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American Agronomics, LLC owners Jordan Hallberg, left and Sean McGraw started their owner partnership this past summer.

Hallberg and McGraw start American Agronomics

This past July, two Clark High School 2006 graduates and neighbors, joined forces to start American Agronomics, LLC. Jordan Hallberg and Sean McGraw, American Agronomics owners, sell Beck Hybrid Seeds and Pivot Bio.

Hallberg and McGraw, who both graduated from South Dakota State University with degrees in agronomy have life-long experience with agriculture and farm life. The duo sells corn, soybeans, alfalfa and cover crop seed. Pivot Bio is a nitrogen product/biological product for agronomy recommendation and agronomy scouting.

The American Agronomics owners live a half mile apart, approximately four miles south of Clark. They said the best part of this story is six years ago there were no houses here along the highway south of Clark. Now there are three homes and 12 kids, if one includes Dave and Beth Severson who live on the east side of the road.

Jordan Hallberg, who also farms

with his father (Tom and Janet) is married to Aleigha and their children are Blakely, 5; Emmersyn, 4; Warrick, 2 and Kahlder, three months. After college Hallberg farmed and started selling seed in 2011. He has been with Becks since 2018.

McGraw was a seed manager in Lake Preston right after college, then a Legend Seeds agronomist for a year and a half and most recently had been eastern South Dakota's NK Seeds representative the last three years. McGraw, son of Rob and Lisa, also shares cattle with Uncle Reed and is married to Betty, with children, Maverick, 4; Macklin, 3 and Maddyx, four months.

American Agronomics provides seeds to farmers in Clark and surrounding counties.

Ended Hallberg, "When it's not the growing season we delve into research provided by the company so we match the right product to the right area and we stay up to date on all economic trends."

Work lab is vital instrument in adult mainstreaming goal

Thursday was the PAES Lab open house. PAES is an acronym for Practical Assessment Exploration System. It began this year in the Clark School Special Education department and Thursday was a chance to show the rest of the school and the public just how wonderful and benefiting the program is to the seven students involved with the PAES Lab.

In a nutshell, held in the southwest corner of the high school, PAES Lab is a 'formal assessment' in a 'work lab setting' with six to eight levels, providing a variety of 'life skills' for special needs students. Teachers are the 'supervisors' and students are the 'employees', with stand up work tables in seven different work areas and 264 job boxes.

Held every class day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. daily. The supervisors are Susan Schmit, Julie McElhone and Jessica Nordhus.

High school special education teacher Schmit is quick to comment, "Kids love it!" She then tells that less than 10 schools in the state currently have a PAES Lab. That puts the Clark School special education on a high plateau, a real plus for the students.

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Ashlynn Wren center, is telling Watertown Vocational Rehabilitation representative Jamie Folk, left and high school teacher Susan Schmit what the steps are in making cocoa from scratch, the job she under-

took on Thursday. Thursday was the open house for the Clark PAES Lab, located in the special education room at Clark High School.

Mystery Snowperson Clue 53rd Annual Snow Queen Festival Mystery Snowperson Contest

Frosty says: "I have three children, a Comet and two Cyclones and I have been to Sturgis."

Send guesses to: Erin Heiman,
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Veterans Day programs at area schools



Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served the United States of America. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11, 2021.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Veterans Day presents an opportunity for Americans to recognize, honor and thank active and retired military service personnel. Observances have been organized and will be hosted by area schools on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11.

Clark
On Thursday, November 11 all veterans and spouses will be treated to rolls and coffee from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the CHS commons area. The program will start in the CHS gym at 9:00 a.m.

Clark High School Student Body President Chad Kolden will welcome one and all, followed by the C.H.S. band recognizing all service branches with the 'Armed Forces Medley'.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited followed by the C.H.S. 7-12 choir singing the 'Star Spangled Banner'.

The 'White Table Setting' done by the Clark High School Student Council members, has become a Veterans Day tradition. 'Who are the Brave' will be presented by the choir.

A video presentation of all Clark military members and all branches of the U.S. military will give one and all a great patriotic feeling.

K-6 students will then sing 'The Brave'. Chad Thomas, Navy Veteran will be the speaker. Chad's high school senior son Ryan will then play 'Taps' as the Colors will be retired by the American Legion. Student Council President Chad Kolden will close the Veterans Day ceremony.

On Wednesday, November 10, the day before Veterans Day, a Veterans appreciation spaghetti dinner will be held for all veterans and their spouses. The meal will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Clark American Legion Hall. The meal will be prepared and served by the 'Better Together' Clark Area Youth Group.

Henry
The Henry Veterans Day program will be Wednesday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend. The program will begin with the presentation of the Colors by members of the Clark American Legion followed by the playing of the 'National Anthem' by the Henry School band. The band will also play 'Amer-

ica: Sweet Land of Liberty' arranged by Michael Story. The sixth grade class will present a program about why we take time to honor our veterans on Veterans Day.

Various groups will be performing songs on the program including: Preschool-1st grades singing 'March of the Wee Americans' and 'Thank You to our Veterans'. 9-12 choir singing 'In Flander's Field' and 5th and 6th grades will be singing 'Sacrifices Made'.

The singing continues with 7th and 8th grades performing 'Thank You Soldiers' and 'Welcome Home' and 2nd through 4th grades with 'Proud of Our Veterans'.

The 5th grade will be reciting poems about Veterans Day followed by recognition of the veterans in the audience who served in the different branches of the military.

The program will conclude with the playing of 'Taps' by trumpet players Collin Fuller and Allison Stark.

Willow Lake
On Thursday, November 11, Willow Lake School will be presenting the Veterans Day program in the Willow Lake gym, at 10:00 a.m. The senior government class will present the 'White Table Ceremony' and 'Armed Forces Medley'. The public is invited to attend.

Coffee and rolls will be served before the program starting at

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"We owe them a debt of gratitude greater than we can ever pay back."

Greg Whitlock, Sec. of the S. D. Dept. of Veterans Affairs



Caydence Kopas, foreground, codes a matrix animation with her Sphero during sixth grade science class, Thursday.

Robotics instructor Bobbi Bohnet is trying to increase robotics enthusiasm throughout Clark School.

Robots are part of sixth grade science class

In sixth grade science class at Clark Middle School, a pilot program controlling robots is being taught by Bobbi Bohnet.

These Spheros, or app-enabled robots, foster student creativity through discovery and play, all while laying the foundation for computer science.

Bohnet has an advanced robotics class in eighth grade and wants to integrate robotics and basic coding into the elementary classes. (Cod-

ing is the ability for the Spheros to create a series of events without any controls.)

Thursday was a play day in sixth grade science class with students getting 20 minutes to make the robots change colors, move and 'speed all over the place'. It was a very controlled learning play day with students getting a lot of action out of the iMac controlled Sphero robots.

As the students were program-

ming and coding, there was time to ask six students what they were doing:

Rylee Pickrel: "I'm programming. There's a lot to do in moving it around. It's even more fun with two people."

Kayla Arthur: "I'm coding the color red, my favorite color. I like doing it best by myself."

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