

## 2016-2017 certified staff negotiated agreement approved by school board

May is always a busy month for school boards and at the Clark School Board meeting certified staff and classified staff packages were approved. Also, administrative salaries were finalized.

During the public portion of the meeting, the board accepted the negotiated package between the Clark School District and certified staff for the 2016-2017 school year. Full-time teachers were given an increase of \$4,500 and an additional \$50 to monthly insurance. An emphasis has been placed to raise teacher salaries in South Dakota and that is why the substantial salary increase. The Clark School salary schedule also increased by \$4,500, so the base salary is now \$38,780. It should be noted that because the state of South Dakota dropped early retirement pensions, that school districts are doing the same and the Clark School District is no longer offering early retirement.

After a half hour executive session Monday night, classified staff members were given a 75¢ per hour raise, with a \$410 monthly insurance premium contribution increase. Part-time classified salaries will increase by 50¢ an hour.

After an hour and a half executive session for the purpose of administrative negotiations, the administrative salaries were approved. Superintendent Luanne Warren will receive a \$5,000 raise, principal Jerry Hartley will receive a \$4,500 raise and business manager Mary Nelson will receive a \$4,000 raise.

### Coaching carousel

Many positions, more extra-curricular, than academic, at this time, were approved. Resignations were accepted from: Megan Baule - high school AP English teacher/Spanish; Nancy Steffen - high school cook; Brenda Jongbloed - Silver Lake aide (retiring); Taylor Wieseler - girls basketball coach; Chris Lee - Junior high boys basketball coach; Jerome Nesheim - Junior high football coach; Todd Jenkins - assistant track coach; Ryan Larson - junior varsity wrestling.

Contract amendments were accepted for: 2016-17 football - Joel Huber, head; Dan Whalen, assistant; Jerome Nesheim, assistant; Eric Stevens, junior high; Chris Lee, junior high. 2016-17 volleyball - Emily Bastian, head; Christina Kannegieter, assistant; Junior high, open. 2016-17 Cross Country - Tammie Paulson, head. 2016-17 Dance - Laura McNally, head. 2016-17 Girls basketball - Dave Williams, head; Jerry Hartley, assistant; Lynnea Seivert, junior high. 2016-17 Boys basketball - Jerome Nesheim, head; Mark Prouty, assistant; Eric Stevens, junior high. 2016-17 Wrestling - Ryan Larsen, head; Chase Lettau, assistant; Greg Marx, junior high. 2016-17 Track - Eric Stevens, head; Assistant, open; Lacey Giles, Junior high. 2016-17 Golf - John Brown, head.

Clark School athletic director Jerry Hartley then talked of the coaching carousel from this school year to next year. He stated that in

the last three weeks of April, many coaching decisions were made, with emphasis and priority given to in-school staff. No one, he said, within the school staff applied for junior high wrestling, assistant football or assistant boys basketball.

### In other business:

▲ Nathan Luvaas will be the new Clark School Board member, replacing Amy Sass. He will be sworn in at the June meeting.

▲ The board approved amending the new 2016-17 school calendar from 177 to 180 days, including two built-in snow days.

▲ The board approved the 2016-17 preliminary budget. Business manager Nelson went over the various budget categories with the board.

▲ All board members were present, including: Robert Steffen, Trudi Gaikowski, Shannon Huber and Todd Fjelland. Also present were superintendent Warren, principal Hartley and business manager Nelson.

## Twenty-nine seniors to graduate Saturday at Clark High School



Angela Young



Allyson Monson



Elizabeth Schmah



Dustin Reff



Kathryn Paulson



Bailey Miles



Haley Meier



Braxton Hartley



Hannah Gruenwald



Rory Forest



Lauren Fjelland



Savannah Fisher

Twenty-nine seniors will bid adieu to Clark High School on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. during the commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

The members of the Clark High School Class of 2016 chose Angela Young and Allyson Monson to give the graduation address and superintendent Luanne Warren will in-

roduce them. Giving the Invocation and Benediction will be Pastor Mindy Ehrke.

The Valedictorian is Angela Young and the Salutatorian is Allyson Monson.

Lola Bartels will direct the Clark High School band as they play the processional and recessional. A senior picture presentation, led by

Emily Binger and Marcie Foster, will be given by the senior class. Senior choir members will sing "On Top of the World".

Scholarship advisor, Mrs. Tammie Paulson will recognize the 12 honor students. Junior pilots Jen-

**CHS graduates**  
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Clark County Rainfall 5/3 - 5/9	
* Bradley .20"	* Garden City .30"
* Crocker .22"	* Henry .34"
* Raymond .09"	* Clark .53"
* Vienna .77"	* Willow Lake .60"
* Carpenter .27"	

### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 3	73	40	0
May 4	67	39	0
May 5	80	46	0
May 6	86	50	0
May 7	65	44	0
May 8	70	40	0
May 9	62	51	.53
2016 precipitation to date	4.58		
2015 precipitation to date	3.52		

## Seventeen Willow Lake graduates bid farewell on Sunday, May 15



Silje Efrimson



Alyssa Wendling



Maggie Edleman



Mackenzie Schmidt



Jennifer Tonak

Valedictorian Silje Efrimson and Salutatorian Alyssa Wendling will lead the Willow Lake High School seniors through the 104th graduation exercises, Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake Auditorium. Seventeen Willow Lake seniors will turn their tassels on Sunday.

The valedictorian and salutatorian addresses will be given. Senior class president Jennifer Tonak will present the Spade of Knowledge to junior class president Alyssa Evenson. This spade is a symbol of the knowledge that each student has acquired. It is given to the junior class in hopes they will keep digging for the knowledge they need in the future.

Honor students who will be recognized are Silje Efrimson, Alyssa Wendling, Maggie Edleman, Mackenzie Schmidt and Jennifer Tonak.

diplomas will be by Superintendent Scott Klautd and School Board President Caryl Schmidt.

The Class of 2016 will have a video presentation, sharing interviews with present, past and retired teachers about thoughts, experiences and stories of the graduating class.

Willow Lake seniors are Alyssa Wendling, Silje Efrimson, Jacob Edleman, Spencer Hovde, Chance Burke, Cutler Laube, Maggie Edleman, Lauren Twait, Nicolette Schmidt, Mackenzie Schmidt, Morgan Hunter-Bratland, Jennifer Tonak, Cody Beld, Trace Reddig, Kevin Schuelke, Nathan Wicks and Mario Garcia.

The 2016 class motto is "How am I ever gonna get to be old and wise, If I ain't ever young and crazy?". The class colors are purple, black and silver and the class flower is the Calla Lily.



## Elementary classes are growing a salsa garden

Clark Elementary teachers Mr. Lee, Mrs. Nesheim and Mr. Larson took their classes outside last Friday in warm, summer-like temperatures to begin their project that will be finished in the fall. With help from Mr. Janisch's Ag Class and the FFA club making the raised wooden beds, the elementary is planting a salsa garden. Located at the north end of the playground, three boxes will contain tomatoes and two boxes will hold the onions, cilantro, jalapeño and green peppers.

Clark FFA received a \$600 Working Here Fund grant for a salsa garden. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSA-merica) Working Here Fund.

Clark FFA in conjunction with the elementary school constructed a garden with five planter boxes. The vegetables were planted in the spring and at the end of the summer students will harvest the vegetables to make their own salsa with the ingredients from their garden.

"The salsa made from the garden vegetables will be given to the local food pantry and donated to different organizations," said Greg Janisch,

chapter advisor Clark FFA.

"At FCSAmerica, many of us grew up in agriculture and continue to farm. We know first-hand the value of agriculture education and are proud to partner with Clark FFA to ensure future generations have the same opportunities for learning," said Matt Lindgren, vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Watertown office.

Shown above, Mr. Lee quizzes his fourth graders as they added 27 inches each time to the tape measure in spacing the tomato planting. "The elementary students will harvest their produce in the fall to make salsa together," added Mrs. Nesheim, shown on the right with Mr. Larson, teachers of Clark's second grade classes.

Kim McGraw, 4-H Youth Advisor was on hand in the morning on Thursday to work with the fourth graders in conjunction with her Ag in the Classroom project.