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## Mother's Day is Sunday 'Just enjoy every minute you have with your children' says Melissa Mudgett



Melissa Mudgett of Clark loves being a mom and enjoys watching her children grow from one stage to another. "Appreciate each stage as they grow so fast," she comments. Her children Caitlyn and Connor sit by their mother on the steps of grandpa and grandma's tree house in Clark.

This Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day and it will probably find Melissa Mudgett spending time that day with her children.

Melissa and her husband Troy are the parents of two children, Connor who is in the fifth grade and Caitlyn who is in the second grade. They are also expecting another baby in mid October.

"I usually try to visit my own mother and mother-in-law that day, too," says Mudgett. Her mother is Cindy Olson who lives in Volga and her mother-in-law is Renae Mudgett of Clark.

When growing up on a farm near White, the daughter of Cindy and the late Myron Olson, Mudgett recalls her Mother's Day memories.

"I remember on Mother's Day in our church - (Our Saviors Lutheran in Brookings) all the moms would be dressed up in their best dresses and they all wore nice flower corsages. I always wanted a flower corsage myself and thought to myself, someday when I'm a mother - I'll get my own.

**Mudgett**  
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Five individuals took the oath of office last Monday at City Hall from City of Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell, left.

## May is when city councils begin anew ▲ Streff re-elected president; Kline re-elected vice president

A changing of the guard occurred at the May meeting of the Clark City Council. John Pollock was sworn in as the new mayor and being sworn in as council members were Kerry Kline, Dennis Larson, Belinda Hanson and Brian Cook. Cook was appointed to the vacant Ward I position.

After the oaths of office, Louann Streff and Kerry Kline were unanimously re-elected president and vice president of the council, respectively.

Clark Mayor John Pollock made the 2017 mayoral appointments with council approval.

2017 Mayoral appointments in-

clude:  
Streets, alleys, sidewalks - Kerry Kline; American Disabilities Act - Belinda Hanson; Pool - Kerry Kline; Rubble Site - Dennis Larson; City Parks - Brian Cook; Water & Sewer - Belinda Hanson; Fire Dept. & City council  
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## Clark School Board discusses wrestling booster club building

Greg Marx represented the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Wrestler Booster Club at the May meeting of the Clark School Board, Monday.

In a nutshell, the wrestling booster club wants to build a 120' x 60' practice facility/community center, south of the Clark landfill, north of

the football field, on land purchased by the wrestling booster club.

The tough part of this equation is whether or not the school would allow practice at this off-school (land) facility and more importantly - what would the booster club charge the school for rent during the wrestling season.

Because Marx did not have an exact rent amount to officially offer, no formal decision was made by the school board at this time.

Over half an hour discussion was given to this new practice facility building topic, as Marx has also gone to the city council. In April, the city council agreed to supplying

water and sewer lines to this facility.

The building process will involve funding with many Cyclone Wrestling Booster Club fundraisers. Marx explained that building cost is now at \$148,000, as air condition-

**School board**  
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## Clark High School graduation is Saturday



Jennifer Hurlbert

Twenty-one seniors will bid adieu to Clark High School on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. during the commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

The members of the Clark High School Class of 2017 chose Jennifer Hurlbert and Joslyn Hurlbert to give the graduation address and superintendent Luanne Warren will introduce them. Giving the Invocation and Benediction will be Father Dan Smith.

The Valedictorian is Jennifer Hurlbert and the Salutatorian is Joslyn Hurlbert.

Lola Bartels will direct the Clark High School band as they play the processional and recessional. A senior picture presentation, led by Joslyn Hurlbert, will be given by the senior class. Senior choir members will sing "I'll Always Remember You".

Junior pilots Josh Weisbrod and Mekel Sanchez will lead the processional.

The graduates will receive their diplomas from school board members Robert Steffen and Todd Fjelland. High school principal Jerry Hartley will present the Clark High



Joslyn Hurlbert

School Class of 2017.

The members of the CHS Class of 2017 are Gustaf Carlson, Korena Epps, Michaela Flora, Jay Foster, Audrey Hanson, Jennifer Hurlbert, Joslyn Hurlbert, Jess Karber, Kenneth McGowan, Joicee Nelson, Jennifer Pickrel, Tate Shape, Neil Spieker, Joseph Streff, Layne Stromsness, Chess Terrill, Lacey Waage, Kobe Weets, Nicholas Weisbrod, Clay Wellman and Chantell Wren.

National Honor Society students are Jennifer Hurlbert and Joslyn Hurlbert.

The Class of 2017 has selected maroon and silver as their class colors. The class flowers are a red rose and a white rose. Their class motto is "The hardest battle you will face in life is to be no one but yourself in a world which is trying its hardest to make you like everybody else."

**Baccalaureate**

Graduation activities will begin with a Baccalaureate ceremony on Wednesday (today), May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym. Pastor Mindy Ehrke will give the

**Graduation**  
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## Last day to file for school board is Friday

Friday, May 12 is the last day to file for the Clark and Willow Lake School Boards.

Clark and Willow Lake School districts will have school board elections in June, if necessary. Nominating petitions may be filed with the respective business managers through May 12, 2017.

At Willow Lake, one three-year term held currently by Paula

Warkenthien is up for election.

At Clark, two three-year terms currently held by Todd Fjelland and Shannon Huber are up for election. A one-year term, currently held by Nathan Luvaas is also up for election.

Mary Nelson is the business manager at Clark School and Melissa Burke is the Willow Lake School business manager.



## Steve Zirbel Day at Henry

Last Wednesday was Steve Zirbel Day at Henry School. Long-time Henry School superintendent Zirbel is retiring at the end of this school year and the students and staff wanted to show their appreciation.

During the hour-long appreciation school assembly, songs were sung, poems were read and business manager Gail Thompson presented Zirbel with this plaque, recognizing how important he has been to Henry School.



The flowers are here and Thursday is the opening day for the greenhouse at Backroads Floral and Nursery, owned by Alissa Reidburn. As this photo was taken, Reidburn had just finished unloading all the flowers for the greenhouse.

## Backroads Floral and Nursery greenhouse to open this week

A new business is opening in Clark. Alissa Reidburn is opening Backroads Floral and Nursery. The greenhouse opens Thursday, May 11, just in time for Mother's Day.

"It's a family affair," Reidburn said of her new business, as her children, Lydia, 14 and Lincoln, 9, will be helping, "and they are as excited as I am." Jarvis is Alissa's husband.

Located just east of Commercial Street and a block north of US Highway 212, the red barn, which is the greenhouse, is very visible.

"With a passion for barns and greenhouses, I'm bringing back the country roots and rural settings of my youth in combination to bring about this Backroads Floral and Nursery Greenhouse," she said.

"We're starting small with an expansion planned for next year," Reidburn stated and she explained that she and her husband had pur-

chased the 1902 former bank building on the corner as well as the office building to the east of the former bank building and also erected the greenhouse.

The flower shop will be located in the bank building and it will open in a couple of months, she noted.

**Backroads Floral**  
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WEATHER				
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
May 2	62	32	0	
May 3	64	42	0	
May 4	68	41	0	
May 5	79	47	0	
May 6	75	47	0	
May 7	81	47	0	
May 8	73	49	0	
2017 precipitation to date	2.37			
2016 precipitation to date	4.58			