



Twenty-one Clark High School seniors flipped their tassels on Saturday

The Clark High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2024 was held Saturday at Clark High School. The 2024 ceremony saw 21 students walk across the stage.

This year's graduating speakers were Collin Gaikowski, valedictorian, and Jack Helkenn, salutatorian. Band director Amy Nelson led the Clark Concert Band during the processional, and junior pilots Raigan Flatten and Lauren Luvaas led the recessional.

The day itself marked an ending and a beginning for all the graduates. The ceremony could most likely be the last time that all of the graduates are in the same place together.

Clark High School Class of 2024 includes front row, left to right: Danielle Batchelor, Ella Wellnitz, Seth Tarbox, Nadia Granados Jimenez, Nevaeh Rusher, Madison Pickrel, Brianna Dale and Bryce Klancke. In the middle row, from left to right: Sara Thonvold, Christian Ramirez Gonzalez, Conner Mudgett, Owen Spieker, Collin Gaikowski, Taylor Merkel and Matthew Batchelor. In the back row, from left to right: Tyson Huber, Aaron Zemlicka, Collin Woodland, Jack Helkenn, Donavon Epps and Cayden Binger.

Photo by Carolynn Olson

Eight Henry seniors to graduate



Tate Hartley



Caylin Kelly



Katelyn Mischke



Allison Stark



Jaden Thomas



Taylor Watson

The 2024 Henry High School Graduation ceremony is slated for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Henry High School gym. Processional and recessional will be performed by Carrie Kwasniewski. Pastor Billy Evans will give the invocation and benediction. Superintendent Todd Obele will welcome the attendees.

The commencement speaker will be Rebecca Toben. Allison Stark and Taylor Watson were chosen to be the senior class speakers. An Alumni Honor Scholarship will be awarded by the Henry Alumni Association. Then, a class video presentation created by Caylin Kelly,

Stark and Watson will be shown. Principal Landon Hammer will present the Class of 2024. Henry School Board President Adam Hartley will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Henry High School class of 2024 members are: Taylor Watson, Jaden Thomas, Allison Stark, Carson Ritter, Katelyn Mischke, Caylin Kelly, Tate Hartley and Tyler Brown. Watson is the valedictorian. Stark and Kelly are co-salutatorians. The honor students are Hartley, Kelly, Mischke, Stark, Thomas and Watson.

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Willow Lake High School Class of 2024 graduated on Sunday

Sunday was a big day for the Willow Lake High School Class of 2024. It is noted that many times, it is the last time these 12 individuals will all be together.

Graduation was a fast-paced hour-long event, with all graduates being recognized in the speeches by salutatorian Jalen Hohm and valedictorian Emma Peterson. Lukas Anderson, a science teacher at Willow Lake High School, was the guest speaker.

Back row, from left to right, are the boys of the senior class: Rudy Ek, Jonah Loppnow, Ryder Juntunen, James Poppen and Landon Villaseñor. The girls are in the front row, from left to right: Emma Nichols, Jalen Hohm, Shelby Anderson, Emma Peterson, Macy Bocek, Haylee Tormanen and Callia Thalacker.

Photo by Cheryl Hovde

Clark School Board election is set for Tuesday, June 18

By Carolynn Olson

The May meeting of the Clark School Board was held on Monday, May 13 in the Clark High School library at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Governance voted for the West River At-Large Representative (Superintendent) for the SDHSSA Board. The candidates are Kelly Daughters of Faith School District, Chris Long of Lyman School District, Mark Naugle of Custer School District, Erik Person of Lead-Deadwood School District and Cory Strasser of Rapid City School District. Clark High School Superintendent Travis Ahrens recommended Mark Naugle.

Next, the board voted for the Native American At-Large Representative for the SDHSSA Board of Directors.

Francis Big Crow of Lakota Tech High School, Tre'voun Buffalo of Wapala High School, Rich Crow Eagle of Tiospa Zina High School and Chuck Wilson of Todd County High School are the candidates. Ahrens recommended Rich Crow Eagle.

The board voted yes on the proposed Amendment No. 1 of SDHSSA Constitution, to amend Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 6 on Amateur Standing of the SDHSSA By-Laws. "It deals with NIL (name, image, likeness) predominantly effected college sports for the most part," explained Ahrens. "Here at the high school level in South Dakota, essentially, students can't make money

off their participation in high school sports according to our by-laws. Current policy states that not receiving remuneration for NIL as an athlete, but doesn't define what as an athlete means."

The contract for the 2024-2025 school year between the Clark School District and the South Dakota Department of Health was approved. The price has gone up slightly due to an increase in students. Vision screenings, scoliosis, preschool screenings, hearing screenings and presentations that go over hygiene or nutrition are some of the things that the health nurse covers.

The contract with Expetec for the 2024-2025 school year was approved.

The school received the contract early Monday afternoon; it

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WEATHER

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Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 7.....	66	51	0.95
May 8.....	56	39	0
May 9.....	68	42	0.15
May 10.....	68	48	0
May 11.....	76	50	0
May 12.....	76	51	0
May 13.....	77	48	0
2024 precipitation to date			7.16"
2023 precipitation to date			4.11"