



## Crops 'are looking good'

It's the middle of August in a South Dakota year, Clark County row crops are looking good.

That was the tone of conversation with South Dakota State University Extension Crops Business Management Field Specialist Jack Davis of the Mitchell Regional Office. Davis was quick to note that Clark County and northeast South Dakota are doing much better than the central and southern counties in South Dakota.

"I've been getting many calls about what to do with drought-

stressed corn," said Davis. "Right now, things are looking good. You go farther west and south, things dry out in a hurry."

Corn was putting on kernel weight (probably) last week, Davis said and he kept going back to talk weather and the lack of rain.

As the corn goes a long way to maturity in July, August is the month that seems to be special, good or bad, for soybeans. "The beans are also looking good," reported Davis. "They seem to be filling and forming nicely

(in the Clark County area.)"

"In Clark County another nice rain will go a long way toward harvest," he stated. "It should be a normal harvest in Clark County."

June and July both provided substantial rains in a timely fashion, providing a nice green at this time, with some dry spots here and there.

Davis stated that a normal to late harvest would be most beneficial he thought for this area.

"I'm hearing that the soybean pods are filling nicely in the Clark County area. Where it has been extremely dry, the pods are missing. It is really a tale of the 'haves and have nots,'" he said.

"The winter wheat, state-wide looks better than the spring wheat at this time," according to Davis. "Overall, the wheat looks pretty decent. We had a cooler spring and cool early summer which was more beneficial to the winter wheat. The spring wheat was a little disappointing."

Davis said he visited with many, many producers at Dakota Fest in Mitchell last week, and to a man, he said, all were concerned and emphasizing costs for next year.

"Right now, all production costs are pretty high, except for nitrogen, with equipment costs up and we need natural gas prices to hold in there, as costs are really getting tricky."

Producers, looking to replace equipment are looking further out than just a year, he reported and he added that land values, since last spring have continued again to rise.

He ended, regarding land prices, "We will see how land prices do this fall into next spring."

### WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
August 16.....	78	58	0
August 17.....	80	58	0
August 18.....	84	60	0
August 19.....	81	57	0.05
August 20.....	73	57	0.60
August 21.....	77	57	0
August 22.....	81	61	0
2022 precipitation to date	17.52		
2021 precipitation to date	13.86		



## Class of 2035 starts kindergarten

Classes at Clark School began Wednesday, August 17. Kindergarten student Stella Linneman is welcomed by Clark kindergarten teacher Aleigha Hallberg. Stella is the daughter of Ty and Liza Linneman.

With an August start, the school air conditioning again has come in handy.



The 2022 Clark High School Homecoming royalty candidates pictured in the back row, left to right, are Kiara Bokinskie, Summer Seefeldt, Audrye Foster and Kayla Jordan.

Coronation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

## C.H.S. Homecoming theme is "Board Games"

### ▲ Coronation is Tuesday, August 30

Ninety-two years ago the tradition of Homecoming started at Clark High School. The celebration of Homecoming 2022 is the week of September 5-9, and the theme is 'Board Games'.

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Marshal will be on Tuesday, August 30, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

During Homecoming week, or "Spirit Week", each day has a different dress up day. Tuesday the theme is 'Hawaiian Day'. The fun continues on Wednesday with the theme being 'Pajama Day'. Thursday's theme is 'Anything but a Back Pack Day' and Friday, September 9, is 'Cyclone (Spirit) Day'.

The Homecoming Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. on September 9. The Cyclone football game will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School Sports Complex, west of the high school, against the Groton Tigers.

### Queen Candidates

Kiara Bokinskie is the daughter of Chris and Melody Bokinskie.

She is active in volleyball stats, basketball stats, NHS, SADD and Unified Special Olympics partner. Her future plans are to attend MSU Moorhead for Early Childhood Education.

Audrye Foster is the daughter of Ryan and Ida Foster. Her activities are volleyball, FFA, FCCLA, SADD, Unified Special Olympics partner. Her future plans are to attend LATC.

Summer Seefeldt is the daughter of Mikel and Angie Seefeldt. Her activities include volleyball, basketball, track, FCCLA, FFA, NHS, SADD, student council, Unified Special Olympics partner, football stats, Clark Area Community Foundation. Her future plans are undecided.

Kayla Jordan is the daughter of Shane and Heather Jordan. She is active in cross country, football cheer, basketball, track, NHS, FCCLA, FFA, student council and SADD. After high school graduation she plans to attend either SDSU or

Chadron State College for pharmacy.

### Marshal Candidates

Trey Huber is the son of Nicholas and Jessica Huber. His activities include football, basketball, golf, baseball, NHS and SADD. Upon high school graduation, Trey plans to attend LATC for Commodity Merchandising.

Cole Heiman is the son of Heath and Erin Heiman. He is active in basketball and football. He plans to attend LATC.

Brady Jordan is the son of Shane and Heather Jordan. His activities include basketball, track, NHS, FFA, choir, student council and SADD. He plans to attend Black Hills State University for business and possibly basketball.

Preston Sundvold is the son of Rick and Tami Sundvold. His activities are NHS and golf. His future plans are to attend LATC for Agriculture.

## Willow Lake School inservice being held this week



Cody Forbes



Wyatt Forbes



Erica Juntunen



Kati Knock



Brady LaMont



Laura Madsen



Liisa McDaniels

This is a big week for all Willow Lake School staff, as inservice meetings, workshops and gatherings are being held Tuesday-Thursday, August 23-25.

The 2022-23 school term in Willow Lake will begin Tuesday, September 6, the day after Labor Day. Homecoming is set for September 12-16 culminating with the football game against Parker on Friday.

Superintendent Chris Lee said he and everyone he has talked to is excited to begin the new term. As he begins his fifth year as superintendent, the school bond update which passed this summer will be on the front burner for school upgrades and updates.

School numbers are solid and growing, acknowledged the superintendent and all employee posi-

tions have been filled, except two para-professional positions. Regarding new students, Lee said 60 new students have been added the last six years. New staff in the Willow Lake School system are Cody Forbes, Wyatt Forbes, Erica Juntunen, Kati Knock, Brady LaMont, Laura Madsen and Liisa McDaniels.

### Cody Forbes

Cody Forbes will be a route driver and transportation coordinator.

He is a Willow Lake native and graduated from Willow Lake High School in 2018. Cody is single and lives in Willow Lake.

### Wyatt Forbes

Wyatt Forbes will be a custodian, an assistant football coach and a volunteer for boys basketball.

He is originally from Arlington and graduated from Arlington High School in 2015. Wyatt attended LATI for Livestock Production from 2016 to 2018. Wyatt is single and lives in Willow Lake.

### Erica Juntunen

Erica Juntunen will be an elementary paraprofessional and an assistant volleyball coach. She is originally from Bryant and graduated from Willow Lake High School in 2021. Erica is single and lives in Bryant.

### Kati Knock

Kati Knock will be the K-2 music teacher. Her hometown is Aurelia, Iowa and she graduated from Aurelia High School in 2002. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science from Iowa

State University and a Master's of Science certificate in Advanced Animal Reproduction and Physiology from Auburn University.

Knock has worked as a substitute at Willow Lake School since 2020. She also spends time working at Prairie View Vet in Miller during the summer months. She and her husband own Dakota Vision Ag.

Kati is married to Jared Knock. They have three children, Millie's in fifth grade, Ansley's in third grade and Alicyn is in first grade. The family lives in Willow Lake.

### Brady LaMont

Brady LaMont will be a custodian at Willow Lake School. He is originally from Highmore and graduated from Highmore-Harold High School in 2015.

He attended Mitchell Technical Institute for Powerline Construction And Maintenance. He has worked at Tony's Electric.

Brady is married to Shanae LaMont, they have a seven-month-old son named Walker. The family lives in Willow Lake.

### Laura Madsen

Laura Madsen started as an elementary paraprofessional in January 2022, but will be teaching preschool for the 2022-23 school year. She is originally from Lebanon, S.D. and a 2001 graduate of Gettysburg High School. She attended LATI for Early Childhood Education. Laura previously worked at Bethesda Daycare in Aberdeen.

Laura is married to Jared Madsen, they have three children, Al-

ysa is 12, Logan is 10 and Aubrey is eight. The family lives in Willow Lake.

### Liisa McDaniels

Liisa McDaniels started as a paraprofessional at Collins Colony in January 2022; for the 2022-23 school year, she will be a paraprofessional, chorus teacher and art teacher at Collins Colony. She graduated in 1983 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. She attended Korah Collegiate and Vocational School. Liisa previously worked at Bryant Assisted Living and as a substitute in Willow Lake, Hamlin and Clark.

Liisa and her husband Stan McDaniels live in Willow Lake. They have a grandson, Bradley McDaniels, who is in kindergarten.