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2022 GRADUATES!  
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CHS Graduation  
is Saturday  
WLHS Graduation  
is Sunday

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## April ends cool and windy - Clark County has gotten rain

Weather is on everyone's mind this time of year, as spring is a time of re-growth and brown turning green with leaves coming into view almost overnight.

Plus, spring always has the ability to bring turbulent weather and that is true for this week.

In visiting with Ryan Vipond, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, in Aberdeen, Vipond noted that Clark received 1.58" inches of rain Sunday night into Monday morning, with some high winds and some hail reported. Most of the damage reported to his office came just outside of Clark County, in all four directions.

Clark also received 1.50" of rain in late April.

"Wind has been very apparent this spring," Vipond continued. "Coming into spring with such dry conditions throughout, wind especially strong wind was a concern, probably more in the middle of the state."

Vipond stated that there's a couple good chances of moisture this week. "With May, it's nice to see above average mild temperatures with a good chance of rain."

He ended by hoping these winds will then dry out the fields so as soil temps warm, producers can get into the fields.

Western South Dakota finally received some beneficial precipitation, albeit in the form of snow and not rain. It is not unusual to have wintry weather this late in April, but travel issues were a concern with windy and near-whiteout conditions. Precipitation totals for

the last seven days are over three inches in parts of Harding and Perkins county, and the northern Black Hills. Much of northwest and north central South Dakota received one to two inches of precipitation (water content of snow + rainfall) over the last week.

Elsewhere in the south and east, relentless winds and dry conditions with some thunderstorm lightning caused concerns for fire. Less than one-tenth of an inch of moisture fell in these regions last week. The dry sector over the far south, along the Nebraska border, continues to miss out on rainfall, with zero measurable precipitation reported in parts of Charles Mix, Bon Homme and Yankton counties.

Weekly temperatures were below normal in the north and near to above normal in the south. The north central was the coldest, compared to average, by about six to ten degrees below typical for the week.

Weather  
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WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 3 .....	43	34	0
May 4 .....	55	34	0
May 5 .....	58	39	0
May 6 .....	59	45	0.01
May 7 .....	67	50	0
May 8 .....	74	51	0.86
May 9 .....	70	53	0.72
2022 precipitation to date	5.67		
2021 precipitation to date	5.18		

## Twenty-seven seniors to graduate Saturday at Clark High School



Logan Alexis Hurlbert



Chad Milo Kolden



Gunnar John Kvistad



Hunter Allen Lee



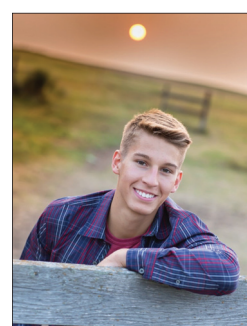
Chasity Mae Lewis



Jordyn Ann Maynard



Kolby Joshua Merkel



Tyler Jayden O'Neill



Teagan Mae Ortberg



Alice Ecila Paradis



Alyssa Grace Popp



Emma Joy Rahm



Gabrielle Grace Sanderson



Macy Michael Steen

Twenty-seven seniors will bid adieu to Clark High School on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. during the commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

The members of the Clark High School Class of 2022 chose Macy Steen and Teagan Ortberg to give the graduation address and 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.

Scholarship advisor, Mrs. Tammie Paulson will recognize the 14 honor students. Junior pilots Summer Seefeldt and Kayla Jordan will lead the processional.

The graduates will receive their diplomas from school board president Robert Steffen and school board member Todd Fjelland. Principal Jennifer Heggelund will present the Clark High School Class of 2022.

The members of the CHS Class of 2022 are Noah Boykin, Heath Hemmingson, Logan Hurlbert, Chad Kolden, Gunnar Kvistad, Hunter Lee, Beau Lehna, Chasity Lewis, Jordyn Maynard, Ethan McElhone, Kolby Merkel, Emmah Mitchell, Ashleigh Moeller, Emanuel Negron, Tyler O'Neill, Teagan Ortberg, Alice Paradis, Taylor Pickrel, Alyssa Popp, Emma Rahm, Paloma Ramirez, Gabrielle Sanderson, Macy Steen, Hayse Steffen, Ryan Thomas, Jackson Werdel and

Dylan Wray.

An honor student must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher. Honor students this year are Logan Alexis Hurlbert, Chad Milo Kolden, Gunnar John Kvistad, Hunter Allen Lee, Chasity Mae Lewis, Jordyn Ann Maynard, Kolby Joshua Merkel, Tyler Jayden O'Neill, Teagan Mae Ortberg, Alice Ecila Paradis, Alyssa Grace Popp, Emma Joy Rahm, Gabrielle Grace Sanderson and Macy Michael Steen.

The Class of 2022 has selected silver and platinum as their class colors. The class flower is a Stargazer Lily. Their class motto is "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."

### Baccalaureate

A Baccalaureate exercises ceremony will be held tonight (Wednesday) at The Assembly of God Church in Clark, at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mark Cronauer will welcome the seniors. Pastor Fawn Lamb will have a special message for the 2022 graduates. Logan Hurlbert, Emmah Mitchell and Teagan Ortberg will read scriptures. Macy Steen will give the opening prayer and Chad Kolden the closing prayer.

Kolden will also be performing "What a Beautiful Name it is" on the saxophone for special music. Amy Nelson will do both the processional and recessional. The congregational hymns are "It is Well with My Soul" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

## Clark School Board approves 2022-23 negotiated certified agreement package

### ▲ Begeman, Huber hired as instructors/coaches

At the May meeting of the School Board, the board approved the 2022-23 negotiated certified agreement. The agreed upon salary base is \$42,500, and all returning teachers will receive an increase of \$3,200. The substitute teacher rate increased from \$12 to \$15 per hour and all classified employees will get a \$2.50 an hour raise.

After an hour and fifteen minute executive session the board then adjourned with no motions necessary. The board entered the closed meeting to discuss administrative

negotiations.

### 2022-23 preliminary budget

May is the month when Clark School business manager Mary Nelson details the 2022-23 preliminary budget to the school board. Superintendent Travis Ahrens and Nelson went over the proposed \$4,293,569 general fund and then talked capital outlay.

Ahrens emphasized that the school is very interested at this time in adding a wrestling room and a garage to the high school and commented, "But now is a difficult

time to build and borrowing is also more expensive."

The capital outlay five-year plan handed out to the board members still has this project three years down the road and it may stay there, rather than be moved closer to soon reality, depending on economic conditions.

What is planned for 2022-23 capital outlay is \$425,796 worth of projects. Those projects include: stu-

dent locker replacement (\$80,000), replace building signage (East exterior wall, \$1,000), update exterior door system (\$23,000 for both buildings), Fieldhouse A.C. install (ESSER), upgrade intercom system to include class bell schedule (\$4,000), roof (\$50,000), elementary playground surface replacement and/or upgrades (Trust Agency), update exterior door system, Voss bathroom upgrade (\$15,000-ESSER), boiler

upgrade (ESSER), EL room update w/(HVAC-ESSER), install flag pole track/FB complex (\$500), Agri-Lime for shot put area (\$4-5,000), lighting along North sidewalk at track (\$7,500-8,500), 15-passenger van (\$30,000), technology (\$50,000), curriculum, \$20,000 (ESSER3), uniforms - BBB H/A jerseys, cheer (\$5,000), weight-room upgrades (\$7,800), K-12 furniture (\$10,000), HS-floor scrubber (\$9,000), and EL-

em-floor scrubber (\$9,000).

### Begeman, Huber hired

Two familiar names have been hired for the 2022-23 teaching staff. Both are 2001 Clark High School graduates and all-state athletes in multiple sports.

Andrea (Seefeldt) Begeman will be the new high school English

### School Board

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## Seventeen Willow Lake graduates bid farewell on May 15



Wyatt Anderson



Hunter Bratland



Jack Bratland



Gage Burke



Tate Burke



Lucas Kannegieter



CLASS OF 2022



Grace Peterson



Gwyneth Warkenthien



Aurora Wendling



Celina Wendling



Zachary Winter

Valedictorian Kasey Michalski and Salutatorian Maggie Hovde will lead the Willow Lake High School seniors through the 110th graduation exercises, Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake Auditorium. Seventeen Willow Lake seniors will turn their tassels on Sunday. The valedictorian and salutatorian addresses will be given. Pastor Steve Johnson will give the Invocation and Benediction. Senior class president Maggie Hovde will present the Spade of Knowledge to junior class president Cole

Brenden. This spade is a symbol of the knowledge that each student has acquired. It is given to the junior class in hopes they will keep digging for the knowledge they need in the future.

Honor students who will be recognized are Wyatt Anderson, Hunter Bratland, Jack Bratland, Gage Burke, Tate Burke, Lucas Kannegieter, Grace Peterson, Gwyneth Warkenthien, Aurora Wendling, Celina Wendling and Zachary Winter.

presentation of the Class of 2022 diplomas will be by Superintendent Chris Lee, Principal Linda Merkwand and School Board President Julayne Thoreson. The speaker for the day will be Mr. Dan Tonak, current Willow Lake Ag teacher and FFA advisor.

Willow Lake seniors are Wyatt John Anderson, Hunter Erwin Bratland, Jack Lane Bratland, Gage Garrett Burke, Tate Daniel Burke, Stian Ernest Efraimson, Maggie Lea Hovde, Lucas Dale Kannegieter, Kasey Joseph Michalski, Avery James Nichols, Grace Tira

Peterson, Samantha Rose Schuelke, Christopher Jairo Villaseño, Gwyneth Ann Warkenthien, Aurora Eline Wendling, Celina Rebecca Wendling and Zachary Gerald Winter.

The 2022 class motto is "It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right. I hope you had the time of your life." - Green Day. The class colors are purple and gold, and the class flower is a white rose.



## Dan Duenwald presented with FCCLA honorary membership

The Clark FCCLA Awards and Induction Ceremony was held last week with numerous awards handed out. Clark businessman Dan Duenwald was presented with an honorary membership to the local organization for his outstanding contributions and providing continuous service to the Clark FCCLA. Look for a full list of awards and results in next week's edition of the Courier.