hass, Sara Gjerde, Terry Schlagel and Wallace Knock. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** None.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to approve the March 18, 2025 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Gjerde to approve repairs to six radios, cost \$616.00. All voting aye. Motion carried. Ambulance Administrator (AA) Hoefert informed the board that a portion of the grant received from Farm Credit Services is to be used to purchase new radios. He will contact Farm Credit Services regarding the details and report back to the board.

**AMBULANCE:** AA Hoefert informed the board he would like to put the second rig at the Clark Station into service. The second rig needs tires and a cot. He has located a cot for purchase from the DeSmet Ambulance Service. Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to allow AA Hoefert to allocate up to \$1,500 for tires and up to \$2,500 for the cot for the second rig. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**WEED:** Weed Supervisor (WS) Jenkins met with the board to open 2025 weed bids. Bids are listed below:

Nutrien Solutions-  
Tordon 22 K Herbicide \$48.90/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
\$48.90/gallon - 30 gallon drum  
2 4-D Amine Herbicide \$15.80/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Platoon Only \$15.70/gallon - 30 gallon drum  
Platoon or Alligare \$15.50/gallon - 265 or 270 gallon tote  
Freelexx Herbicide \$32.75/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
\$32.75/gallon - 30 gallon tote  
\$32.75/gallon - 250 gallon tote  
Milestone Herbicide \$290.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
\$72.25/quart - quart container  
Polaris Herbicide \$52.34/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
AquaNeat Herbicide \$22.50/gallon

- 2.5 gallon container  
Method 240 SL Herbicide \$364.80/2.5 gallon container  
Piper Herbicide \$74.00/pound - 3.75 lb container  
Piper EZ Herbicide \$332.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Telar XP Herbicide \$12.20 per ounce - 8 ounce container  
Crop Oil  
Maximizer Crop Oil \$12.90/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
MSO Surfactant \$14.10/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Drexel Surf - AC 910 Surfactant \$9.20/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Activator 90 Surfactant \$18.90/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Choice Weather Master \$18.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Liberate Surfactant \$28.60/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
L1 700 Surfactant \$27.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Weather Guard Complete \$39.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Reign Drift Control RTU \$18.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Vandiest Supply  
Tordon 22K \$49.55/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
CB 4# Amine \$17.37/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Freelexx \$32.75/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Milestone \$290.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Ecomazapyr \$53.20/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Aqueaneat \$20.75/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Method \$364.80/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Piper WDG \$4.625/oz  
Telar XP \$12.38/oz  
CROP OIL:  
Cornbelt 17% Crop Oil \$10.37/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Brewer 90-10 \$9.10/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Corn Belt Optilox \$57.44/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
CROP OIL  
Full Load Complete \$36.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Full Load Complete - Aquatic \$38.50/gallon 2.5 gallon container  
Full Load \$28.25/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Drift Fiant - Aquatic \$33.50/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Drift Fiant \$31.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Cado Max \$38/97 per gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Pre Load \$20.50/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Glyload \$23.50/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Sure Up \$24.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon

container  
Foam Out \$26.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
AgraSyst 90 (NIS) \$23.50/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Agra Lo Drift 90 (NIS) \$30.50/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Max So - MSO \$31.25/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Max So Con (MSO) \$32.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
Oleum \$31.00/gallon - 2.5 gallon container  
**WEED:** Motion by Sass, second by Hass to accept all bids based on price and availability. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** Motion by Gjerde second by Schlagel to recess as the County Commission and convene as the Board of Adjustment. All voting aye. Motion carried. Also present Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Director Reidburn.

Chairman Knock called the Board of Adjustment meeting to order.

Next item on the agenda is items to be added to the Agenda by Board members or staff. There were none, and Chairman Knock then extended an invitation to citizens to schedule time on the Board of Adjustment agenda for items not listed. There were none. Chairman Knock then asked if any board members had any Ex parte Communications or potential conflicts of interest that the rest of the Board or public may want to be aware of. There were none, and meeting proceeded.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the Board of Adjustment agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The first item of new business is a request by Larry McHenry for an 11' front yard variance to construct an addition 89' from the right-of-way. Chairman Knock requested a motion to approve Mr. McHenry's variance. Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve. P&Z Reidburn gave a report on the request. Location is the Southwest Quarter, of Section 13, Township 115 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M. (Darlington Township), Clark County, South Dakota. The applicant is requesting an eleven foot Variance to construct a home addition 89' from the 181st Street right of way, current existing structures located closer to the right-of-way than the proposed addition. Chairman Knock opened the public hearing. Larry McHenry spoke on his behalf. The public hearing was opened for further public testimony. There was none, and the public hearing was closed. Board questions were answered. Reidburn asked the questions for findings of fact

relating to the variance and restated the motion: The motion is to approve the 11' front yard variance. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to adjourn the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as County Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**FUEL QUOTES:** The following fuel quotes were presented to the board for March 2025. Diesel #2: Agwrx - No bid; Clark Community Oil - 2.49; Volland Oil - 2.399; Farstad Oil - 2.4209; Stern Oil - 2.4431. The County accepted the low bid and all bids are on file in the Auditor's office.

**COURTHOUSE:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Gjerde to tuckpoint the East and West sides, the penthouse and chimney in 2025. Estimated cost will be \$99,999.00. Heinemann Restoration will provide the service. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE:** The board discussed proposed Full Connect care services offered by Two Trees computer group. No action taken.

**LEMPG:** The board reviewed the Quarterly LEMPG agreement matrix provided by Randy Maddix. No action needed.

**BURN BAN:** The board discussed a burn ban for Clark County. No action taken.

**CLAIMS:** Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITOR: Dacotah Bank, supplies, 60.00; ITC, service 146.05; Office Peeps, monitor, 276.80; PMB-0112, user fees 108.25; TwoTrees Technologies, service 122.50; TREASURER: Dacotah Bank, standing desk, 75.99; ITC, service 98.30; Office Peeps, supplies, 72.55; JUDICIAL SYSTEM: Juror fees, 831.20; STATES ATTORNEY: Department of Health, blood draw 50.00; Thomson Reuters-West Publishing, online software subscription 493.11; COURT: Austin, Strait, Benson and Thole, court appointed atty 1,175.05; PUBLIC BUILDINGS: City of Clark, water, 315.90; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies, 35.57; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage, 47.50; Dakota Data Shred, services 41.03; ITC, cables/wiring, 2,610.00; ITC, service, 41.13; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 2,696.03; Star Laundry, rugs, 74.36; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: ITC, service, 60.25; SDAAO-2025 membership dues, 75.00; REGISTER OF DEEDS: ITC, service, 39.00; U.S. Postmaster, stamps, 390.00; VETERAN OFFICER:

ITC, service, 29.65; SHERIFF: Clark Community Oil, fuel 1,194.94; ITC, service 139.56; Sturdevant's Auto Value Clark, supplies 27.98; PRISONER CARE: Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 1,820.00; AIRPORT: Clark Rural Water System, water 35.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 276.44; AMBULANCE: Americinn, lodging 131.99; Bound Tree Medical, supplies 345.40; City of Clark, water 89.30; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies 51.95; Clark Building Center, roof steel package 5,718.62; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 423.43; Dacotah Bank, chair/cartridges 368.96; Grey Goose Graphics, G3coding/set up/subscription one year, 580.00; Colleen Hohm, training, 99.00; Imagetrend, annual fee, 2,006.25; ITC, service 106.55; Ken's Fairway, supplies 25.68; Robert Koistinen, EMT training 250.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities 734.94; Two Way Solutions, housing kit/antennas, 178.98; SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Comm Action, comm service/March, 2,019.17; MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Yankton County Treasurer, mental illness hearing, 156.50; EXTENSION: Dacotah Bank, Educator Program 179.00; ITC, service 52.60; SDSU Extension, 2025 County 4-H Salary billing 11,525.00; Star Laundry, rugs 30.40; WEED: City of Clark, water 77.10; Clark Community Oil, propane, 418.82; Dacotah Bank, gas 75.00; Dacotah Bank, certifications 180.00; ITC, service, 104.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities 486.47; S.D. Federal Property, supplies 88.50; Sturdevant's Auto Value, supplies, 711.97; ROAD and BRIDGE: Bierschbach Equipment, motor and Parts 1,892.63; City of Clark, water, 95.40; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies 424.31; Clark Building Center, lumber 137.56; Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling, garbage, 125.00; Dacotah Bank, parts 2,264.44; Dakota Electronics, two way radios, 2,208.30; Fleetpride, parts 35.04; ITC, service 91.95; Mac's Hardware, supplies 644.13; Menards, water heater/supplies 893.85; Midway Service/Volan Oil, fuel 21,835.70; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 2,666.75; Oscar's Machine Shop, parts/welding supplies 244.57; RC First Aid, first aid supplies, 140.00; Safety Service-parts 1,202.00; Star Laundry, laundry, 124.28; Sturdevant's Auto Value, parts 3,816.92; Walk N Roll Inc., parts 279.92; 911 SERVICE: City of Watertown, 911 surcharge, 5,092.83; ITC, service 145.23; CIVIL DEFENSE: ITC, service, 27.59; TOTAL: \$84,151.92.

**PAYROLL:** A U D I T O R : 6,138.31; TREASURER 5,785.54; STATES ATTORNEY: 4,995.71; COURTHOUSE: 3,098.50; DIRECTOR

OF EQUALIZATION: 6,090.93; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3,852.91; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 434.01; SHERIFF: 7,499.67; AMBULANCE: 10,691.45; WEED: 3,639.95; ROAD and BRIDGE: 45,845.55; EMERGENCY and DISASTER: 1,140.64. TOTAL: \$99,213.17.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve the following reports. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER

Cash on hand.....2,029,244.42  
Money Market.....7,301,433.80  
CD's.....800,000.00  
Checking Account.....17,048.76  
TOTAL.....10,147,726.98

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund \$7,589,166.17; Road and Bridge: \$1,319,395.10; 911 Service Fund: \$4,551.35; ED: \$-34,440.09; Domestic Abuse: 25.00; 24/7 -- \$19,363.44; ROD Mod/Pres: \$9,307.54; Rural Access Infrastructure fund: 335,762.11; County TIF: 482,796.90;

**Trust and Agency Funds, which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts - \$361,799.46. TOTAL: \$10,147,726.98.**

**ROD Fees:** January recording fees: 1,790.00; Transfer fees: 2,946.50; Births: 40.00; Deaths: 80.00; Marriages: 30.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc.: 181.00. TOTAL: 5,134.50. Sheriff: Mileage - \$0.62; Civil fees \$60.00.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to enter into executive session at 10:33 a.m., as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1), for personnel issue. All voting aye. Chairman declared out at 10:50 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
(SEAL)

Wallace Knock, Chairman  
Clark County  
Board of Commissioners

Christine Tarbox,  
Clark County Auditor

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# Church News

**Assembly of God Church, Clark, Pastor Mark Cronauer-**  
 April 6, 9:30 a.m. PreK-Adult Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. High Point and Meetin' in the Middle, 6:00 p.m. Youth Group.

**Henry United Methodist Church, Henry, Pastor Bobby Postal -**  
 April 6, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Note \* Check announcements on the church website for on line services.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clark, Preacher Jody Peterson-**  
 April 6, 9:00 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

**Saint Michael Catholic Church, Clark, Father Shaun Haggerty -**  
 April 6, 11:00 a.m. Mass. Confessions 30 minutes prior to Mass.

**Plymouth Congregational-(UCC) Church, Clark, Pastor Fawn Lamb**  
 April 6, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School.

**Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clark, Rev. Randy Bader -**  
 April 6, 9:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.

**United Methodist Church, Clark, Rev. Rob Salmonson -**  
 April 6, 10:15 a.m. Worship.

**Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Raymond, Rev. Randy Bader -**  
 April 6, 9:30 a.m. Worship.

**First Baptist Church, Clark, Guest Speaker -**  
 April 6, 10:30 a.m. Worship.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henry, Rev. Randy Bader -**  
 April 6, 7:45 a.m. Worship.

**First Presbyterian Church, Raymond, Pulpit Supply -**  
 April 6, Worship.

**Crocker Lutheran Church, Crocker-**  
 April 6, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation, 10:00 a.m. Worship with Kari Foss, 4:30 p.m. Men in Mission Pancake/French Toast/Sausage Supper.

**He Lives Church, Bradley, Bobby Postal**  
 April 5, 5:30 p.m. Worship.



## Hart, Muilenburg place at State Special Olympics basketball tourney

Clark students, pictured in the right photo, Jeremiah Muilenburg (left) and CJ Hart (right) attended the State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at the Mitchell Corn Palace Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30.

Hart was a member of the team that placed second in the Unified Schoolers Division. CJ also received the Spirit/Sportsmanship Award for the Schoolers division. Muilenburg and his teammates placed first in the Unified Jr. division.

The Clark Special Olympics Unified Comets also attended the South Dakota State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. They competed in the Adult 3x3 Basketball division and placed second. Pictured in the photo above, from left to right: Unified partner Karla Claussen, Assistant Coach Seth Tarbox, Cayden Binger, Unified partner Mallory Nelson, Uni-



Unified partner Taylor McGraw, Gunner Sanderson, Tate McGraw and Coach Jessica Nordhus.

Photos Courtesy of Sara Hoogheem

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### "ZACH AMBROSE"

*By Charlee Peterson*  
 Zach Ambrose is the son of Crystal Ambrose of Clark. He has two younger siblings. His brother, Alex is in eighth grade, and his younger sister, Charlotte is a first grader. Zach has grown up in Clark. Zach is involved in basket-

ball. He enjoys playing basketball in his free time as well. When asked what he would miss about school, he replied, "I will miss the school lunch the most." After graduation, Zach plans to attend a technical school.

## The Prairie Doc Perspective

By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

### Colon Cancer Screening is Important

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women. The lifetime risk of developing colon cancer is one in 24 for men and one in 26 for women. Early detection and treatment are instrumental at improving survival rates, and regular screening decreases the risk of colon cancer in the first place.

Colonoscopy remains the gold standard for colon cancer screening. While detecting cancer early on is important for survival from any cancer, detecting and removing precancerous polyps during a colonoscopy before they develop into cancer is the main reason regular screenings with colonoscopy have been found to reduce colon cancer rates.

During a colonoscopy, with a patient asleep or sedated under anesthesia, a long flexible scope with a light and a camera is used to look throughout the large intestine, the colon, for any polyps or abnormalities. Those polyps can be removed with a forceps or a loop at the time they are detected. Afterwards, patients are monitored, wake up, have something to eat and are ready to proceed about their day.

Thankfully, a large majority of patients do not have any complications from colonoscopy. The complication rate depends on age and risk factors and the reason for the procedure. The overall rate is approximately 0.5 percent. The most serious complication risk, a perforation or tear in the colon, is about one in 1,000.

Of course, oftentimes the worst part of undergoing a colonoscopy is the preparation beforehand - getting cleaned out. This is important so the physician performing the procedure has a good, thorough look everywhere in the colon. While cumbersome, with new strategies for doing the prep, many people find this process less awful than they used to.

Stool tests have been an easier, cheap, noninvasive method for colon cancer screening for many years. Often, these tests look for blood in your stool. The latest, more expensive option, Cologuard, checks for blood and DNA abnormalities and is the most successful of the stool tests at detecting colon cancer, at 94 percent. However, it is only about 43 percent effective at detecting advanced adenomas, those precancerous polyps that are already getting larger and closer to becoming cancer. This limits the test's potential at preventing cancer.

The Cologuard test should not be used for people with risk factors such as a history of colon polyps or a family history of colon cancer. A positive test result should be followed up by a colonoscopy.

The FDA recently approved a new blood test for colon cancer screening. However, it only detected 83 percent of colon cancers, and only 13 percent of precancerous advanced adenomas. With this poor detection rate, out of 100 people with cancer, the blood test would falsely tell 17 people that they did not have cancer, and it would miss most precancerous polyps.

Ever since the Affordable Care Act in 2010, insurance companies have been required to cover colon cancer screening tests. This is because early detection not only saves lives but also saves money.

Each method has its own pros and cons, so please talk with your doctor regarding which screening method makes the most sense for you. In the end, the best colon cancer screening method is the one that gets done.

Andrew Ellsworth, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine at Avera Medical Group in Brookings, S.D. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org), Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Is in desperate need of your support! Our funds needed for upkeep for the upcoming year are very low. How can you help???

1. By making a tax deductible donation or requesting memorials to the cemetery when a loved one passes!
2. Your help at spring clean up!

**\* To those that have already donated or helped in any way, we appreciate your support!!**

**\*\* SPRING CLEAN UP—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 AT 5 PM. \*\***  
 Free supper to follow. Please spread the word to family & friends!  
 Donations may be mailed to Rose Hill Cemetery, 402 N. Comm'l St., Clark, SD 57225

Annual Meeting  
**Naples Lutheran Cemetery, Inc.**  
 Monday, April 7  
 2:00 p.m.  
 at the home of  
 Duane Peterson

**Clark County Courier**  
 E-mail address is  
[clarkcountycourier@gmail.com](mailto:clarkcountycourier@gmail.com)

## Crocker Lutheran Church Pancake Supper

Sunday, April 6  
 at 4:30 p.m.

## Clark Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by Clark Lions Club

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025  
 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Place: Clark Golf Course

Schedule online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org),  
 or call/text Desi Lamb at 605-881-5699.

## THINK SPRING

Estate Planning  
 Wills and Trusts  
 Transfer on Death Deeds  
 Powers of Attorney  
 Real Estate

**BOOS JENNEN LAW**  
 Clark (605) 532-3300 Milbank (605) 432-6801

## Count on Me!

What kinds of systems have people used?

You Can Count On Me, Boss!

What things can we use to count, add or keep records?

We're Number One!

1. c a s h r e g i s t e r  
 2. c o m p u t e r  
 3. c a l c u l a t o r  
 4. a b a c u s  
 5. r u l e r

1. d o n ' t c o u n t y o u r c h i c k e n s b e f o r e t h e y h a t c h  
 2. c o u n t d o w n  
 3. t a k i n g a h e a d c o u n t  
 4. c o u n t m e i n  
 5. c o u n t i n g s h e e p  
 6. " I c a n c o u n t o n o n e h a n d h o w m a n y t i m e s . . ."  
 7. c o u n t o n h i m  
 8. e v e r y s e c o n d c o u n t s  
 9. d o n ' t c o u n t o n i t  
 10. d o w n f o r t h e c o u n t

A. cannot sleep so person counts animals one by one to relax  
 B. not likely to get back into the game  
 C. the last few seconds before a big event  
 D. don't plan on the best possible outcome before you work on it  
 E. trust a person to help you do something  
 F. checking to see that all are present  
 G. the outcome you wish for probably isn't going to happen  
 H. I want to be part of your plan  
 I. every moment is important  
 J. something that happens rarely

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## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE GOLF SEASON!

### CLUBHOUSE WILL OPEN WITH OUR SPRING HOURS ON APRIL 2, 2025

HOURS WILL BE: WED. - FRI. 4:00 P.M. - CLOSE,  
 SAT. & SUN. 11:00 A.M. - CLOSE

Special membership discount days are April 12 & 13  
 Get 10% off memberships only on these two days  
 Sign up for kid's summer lessons too!

ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE CLUBHOUSE  
 605-532-5871

**Crocker News**

Karyl Maas, Correspondent 881-7872

Bonnie Headley visited with Minister Marion Grimes and Austin in Webster on Monday afternoon.

Thursday evening, Melissa Rodgers of White was a visitor at the John and Karyl Maas home.

Cooper Holmlund of Watertown was a visitor and supper guest at

the home of John and Karyl Maas on Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon, Jory Rodgers of White and Cooper Holmlund of Watertown were visitors and supper guests at the John and Karyl Maas home.

**Bowling Results**

Town & Country League (3-20-25)	Town & Country League (3-27-25)	Early Rollers
Farmer's Daughter.....32-12	Farmers Daughter.....36-12	Tom's Paint & Stain.....30-14
Clark Family Dental.....28.5-15.5	Clark Family Dental.....31.5-16.5	Bohnet Ranch.....25-19
Furness Funeral Home.....27-17	Furness Funeral Home...27-21	Meier Farms.....24-20
Dekker Farms.....23-21	Dekker Farms.....24-24	Pin Pals.....23-21
Sundvold Bros.....19.5-24.5	Sundvold Bros.....22.5-25.5	Furness Funeral Home.....21-23
		Spieker Repair.....18-26
		Clark Family Dental.....18-26
		Green Acres Pumping.....17-27
High Team Series: Furness Funeral Home, 2767; High Team Game: Furness Funeral Home, 983; High Individual Series: Bryce DesLauriers, 629, Jim Woodland, 623, Don DesLauriers, 597; High Ind. Game: Jim Woodland, 233, 238, Bryce DesLauriers, 224, Jimmy Dekker, 217.	High Team Series: Farmers Daughter, 2779; High Team Game: Sundvold Bros, 979; High Ind. Series: Bryce DesLauriers, 636, Don DesLauriers, Brad Berg, 576, Larry Bartels, 575; High Ind. Game: Tony Schlagel, 245, Bryce DesLauriers, 239, Brad Berg, 233.	High Team Series: Pin Pals, 2081; High Team Game: Pin Pals, 744; High Ind. Series: Lola Bartels, 547, Melissa Nesheim, 503, Jenna Gaddis, 473; High Ind. Game: Melissa Nesheim, 217, Emily Flint, 203, Lola Bartels, 196.

**Quote of the week:**

“So see every opportunity as golden, and keep your eyes on the prize - yours, not anybody else’s.”  
— Roberta Flack



**March Students of the Month named at Clark Elementary School**

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for March, as they were announced recently at the Clark Elementary School. The students are pictured in the photos above. Top photos, from left to right: preschool - Riley Williams and Ivar Forest; first grade - Rowan Tarbox, kindergarten - Edelinne Perez Ramirez, kindergarten - Maddison Prouty and first grade - Trate Prouty. In the bottom photos, left to right: third grade - Abram Ruiz and Wyatt Hatlie; second grade - Taylor Mickelson and Rachel Salmonson; fifth grade - Kaylynn Mack and Cali Boykin; and fourth grade - Maddie Freese and Blakely Hallberg.

Photos Courtesy of Clark School District



**Roebke and crew serve at The Banquet**

Clark High School senior Valley Roebke, along with 25 other students, chaperones Tammie Paulson, Kathy Roebke, Andrea Begeman and Jerome Nesheim and seven other volunteers prepared and served dinner at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Thursday, March 27 as part of Roebke's senior capstone project.

The meal consisted of turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, bread, corn and fruit. Valley spearheaded all fundraising efforts for the meal and coordinated the volunteers. “All of our volunteers did an amazing job and went above and beyond in whatever they

were doing!” Roebke exclaimed. A total of 308 meals were served by the end of the night. “It was more than we were expecting, but it was a very eye-opening experience,” she added. “It felt good to help people who are less fortunate than us, and this was a great way to do our part in giving back.” Roebke is pictured above (third from left in front row) with her crew of students, chaperones and volunteers.

Photo Courtesy of Valley Roebke

**NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD CLARK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12-2**

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board members:

One (1) three (3) year term for School Board Member

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on APRIL 8, 2025 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Clark School District 220 North Clinton Street Clark, S.D. 57225 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. central standard time not later than May 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than May 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mary Nelson  
Business Manager  
Clark School District

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**Local News** Trudi Gaikowski, Correspondent 532-3654

Trudi and Cade Gaikowski and Heidi Madsen of Carpenter spent the weekend in Rapid City where Cade competed in the State AAU Wrestling tournament. Cade won the 16U 113 lb. division championship. Friday evening, Sharon Larson and Ardella Jacobson drove to Willow Lake to watch the Willow Lake High School Prom grand march. Saturday, Kyle and Eve Gaikowski spend the day in Aberdeen while Eve competed in a volleyball tournament.

Sharon Larson attended the Jump! into Spring event that was held at the Clark High School Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, Kimberly and Karli Paulson went to the Clark Lions Pancake Feed with Tren Bernard in support of the Vision Mission Trip.

Sunday evening, Kyle, Trudi, Cade and Eve Gaikowski were guests at the home of Kyle and Dena Stern and girls of Garden City for homemade donuts.

**Henry News** Joan Boehnke, Correspondent 532-5514

Barb Hartley spent much of the past two weeks staying with grandchildren at the Dawson home near Redfield. Jenna, Jake and baby Kaia returned home last Wednesday after their stay at the Sanford NICU in Sioux Falls. Tuesday afternoon, Kayla Navarro and son, Isaiah of Torrence, Calif., Vickie Burchatz, Brigett Hauck and Maggie Hovde were visitors of Donna Kittelson at her home. Diane Eidsness visited her mom, Darlene Audus on Thursday. Rose McElroy visited Mavis Kennitz on Friday in Watertown. Friday morning, Donna Kittelson's visitors were Vickie Burchatz

and Kayla and Isaiah Navarro. Saturday morning, Julian Wookley, son of Cody and Abby Wookley, was baptized in a private ceremony at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown. Donna Kittelson, great-grandma of Julian's, was in attendance. After the baptism, a small family brunch was held at the church.

Rodger and Diann Redmond attended Max Martenson's and Patrick Quale's confirmation at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown on Sunday.

Visitors this past week of Rose McElroy were Loydeen VanSickle and Louise Wilson of Henry.

**Raymond News** Gloria Leetch, Correspondent 532-3740

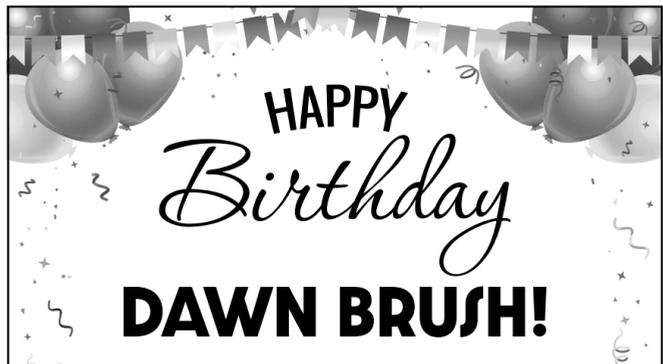
What a week for weather! It was very mixed up with temps in the 20s and 30s overnight and up to summer-like temps on Friday with it reaching in the 80s. That didn't last long, as we had a front come in on Saturday. We had a very nice rain and just a covering of snow overnight. The snow was gone by Sunday afternoon. Now, if we could just get some more rain in the storm predicted for Tuesday and Wednesday, that would be great. Remember, we had lots of fog this fall! Gloria Leetch met Sue Kautz af-

ter her doctor appointment on Monday, and they enjoyed lunch out.

Randy and Carrie Reis went to Brookings Saturday to watch Easton Ries play in the NESC basketball tournament.

Darrin Leetch met Jaycee Gehring and Nate Thompson in MeLaughlin then went on to Prairie Nights Casino in Fort Yates, N.D. to attend the Neal McCoy concert on Saturday night.

Mary Lou Mehlberg was a Saturday afternoon caller on Gloria Leetch.



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Pastor Randy Bader came to see Shirley Dreher and Jeannie Clausen. Sharel and Glenn Dix of Aberdeen called on Doug Swanson. Dean Fox was visited by Jan Larson of Watertown. Leone Kannegieter of Willow Lake called on Delores Gehrke and Mary Ellen Reints. Shirley Tipton's visitors included Joyce Temple, Wayne and Dianne

Miller, Steve Haug, Nancy Schuchhardt and Loren and Beverly Haug. Residents watched 'Fried Green Tomatoes' and enjoyed popcorn. Connie Merkel held a church services with Doug Swanson, Dean Fox and Mary Ellen Reints.

Shirley Brenden and JoAnn Bowers played Pinochle with the residents on Thursday afternoon. Pastor Mark Cronauer held worship services on Sunday afternoon.

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT "RAIGAN FLATTEN"**



By Charlee Peterson

Raigan is the daughter of Valorie and Casey Flatten of Clark. She has an older brother, Gavin, who is 26 years old.

Raigan grew up in Montrose, S.D. but moved to Clark with her family in the summer of 2016.

She is involved in various activities including FFA, FCCLA, NHS, student council, band, golf and her church's youth group. Some of her hobbies include reading, painting, coloring, playing with ani-

mals, spending time with her family and friends, going to church, riding horse, dirtbike or motorcycle and photography.

“I'll miss all of the traveling opportunities in school and competing in FFA and FCCLA,” she said.

Raigan's plans after graduation are to attend the University of South Dakota for medical biology in order to get into medical school. Raigan's lifelong dream has always been to be a dermatologist.



**NOTICE OF LEASING OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF CLARK HAY LAND AUCTION AUCTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2025 AT 7:15 P.M.**

Pursuant to SDCL 9-12-5.1 and 9-12-5.2, the City of Clark, South Dakota, will offer for lease, for haying purposes only, at public auction, for cash, for a term commencing on the 5th day of June, 2025 and ending on the 1st day of October, 2025, the following described real estate:

**Parcel 1:** East Pasture Addition in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Six (6), Township One Hundred Sixteen (116) North, of Range Fifty-Seven (57), West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota (containing approximately 27.6 acres).

**Parcel 2:** Approximately 20 acres located in the East Half (E½) of Section Seventeen (17), Township One Hundred Sixteen (116) North, Range Fifty-Seven (57) West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota.

These acres border and surround the City retention ponds.

The auction will be held in the City Council Chambers, located at the Clark City Hall, 120 N. Commercial Street, Clark, South Dakota, on the 7th day of April, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.

The leases shall be for haying purposes only. The successful bidder(s) must enter a written lease agreement on the night of the auction as well as pay the lease amount in full.

The City may accept or reject any and all bids. Dated this 19th day of March, 2025.

Kerry Kline, Mayor

Rae Jean Flora, City Finance Officer

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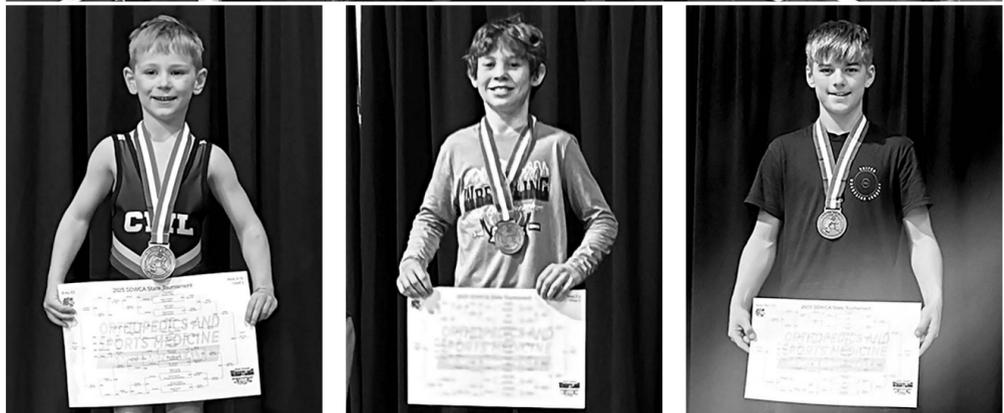
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## Clark-Willow Lake girls win Willie Mac tournament

Several players of the Cyclone girls' basketball team went 4-0 to win the 2025 Willie Mac Basketball Tournament held in Brookings on Saturday, March 29. Clark-Willow Lake defeated Florence-Henry, Brookings, Lake Preston and Deubrook for the title. The team, consisting of six freshmen, two eighth graders and one seventh grader, is pictured above

with their coaches. Back row, left to right: Coach Mike Bevers, Jenny Bevers, Eliza Larson, Shelby Begeman, Ella Sass, Calla Larson and Coach Butch Brenden. In the front row, left to right are Faith Roehrich, Lexie Schmidt, Maddie Brenden and Kamryn Nesheim.  
*Photo Courtesy of Angela Bevers*



## Cyclone AAU wrestlers thrive at state tourney

The 2025 South Dakota Wrestling Coaches Association State Tournament was held March 28-30 at The Monument in Rapid City. Approximately 1,700 youth wrestlers competed in the tournament, including 19 from Clark-Willow Lake. The Cyclones had 16 place-winners, with three wrestling to the top of their brackets to become state champions.

Results are as follows: Elsie Noethlich, seventh place Girls 6U 43 lbs.; Gracyn Marx, eighth place in Girls 6U 46 lbs.; Alyssa Johnson, fourth place in Girls 6U 49 lbs.; Claire Noethlich, second place in Girls 8U 70 lbs.; Tyce Irlbeck, fourth place in Boys 6U 37 lbs.; Beau Irlbeck, first place in Boys 6U 53 lbs.; Wyatt Hofer, fourth place in Boys 8U 53; William Johnson, third place in Boys 10U 104 lbs.; Hunter Marx, first place in Boys 12U 72 lbs.; Gavin Marx, second place in Boys 12U 93 lbs.; Carter Severson, sixth place in Boys 12U 138 lbs.; Kooper Wookey, second place in Boys 14U 115 lbs.; Mason Severson, seventh place in Boys 14U 140 lbs.; Cade Gaikowski, first place in

Boys 16U 113 lbs.; Kaden Wookey, second place in Boys 16U 120 lbs.; and Isaac Johnson, fourth place in Boys 16U 138 lbs.

Pictured in the top photo are the Cyclone AAU youth wrestlers prior to the Parade of Champions that took place Sunday morning. On shoulders, left to right are Wyatt Hofer, Alyssa Johnson, Gracyn Marx, Elsie Noethlich and Tyce Irlbeck. Back row, left to right: Mason Severson, Coach Trevor Johnson, Coach Greg Marx, Kooper Wookey, Isaac Johnson, Kaden Wookey and Coach Jimmy Marx. Front row, left to right: Hunter Marx, Gavin Marx, Maurice Johnson, Beau Irlbeck, William Johnson, Hank Johnson, Claire Noethlich and Carter Severson. Not pictured: Coach Justin Irlbeck, Cade Gaikowski and Akxel Gjerde.

In the bottom row of photos, from left to right are the CWL wrestlers that earned state championship titles over the weekend. From left to right are Beau Irlbeck, Hunter Marx and Cade Gaikowski.  
*Submitted photos*



## Cyclone boys place second at Willie Mac tourney

Several Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone boys basketball players took part in the 2025 Willie Mac Basketball Tournament in Brookings on Sunday, March 30. The team, comprised of mostly freshmen and two eighth graders, defeated the SFR Ballers 55-43 and Esteline/Hendricks 61-46 before falling to the Brookings Bob-

cats in the championship game 43-48. Pictured above, left to right are Miles Olson, Aiden Nelson, Trigg Felberg, Gio Ramirez, Jaden LaPlante and Wyatt Schlagel. Not pictured: Sullivan Felberg and Ethan Zemlicka.  
*Photo Courtesy of Kandice Schlagel*

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### TOWN OF BRADLEY CALL FOR BIDS

The Town of Bradley will be accepting bids for a three-year mowing contract. And all work must be billed monthly.

Ball Park, inside the fence and surrounding, including parking area, seating area, playground area and all surrounding, area surrounding the community center, cannon enclosure and old bank building.

Proof of insurance is to accompany bids.

The bank building is looking for bids to be rented. Not including office.

Please send all bids to: P.O. Box 98, Bradley, S.D. 57217.

Bids will be opened up at the April 9, 2025 meeting of the Town Board located in the old bank building. The town reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TEMPORARY APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC AND MALT BEVERAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The Clark County Board of Commissioners will schedule a public hearing the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Clark County Courthouse in the Commissioner room to consider the following application: Temporary on sale liquor license and temporary on sale malt beverage license to operate outside a municipality for the licensing period listed below, which have been presented to the Board of County Commissioners and filed in the County Auditor's Office.

Applicant's Name: Clark County Riders

Legal Description: That part of W½SE ¼ lying North of Railroad, 6-116-57. County of Clark and State of South Dakota, Clark County Fairgrounds.

Type of License: Temporary (on-sale) liquor license.

Type of License: Temporary (on

sale) malt beverage license.

Date of License: From 12:00 p.m. May 28, 2025 to 12:00 p.m. June 1, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person, persons or their attorney may appear and be heard at said scheduled Public Hearing who are interested in the approval or rejection of any such application.

Dated at Clark, South Dakota, this 1st day of April, 2025.

/s/ Christine Tarbox  
Christine Tarbox  
Clark County Auditor

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### Garden City Election (continued from the front page) the next few years?

**Marilyn Foster** - Getting an updated sewer system and keeping the town clean. Garden City does not have a city dump. When I began my term, I organized a two-week city-wide spring clean up, bringing in dumpsters for residents each year of my term, and I want to see it continue.

**David Waples** - I feel the major issue right now is the cleanliness of the town. It is tough in a small com-

munity to keep things looking nice to visitors, and to all town dwellers, which includes keeping properties mowed and junk removed where possible, etc. As for over the next few years, it can be hard to predict what may be an issue then, but I look forward to tackling them when they appear, and with the help of the other members, make the best decision possible to address these new challenges as they appear.

**David Waples**  
**Marilyn Foster**  
The polling place of this municipality is as follows:  
Garden City Fire Hall, 153 Main Street West, Garden City, S.D.  
Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the municipal finance officer at 605-233-0154 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people

with disabilities.  
**Andrea Helkenn**  
Finance Officer  
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### NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION MUNICIPALITY OF GARDEN CITY

A Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, in Garden City, S.D. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Central Time) on the day of the election.

At the election, the following office will be filled:

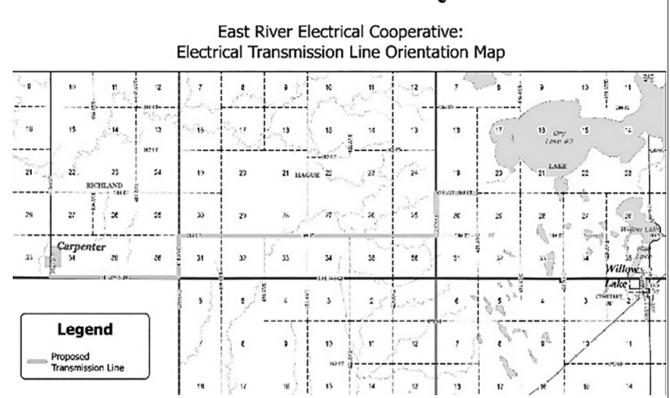
City Board Member, (one) Three Year Term

### CLARK COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Clark County Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clark County Courthouse to consider in full or in part the following request for Conditional Use Permit by Jerac Wire on behalf of East River Electric Power Coop. on certain property situated in Richland, Hague and Lake Townships as displayed in the below map and available for review at the Clark County Zoning Office.

A Conditional Use Permit Pursuant to Section 2.04.04.13: Public utility service structures including transmission lines [Conditional Uses - Agricultural District]. The applicant requests to replace an existing transmission line (power lines) in the area shown in the map here.

The physical location of this meeting is at the Clark County Courthouse, 200 N. Commercial Street, Clark. Since it may be easier to remotely participate, this meeting will also be held virtually over a tele-conference platform. All persons interested in this matter may register to be heard before the Board of Adjustment during said hearing. Instructions on how to listen, view and/or participate in the hearing online or telephonically may be found



at <http://association.1stdistrict.org/clark-county-board-of-adjustment/>. If it is your intent to participate in the public hearing remotely, please contact the Clark County Zoning Officer by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025 to make arrangements.  
The application and other associated written materials are available for public review at the following website: <http://association.1stdistrict.org/clark-county-board-of-adjustment/>  
Written comments may be filed with the Clark County Zoning Officer by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025. Please contact the Clark County Zoning Officer at 605-532-3751 to make arrangements to submit written materials before then. No materials will be placed on the above website after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025.  
**Jarvis Reidburn**  
Clark County Zoning Officer  
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## ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$15,000 RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF Lake Township do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$15,000.00 starting with calendar year 2025 taxes payable in the calendar year 2026. This opt out will be for 10 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2035. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

**Date:** March 25, 2025  
**Signed:** Kim Warkenthien, Board Chairman  
**Dwight Warkenthien, Board Member**  
**Jay Waldow, Board Member**



### World Down Syndrome Day celebrated in Willow Lake

Above, Mrs. Nichol Stevens' first grade class at Willow Lake School wore their crazy socks to celebrate and bring awareness to World Down Syndrome Day on Monday, March 24. Wearing "crazy" socks was started to raise awareness and support of Down

Syndrome. Chromosomes happen to be shaped like socks, and people diagnosed with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome. World Down Syndrome Day was Friday, March 21, 2025.

*Photo courtesy of Willow Lake School*

### Local FFA members to receive State Degree at state convention

Three hundred twenty-four South Dakota FFA members will be recognized for receiving their State FFA Degree at the 97th South Dakota State FFA Convention on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Join us in helping them celebrate! You can also watch the convention live at [www.sdaged.org](http://www.sdaged.org), Newscenter1.tv, and ConnectCenter1.tv and KAUN TV stations.

The State Degree is the highest honor the South Dakota FFA Association can bestow upon its members. In order to achieve the award, members must meet the following requirements; have received their Chapter FFA Degree, been an FFA member and agricultural education student for at least two years, earned at least \$2,000 or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, given a six-minute speech about agriculture or FFA, participated in

eight different leadership activities, received a "C" average or better in high school and shown a record of outstanding leadership and community involvement.

As a special project of the S.D. FFA Foundation, South Dakota FFA members will receive the golden charm of the State Degree, a symbol of the member's growth and development and a framed certificate.

Local students among the 324 FFA members receiving their State FFA Degree are:

Clark High School - Avery Lee and Lauren Luvaas.  
Willow Lake High School - Cayson Trav Bratland, Elliot Hayden Bratland, Samantha Jo Brenden, Kaylyn Marie Hofer, Joshua Mark Kanegietter, Shay Marie Michalski, Nora Jean Terhark, Tehya Catherine Vig and Ginny Warkenthien.

### Felberg, Vavruska named as All-State selections in 2025

*By Heather Jordan*

The South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association has released its all-state basketball teams for the 2024-2025 season. Sullivan Felberg, a freshman at Willow Lake High School was named to the third-team (13.5 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 2 apg). Florence-Henry's Carson Vavruska was named as honorable mention to the Class A all-state team with (23 ppg, 4 rpg, 4 apg).

### Cyclone VB Club plays at NSU

*By Heather Jordan*

All three Cyclone Volleyball club teams earned their way to the gold bracket at Northern State University on March 29-30. The 12U and 14U teams competed on Saturday, March 29 and the 16U and 18U teams competed on Sunday, March 30.

### Willow Lake Church News

**Lake Gospel Church, Willow Lake, Pastor Steven Johnson** - April 6, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.

**Grace Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, Student Pastor Colin Beveridge** - April 6, 10:30 a.m. Worship. Check parish website for online services.

**Good Hope Lutheran Church, Guest Pastor-** April 6, 10:30 a.m. Worship.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Vienna, Student Pastor Colin Beveridge** - April 6, 8:30 a.m. Worship. Check parish website for online services.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, Guest Pastor** - April 6, 8:30 a.m. Worship.

**Carpenter United Methodist Church, Carpenter, Pastor Tia Felberg** - Worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays with the exception of a 5:00 p.m. Supper Service the third Sunday of each month.

**Gospel of Fire Ministry, Bryant, Pastor Michael Sanchez** - April 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship and English Bible Study; April 6, 11:30 a.m. Worship.

**Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, Rev. Randy Bader** - April 3, Willow Lake Lutheran Worship Service TV Broadcast on ITC Cable channel 156, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on demand any time; April 6, 11:15 a.m. Communion Worship.

Market Report		
Tuesday, April 1		
	Market Price	Govt. PCP
Spring Wheat	5.24	4.74
Winter Wheat	4.58	4.71
Durum		6.87
Oats	3.24	2.96
Corn	3.87	4.24
Flax		27.32
Soybeans	9.27	9.29
Flowers, oil		25.68
Barley		3.21
Sorghum		6.51

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**CITY OF WILLOW LAKE ORDINANCE #187**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILLOW LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE.  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW LAKE, CLARK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, that the following Ordinance be adopted relating to the mowing of property within the City of Willow Lake, South Dakota:

**Maintenance of Lawns**

1. Duty to Maintain Lawns
2. Requirement of Notice
3. Opt Out Provision
4. Penalty

**1. Duty to Maintain Lawns**  
The property owner, tenant or person in possession of any property located within the City of Willow Lake shall maintain the lawn in such a manner so as to not allow grass and/or weeds to grow to a height of more than six (6) inches.

**2. Requirement of Notice**  
No criminal penalty or billing shall be imposed under this article unless the City causes notice to be given to all owners, tenants or persons in possession of said property within said City that grass and/or weeds that has/have exceeded the height of six (6) inches shall be mowed within forty-eight (48) hours of reaching that height. Notice shall be placed in the official newspaper and published twice a year, the first being on or about the first day of April and the second being published on or about the fifteenth day of June. Either published notice shall constitute notice as required by this section.

For the first year that this ordinance is in effect, one publication of complete ordinance, at any time, shall constitute sufficient notice.

**3. Opt Out Provision**  
Any affected person or entity shall have the right to petition the City Council to opt out of said mowing requirement as specified in Section 2, above. The petition must be on a form prescribed by the City Finance Officer and available at the City Finance Office and clearly state the reason or reasons that the affected person or entity desires to opt out and that special conditions or circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land in question and which conditions or circumstances render a six (6) inch height requirement inappropriate. This petition shall be filed with the City Finance Officer on or before May 20 of the year of the desired opt out. The City Council shall hold a hearing on any petition under this section during their regularly scheduled June meeting. A majority vote of the City Council shall be required to allow any person or entity to opt out of the mowing requirement. All decisions by the City Council shall be final and conclusive for the year in question. For the first year that this ordinance is in effect, the petition may be filed after May 20.

**4. Penalty**  
Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a municipal ordinance violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the city may, at its election, cause the property to be mowed and to bill the cost and expense of such mowing to the property owner, tenant or person in possession thereof. Should said billing not be paid, the City may levy the costs as a special assessment against the property.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed and from and after the effective date of this ordinance, this ordinance shall take precedence over any other ordinance or resolution previously adopted.

CITY OF WILLOW LAKE  
Delwin Bratland, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Heidi Madsen, City Finance Officer  
(S E A L)

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### KOPRIVA ANGUS TWILIGHT BULL SALE

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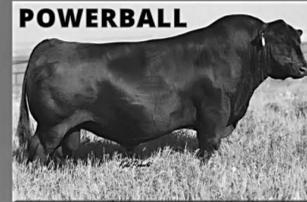
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- 4<sup>th</sup> - Mexican stuffed chilies/rice, lettuce/tomato, fruit
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, fruit, bread
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Hot beef combo, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, fruit, bread
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Tater tot hotdish, lettuce salad/tomato, fruit, bread

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**Mitayh Medicine Crow Deontae Birgholtz Unknown Father, Respondents.**

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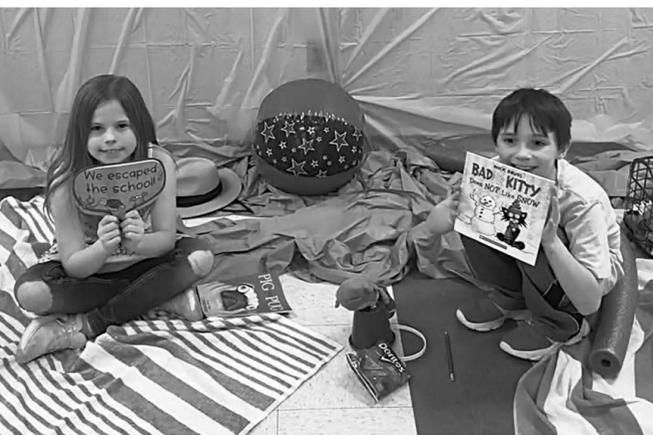
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## Henry School hosts Literacy Night

Henry School hosted a Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A free meal was provided by the Henry PTO. There were three different ways to "escape" the secret library under the ocean. Easy, medium and hard puzzles were available to choose. Participants had to solve problems, find the hidden messages in order to figure out the clues. Once "escaped" everyone was treated to a blue raspberry snow cone, pick out a new book to take home and get their photo taken.

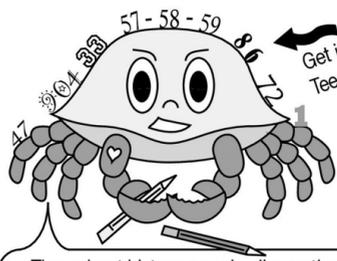
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## Henry School announces third quarter honor roll

Henry High School and middle school recently announced the third quarter honor roll for 2024-2025 school year. Named to the honor roll were:

**Gold (4.0)**  
 Seniors: Igantius Fuller, Shyllynn Hansen, Kaytlynn Holida, Madeline Kittelson, Gannon Mohr, Taylor Monnens, Avah Paulson and Brooklyn Simonton.  
 Juniors: Natasha Huppler.  
 Freshmen: Carson Kelly.  
 Eighth Grade: Kara Lorenzen and Josephine Wilkens.  
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 Sixth Grade: Mikayla Monnens and Abbi Smith.  
**Silver (3.5-3.9)**  
 Seniors: Kevin Bleeker and Jacob Obele.  
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Freshmen: Samantha Fuller, Serenity Rosendahl, Braeden Schoepp and Travis Thompson.  
 Eighth Grade: Julian Cramer, Rebekah Keena and Fidelia Rasmussen.  
 Seventh Grade: Sabrina Fuller, Ray Green and Araya Nygaard.  
 Sixth Grade: Loretta Johnson, Lucas West and Alexandra Wilkens.  
**Bronze (3.0-3.49)**  
 Seniors: Colton Kittelson and Wyatt Kittelson.  
 Juniors: Winter Borgheinc and Dylan Jensen.  
 Freshmen: Roy Anderson, Marah Paulson, Klynn Sharp and Rylee Simonton.  
 Eighth Grade: Carson Seefeldt.  
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 Sixth Grade: Annie Rider.



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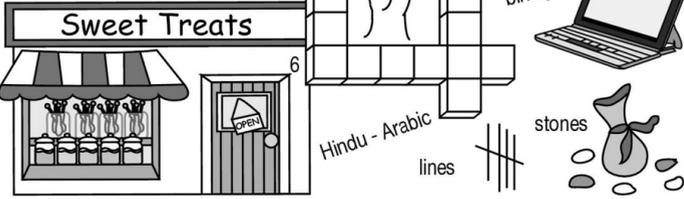
I'm not sure how I got stuck with this job, but **you can count on me** when you need help counting. If you need to know *how many* of something you have, you must *count* the items.

Throughout history, people all over the world have counted items using different systems. Once they know the number of their items, they use a symbol to mark it down or enter it into their computers. Just think of all the counting of merchandise that must be done in stores or all the counting of money in banks.

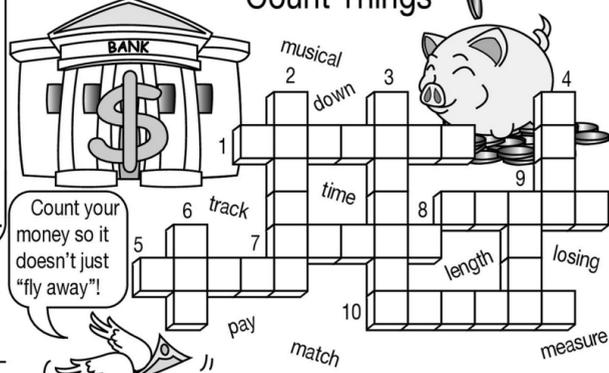
### Counting Across the Ages

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- \_\_\_\_\_ numerals
- \_\_\_\_\_ system - used in computers
- \_\_\_\_\_ and toes
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...
- tally marks or \_\_\_\_\_ in sand
- \_\_\_\_\_ in leather pouch



### Why People Count Things



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- count spoonfuls, cups to \_\_\_\_\_ the right amount when baking
- we use rulers, yardsticks to count inches to measure \_\_\_\_\_
- count \_\_\_\_\_ beats to keep time - all musicians on same timing
- we organize our \_\_\_\_\_ by counting hours, days, weeks
- we count to \_\_\_\_\_ items up...for three dogs need three leashes
- count money to \_\_\_\_\_ or make change
- to keep \_\_\_\_\_ of items like the inventory in a store
- to keep \_\_\_\_\_ - 24 stitches in each row of knitting
- we count \_\_\_\_\_ before a rocket takes off or a race starts
- to keep from \_\_\_\_\_ things: keys; puzzle or game pieces



Pictured above (left) are Zach Schroeder and Emery Schamber who won first place in the grilled cheese challenge at Florence School. The pair made a buffalo chicken grilled cheese sandwich. Aiden Seiglock



and Lily Hemmingson (right) took second place with their macaroni and cheese grilled cheese.

Submitted photo

## Florence School holds grilled cheese sandwich challenge

By Carolyn Olson

A grilled cheese challenge contest took place at Florence School Wednesday, March 26 for the Culinary 1 class that is currently in their sandwich and pizza unit. The students learned about hot and cold

sandwiches and then had the opportunity to make one of each.

"I thought it would be fun to make a challenge out of the hot sandwich lab, so we decided to do a grilled cheese challenge," explained Florence science teacher Jordan Lanke.

Students had the choice to find or create a specialty grilled cheese sandwich and write a description of it. "We discussed elements of a great grilled cheese as well - toasty bread, melted cheese and extra fillings," Lanke added.

On challenge day, students had one class period to make two sandwiches for the judges. "The judges had many positive comments and were good sports about eating multiple grilled cheese sandwiches before 10:00 a.m.," Lanke said.

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## Florence FFA advances teams to State

Florence FFA students competed at the District 1 State FFA qualifying competition on Tuesday, March 27 in Milbank. Livestock team placed second, Agronomy team placed first, and Rangeland Plant ID placed second as a team. All teams will compete at the S.D.

State FFA convention at the Dacotah Bank Center in Brookings Thursday, April 3 through Saturday, April 5. Pictured above are the Florence FFA students holding their awards and plaque.

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## Henry High School band performs at ECC festival

The Henry 7-12th grade band along with a couple of Henry sixth grade students played at the ECC Band Festival that was held at Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown Friday, March 21. Four school bands performed including, Henry, Florence, St. Martens and Great Plains Lutheran.

Henry School's band is pictured above. "They did really well and performed with great musicality. I was very pleased with the end result, the work they put in and how well they represented our school and music program," said Henry music instructor Carrie Kwasniewski. The band played the "The Star-Spangled

Banner," "Darkland's March," "Jessie's Girl," "Jubileus" and "Legacy of Heroes."

Henry students pictured are Fidelia Rasmussen, Mikayla Monnens, Maddy Kittleson, Ada Rider, Teagan Watson, Grayson Sween, Ray Green, Lila Bentley, Kaitlin Pelham-Aspit, Serenity Rosendahl, Aleeah Green, Samantha Fuller, Loretta Johnson, Sabrina Fuller, Araya Nygaard, Peyton Clyde, Malakai Smith, Carson Seefeldt, Ashlyn Angermeier, Shaydin Reuer, Aanya Fuller, Carter Frost, Tanner Church. Not pictured: Sophia Thompson and Amy Schmig.

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Notice is given that Joint Well Field, Inc., P.O. Box 340, Toronto S.D. 57268 has filed an application for a water permit to construct and place to beneficial use 1,500 acre-feet of water annually, at a maximum pump rate of 3.45 cubic feet of water per second, from up to three wells to be completed into the Big Sioux Brookings Aquifer (approximately 62 feet deep), in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 19-T112N-R50W; W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 24-T112N-R51W. The water will be used for rural water system use, serving users in Brookings, Deuel, Kingsbury, Hamlin, Miner, Lake, Grant, McCook, Clark and Moody Counties. The water was appropriated and reserved by Future Use Permit Nos. 6988-3 and 6988A-3. This site is located approximately six miles south of Estelline, S.D.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 8922-3 because 1) the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, 2) the proposed use is a beneficial use and 3) it is in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest. The Chief Engineer's recommendation with qualifications, the application and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Ron Duvall for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below. Any person interested in oppos-

ing this application or recommendation shall allege that the application, upon approval, will cause injury to the person that is unique from any injury suffered by the public in general. The injury must concern a matter either within the regulatory authority found in SDCL 46-2A-9 for approval or denial of the application, or other matter concerning the application within the regulatory authority of the board to act upon as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11, or both. Any person meeting the petitioner requirements and wishing to be a party of record in a contested case hearing shall file a written petition to oppose the application with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. A petition opposing the application shall be filed on a form provided by the Chief Engineer. The petition form is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by contacting the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre S.D. 57501" or call (605) 773-3352. The applicant's mailing address is given above. If contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation, the applicant shall also file a petition. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 14, 2025.

The petition shall include a statement describing the unique injury upon approval of the application on the petitioner, the petitioner's reasons for opposing the application and the

name and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained.

Any interested person may file a comment on the application with the Chief Engineer. The comment shall be filed on a form provided by the Chief Engineer and is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by calling (605) 773-3352 or writing the Chief Engineer at the address provided above. Filing a comment does not make the commenter a party of record or a participant in any hearing that may be held. Any comment must be filed by April 14, 2025.

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## Clark FFA qualifies for state competition

Pictured are the Clark FFA CDE teams who competed at the Milbank CDE District 1 competition and are advancing to the state competition at the S.D. State FFA Convention to be held April 3-5 at the Dacotah Bank Center in Brookings.

Top row of photos: At top left are Shawn Thonvold, Talyn Ortberg, Ella Sass, Tatum Ortberg and Baylar Lamb who placed third in Floriculture. Top right are Alayna Merkel, Tyler Warkentien, Raigan Flatten, Taylor McGraw, Gracie Luvaas and Alivia Gehrke, who placed first in Vet Science.

Second row of photos includes (left) Mallory Nelson, Bo Begeman, Lily Hartman and Katelynn Merkel, placing first in Food Science and Technology. In the center photo are Mylee Weets, Zoey Helkenn, Breanna Ahrens and Charlie Luvaas, who placed first in Poultry Evaluation. In the right photo are Oliver Reitz,

Peyton Lee, Caitlyn Mudgett and Jaron Ducker, who took first place in Nursery Landscape.

Third row of photos: Left, Macy Ingraham, Alexia Schmidt, Lincoln Rediburn, Tye McGraw and Jaden LaPlante (not pictured), first place in Livestock Evaluation. Middle, Michael Severson, Jakob Steen, Damian Severson and Jerome Enboden (not pictured), second place in Meats Evaluation and Technology. Right, Will Hovde, Kaden Janisch, Logan Seefeldt and Parker Schmidt (not pictured), first place in Natural Resources.

Bottom row of photos: Lane Tarbox, second place individually in Milk Quality and Products. In the right photo is the Agronomy team who placed second, including Logan Parker, Rustin Hansen and Justin Dale (not pictured).

Photos Courtesy of Clark FFA



## Florence-Henry Falcons reload for second season of fast-pitch softball in 2025

By Heather Jordan

After a historic inaugural season of fast-pitch softball in 2024, Florence-Henry is back to build upon the success the Falcons experienced last season.

In 2024, the Falcons not only qualified for the South Dakota State B Softball tournament for the first-time in co-op history but also rallied to earn the consolation championship in competitive fashion.

Haley Hlavacek, a 2024 gradu-

ate, along with teammate Elizabeth Reiter, were both named as Schwan Financial Performers of the Week for their combined efforts during the Class B Tournament. In three games, Hlavacek had seven hits (double, three triples, two HR), five runs and nine RBI's while Reiter, who was also named to the 2024 Class B All-Tournament team finished with three hits (doubles), four runs, two RBI's and 21 strikeouts.

Hlavacek has moved on due to

graduation, but Reiter is back in the driver's seat as a junior this season, and she has plenty of company. Florence-Henry has tasted success under the veteran tutelage of head Coach Bob Reiter, who has played fast-pitch himself for nearly four decades and has experience coaching spring and summer teams in Watertown for the past 15 years. Reiter is assisted by James Caulfield.

### Roster

Florence-Henry has 22 stu-

dent-athletes on the roster for the 2025 campaign, including seniors Brooke Hlavacek, Ashelyn Klitzke and Grace Kahnke, juniors Roean Raymer, Cami Flemming, Elizabeth Reiter and Kali Hanson, sophomores Kaylee Vavruska, MaShia McQuin, Jayda Orthaus and Emma Caulfield, freshmen Ashlynn Vavruska, Mylee Sumner and Samantha Fuller, eighth graders Myiah Orthaus and Harper Hlavacek and seventh graders Aubrey

Schmidt, Alayna Caulfield, Taylor Vavruska, Sabrina Fuller and Teagan Watson.

### Schedule

April 3 @ Clark-Willow Lake - 4:00 p.m.  
 April 7 vs. Elkton-Lake Benton - 4:00 p.m.  
 April 11-12 @ Sanford Sports Complex vs. Northern Cass, Davies and Horace  
 April 15 @ Sisseton - 4:00 p.m.  
 April 17 vs. Deuel - 4:00 p.m.

April 28 @ Northern State Triangular vs. Mobridge-Pollock, Avon and Milbank

May 1 @ Baltic vs. Baltic and Castlewood  
 May 5 @ Deubrook Area - 4:00 p.m.  
 May 9 vs. Redfield - 4:00 p.m.  
 May 13 @ Kingsbury County - 4:00 p.m.  
 May 15 @ Milbank - 5:00 p.m.  
 May 20 vs. Clark-Willow Lake - 4:00 p.m.



## Darling it's better, 'Under the Sea'

In proper prom spirit, after the traditional Grand March, the students were able to make a "fun run" through once more but this time with flare!

Right: Senior girls Tehya Vig, Sami Brenden and Shay Michalski wave their bubble blasters around, while their dates behind them ready their confetti

Pictured above are the waiters and waitresses that helped make the prom a success. From left to right: Seth Poppen, Kadee Frankfurth, Max Bratland, Hadley Gjerde, Ryder LaMont and Evie Terhark.

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