

Zemlicka and Kottke re-elected at Clark City Council Meeting

By Carolyn Olson
The Clark City Council meeting was Monday, May 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ulyot Building. Mayor Kerry Kline called the Board of Adjustment meeting to order. There was concern at the beginning of the meeting, due to two of the board members, Melissa Nesheim and Nick Dalton, being absent; however, they were able to be reached by phone. Jamey Gloe's variance was approved at 204 7th Ave. NE for a 17ft property line. Carlos Solanos's variance was approved at 104 3rd Ave. NW for going back 16ft from the alley. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. Financial statements, minutes from the April meeting and claims for April were read and approved. Andrew Zemlicka, Brandon Kottke and Derrick Dohmann recited the

Oath of Office and will remain on the council. Mayor appointments were ap-

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
April 30	49	36	0.02
May 1	63	37	0.10
May 2	59	41	0.16
May 3	56	37	0.03
May 4	54	37	0.53
May 5	60	40	0
May 6	66	50	0
2024 precipitation to date			6.06"
2023 precipitation to date			3.64"

Twenty-one seniors to graduate Saturday at Clark High School



Collin Gaikowski



Jack Helkenn



Madison Pickrel



Nevaeh Rusher



Sara Thonvold



Danielle Batchelor



Tyson Huber



Aaron Zemlicka

Twenty-one seniors will bid adieu to Clark High School on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. during the commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

The members of the Clark High School Class of 2024 chose Collin Gaikowski and Jack Helkenn to give the graduation address. Superintendent Travis Ahrens will introduce them.

Amy Nelson will direct the Clark High School band as they play the processional and recessional. A picture presentation will be given by the senior class.

Counselor Mrs. Felicia Hofman will recognize the valedictorian and salutatorian, the honor students

and the scholars of excellence. Then, there will be a time for parent gifts.

The graduates will receive their diplomas from school board president Todd Fjelland and school board member Nathan Luvaas. Principal Jennifer Heggelund will present the Clark High School Class of 2024. Junior pilots Raigan Flatten and Lauren Luvaas will lead the recessional.

The members of the CHS Class of 2024 are Danielle Batchelor, Matthew Batchelor, Cayden Binger, Brinnanna Dale, Donavon Epps, Collin Gaikowski, Christian Ramirez Gonzalez, Jack Helkenn, Tyson Huber, Nadia Granados Jimenez, Bryce Klancke, Taylor Merkel, Conner

Mudgett, Madison Pickrel, Nevaeh Rusher, Owen Spieker, Seth Tarbox, Sara Thonvold, Ella Wellnitz, Collin Woodland and Aaron Zemlicka.

An honor student must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher. Honor students this year are Collin Gaikowski, Jack Helkenn, Madison Pickrel, Nevaeh Rusher, Sara Thonvold, Danielle Batchelor, Tyson Huber and Aaron Zemlicka.

The Class of 2024 selected light blue and white as their class colors. The class flower is a white rose. Their class motto is "No risk, no story."

Baccalaureate

A Baccalaureate ceremony will be held tonight (Wednesday) at the

Assembly of God Church in Clark at 7:00 p.m.

Future Plans

Danielle Batchelor plans to attend University of Dubuque in Iowa for Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Daniel and Michelle Batchelor.

Matthew Batchelor plans to join the workforce after graduation. He is the son of Daniel and Michelle Batchelor.

Cayden Binger plans to attend the ADVANCE Program in Brookings after graduation. He is the son of Andrea Binger (Mike Clyde) and the late Cory Binger.

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Zach Thomsen receives Shikar-Safari Award

The Shikar-Safari Award is an annual award given to a state officer who has demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement among sworn conservation law enforcement personnel. The worldwide conservation organization, the Shikar-Safari Club International (SCI), gives the award in all 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. A South Dakota officer has received the award every year since 1968.

This year, Clark County Conservation Officer, Zach Thomsen, right, received the Shikar-Safari Award at the Game Fish and Parks in-service on March 19 in Aberdeen from Sam Schelhaas, left. "It was an honor to not only be nominated but to also receive the award," he said.

Submitted photo

City of Clark Community Forum to be held Monday, May 13

By Carolyn Olson
Choose Clark County is hosting a City of Clark Community Forum at the City Hall community room on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Clark residents are urged to attend the meeting to discuss the future of the community. The meeting will focus on the future plans of the Clark community,

including housing, recreation, child-care, service businesses, and commercial business that Clark needs and wants.

This meeting is crucial in guiding Choose Clark County's future efforts and the community's leadership on Clark's wants. This is a chance to make a difference in the future of Clark.

Public notices highlight insurance companies' financial condition

Insurance companies doing business in South Dakota are required by state law to publish financial summaries each year. The summary lists the insurance company's assets, liabilities, business in South Dakota for the year and the lines in which the company is authorized by the state of South Dakota to sell insurance.

"The annual publication of these financial summaries is important to ensuring South Dakotans are informed about an important segment of the financial industry doing business in our state," South Dakota NewsMedia Association Executive Director David Bordeyik said. "Publishing these notices in the local newspaper informs South Dakotans in a trusted, trans-

parent manner and creates a permanent public record. That is why public notices published in the local newspaper remain vital in our democracy."

For more information about any insurance company doing business in South Dakota, contact the state Division of Insurance in Pierre at (605) 773-3563.

More than eight out of 10 South Dakotans cite their local newspaper as the "most trusted" source for public notices such as meeting minutes, bid notices and the insurance company financial summaries. That is according to a statewide survey of 446 South Dakota adults commissioned by SDNA and conducted by Coda Ventures in 2021.

Twelve Willow Lake graduates bid farewell on May 12



Callia Thalacker



Emma Nichols



Emma Peterson



Haylee Tormanen



James Poppen



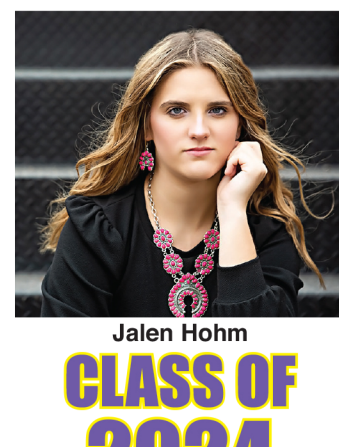
Macy Bochek



Rudy Ek



Ryder Juntunen



Jalen Hohm
CLASS OF 2024



Shelby Anderson

Twelve Willow Lake seniors will turn their tassels on Sunday. A video presentation of the Class of 2024 will open the Willow Lake graduation ceremony on May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake Auditorium. Kristin Vandersnick will play for the processional and recessional. Pastor Jody Peterson will give the Invocation and Benediction.

Shelby Anderson will welcome guests to the graduation ceremony. The valedictorian and salutatorian addresses will be given by Emma Peterson and Jalen Hohm. Haylee Tormanen will introduce the guest

speaker. The guest speaker will be Mr. Lukas Anderson, current Willow Lake High School Science teacher.

Honor students who will be recognized are Emma Peterson, Jalen Hohm, Shelby Anderson, Macy Bochek, Rudy Ek, Ryder Juntunen, Emma Nichols, James Poppen, Callia Thalacker and Haylee Tormanen.

Shelby Anderson will present the Spade of Knowledge to the junior class. This spade is a symbol of the knowledge that each student has acquired. It is given to the ju-

nior class in hopes they will keep digging for the knowledge they need in the future. Then, the parents of the senior class will be recognized.

Presentation of the eighth grade class will be by Principal Claire Mohr. Superintendent Chris Lee and School Board Vice President Jared Knock will present the class with their eighth grade diplomas.

Presentation of the Class of 2024 diplomas will be by Superintendent Lee. The seniors will receive their diplomas from Principal Mohr and School Board Vice President Knock. The Willow Lake seniors are Jo-

nah Loppnow, Landon Villaseñor, Emma Peterson, Jalen Hohm, Shelby Anderson, Macy Bochek, Rudy Ek, Ryder Juntunen, Emma Nichols, James Poppen, Callia Thalacker and Haylee Tormanen.

The 2024 class motto is "We're still learning to be human." - Cody Johnson. The class colors are artichoke blue, black and silver, and the class flower is a light pink dahlia.

Future Plans

Shelby Anderson is the daughter

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