

**★ TOP  
of the Week**

**WEATHER**

**Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer**

	HI	LO	PR
May 5	50	42	1.33
May 6	48	39	.01
May 7	62	37	0
May 8	57	31	0
May 9	52	31	0
May 10	52	30	.03
May 11	44	31	0
2020 precipitation to date	4.40		
2019 precipitation to date	9.27		

**No school board  
elections in county**

Last Friday, May 8, was the last day to file a school board petition at both Clark and Willow Lake schools.

In Clark, Todd Fjelland and Malory McIntire took out three-year petitions for two open spots. Fjelland is an incumbent. The other incumbent, Shannon Huber chose not to run for the position. No election is necessary. Mary Nelson is the Clark School business manager.

At Willow Lake, no election will be needed as well. Incumbents Randy Nelson, two-year term and Tia Felberg, three-year term, were the only individuals who filed petitions. Melissa Burke is the Willow Lake School business manager.

**No Clark Memorial  
Day Service in 2020**

Social distancing continues because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. According to Cagley Smith Post 60 Clark American Legion Commander Rob McGraw: "At our last meeting the membership of Cagley Smith Post 60, Clark American Legion decided to not have a Memorial Day Program due to the Coronavirus. Instead we will do the Wreath Laying ceremonies at Flat Iron Park and the two cemeteries. The ceremony at Flat Iron Park will be at 10:30 a.m., May 25.

"We will get the flags out along Highway 212 and put the large flags at Flat Iron. Possibly put large flags at entries to the two cemeteries but not on the headstones. Let's try to keep everyone healthy!"

The Clark Rotary Club is still planning the 'Little Fellow' Grave Ceremony six miles east of Clark.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25, 2020.

**No Heritage Day in  
June, 2020**

Heritage Day, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society (CCHS) is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in June.

According to CCHS president Greg Furness and the CCHS Board of Directors, Heritage Day will not be held in 2020.

Said Furness, "We had to cancel because of the safety of our members and the citizens of Clark. Also, scheduling would be impossible. We will be back with Heritage Day in 2021."

**May 15 to be a big  
day in Clark**

The Clark School is planning a "Designated End of School Parade" for 6:00 p.m. this Friday, May 15.

In conjunction with this event, the Clark Chamber of Commerce is having a Clark Care Gift Card Palooza Event, from 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. (See attached insert for more information).

The school year is ending this month at all three area schools, with books and equipment all needing to be turned in to the respective schools.

**Clark County reports  
more COVID-19 cases**

There are two more reported COVID-19 coronavirus cases in Clark County. These cases were reported Friday and Monday of this week, respectively. The first case in Clark County was a month ago.



**City of Clark fire hydrants are flushed**

City of Clark lead maintenance employee Darin Alfillisch periodically flushes the fire hydrants throughout the community.

This general maintenance is done to ensure proper

working fire hydrants. During this time residents may experience low water pressure and discolored water, like above. This photo was taken Monday in the northern part of the city.

**School board continues discussion of proposed FFA greenhouse**

▲ Certified staff receive \$500 across the board for 2020-21

The May meeting of the Clark School Board lasted four hours, roughly split in half with the public session and an executive session. The executive session was held for administrative and classified negotiations, personnel and two open enrollment applications. Following the closed meeting the school board accepted the two open enrollment applications.

A large portion of the public meeting dealt with the 2020-2021 preliminary budget. Clark FFA/ag instructor Matti Boomgaarden spoke about her greenhouse proposal that she presented to the school board earlier this year. This would

be a capital outlay project in the \$40,000 range. Several board questions involved student usage, cost, what company to go with and the main question the board kept coming back to was location. It currently is proposed west of the garage area at the high school just south of the Field House. Board members wanted to make sure that if built, that this would be the best site for the FFA greenhouse.

After additional discussion involving Voss Building upgrades, boiler repairs, roof repair and vehicles, the board approved the preliminary budget, noting that it is a preliminary budget, not the final

budget.

As superintendent Luanne Warren passed out a proposed distance learning plan policy for these pandemic times, talk turned to when to open the Field House and more importantly how to oversee and supervise the lifting of free weights.

This matter will be on the June agenda and decisions will be made as to when the Field House will be open and how it will be supervised.

**In other business:**

▲ Superintendent Warren passed out information regarding upcoming events, affected by COVID-19:

**May 15th parade:** Cars meet at

the high school. Seniors in south parking lot, everyone else line up in north parking lot. Board members Todd Fjelland and Bob Steffen will line up the cars with a parent/guardian driver in each vehicle, no student drivers. Theme will be kickoff for summer. The parade will be live-streamed, summer time music will be played with Terry Schlagel as emcee somewhere along the parade route.

**Graduation:** Following a survey of parents and seniors, a traditional graduation will take place on July 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Should COVID-19 have an resurgence in our county, alternative



**Philip Schonebaum**

"I didn't anticipate leaving Henry any time soon, but this is a big career growth opportunity for me. We have a good staff at Henry. I will miss watching them grow."

Henry School business manager Gail Thompson gave great kudos to Schonebaum for bringing in new, fresh ideas.

"Probably the one program which stands out is the after school program," said Thompson. "Mr. Schonebaum did a lot of work to get this program federally funded, certified and led by a coordinator/lead teacher. Students worked on homework and activities for two hours after school. This carried over into the summer as well. A great addition to Henry School."

"This after school program was really a big deal for our school as students in the summer have done field trips, planted a garden and really concentrated on homework," said the Henry business manager.

**Instrumental instructor Lola Bartels spent her entire career at Clark**

In her senior year, when Lola Farmen earned her way to All-State Band and Orchestra, her music teacher at Groton High School - Mr. Rath, told her that she should consider being a music teacher.

When I asked him, "You think I can be? he replied. Yes. You can."

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher but I hadn't decided on what to teach yet," stated the 1982 graduate of Groton High School.

Lola went on to Northern State University and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of music degree. She double majored in instrumental and vocal.

It was also at Northern where she met and later married Larry Bartels.

The couple moved to Clark and Lola began teaching K-6th general music and band. Back then the fifth and sixth grades were still at the Voss Elementary building. She went to the high school and taught and then later went back to the elementary for a time before moving back up to the high school. Since that time, she's been the band and instrumental teacher at the Clark High School making it 33 years total in the school system teaching the love of music. The last few years, she's also added teaching grammar to the middle school students.

"Before moving over to the high school music department, I remember how we'd had five different music teachers in six years time and thought to myself, we should have some continuity in the high school music department. So I moved over to the high school and have been there ever since."



For 33 years, Mrs. Lola Bartels has been teaching music in the Clark School system. For a time she was also a volleyball coach and in recent years added eighth grade grammar to her schedule. "To hear that my students are still enjoying and playing music in their adult lives is inspiring," admitted Bartels. "We've had a lot of talented kids go through the Clark music department." Bartels is retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

"What talented kids have gone through the Clark music department!" continued Bartels.

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**Elementary teacher Kathy Wookey joins the ranks of the newly retired**

"The joy of teaching is the kids and their laughter," stated Mrs. Kathy Wookey, preschool teacher at the Clark School.

Saying good-bye was a bit more final this year as Mrs. Wookey has decided it is time for her to retire.

Her fourth grade teacher is who inspired her to become a school teacher for her life's work. "She was a good listener and brought out the strengths in me," described Wookey. "She motivated me and enhanced my desire to learn. She was fun yet firm. That was the kind of teacher I wanted to be someday I decided."

Wookey is the second oldest of five girls in her family and four out of the five chose teaching for their profession. Her sisters are Vickie, Cheryl, Jackie and Cindy and all are the daughters of Floyd and Donna Kittelson. "Always work hard and be kind our dad always told us," recalled Wookey of her life on the farm near Henry. She graduated from Henry High School in 1984.

Following high school she went on to Northern State University (NSU) and got her degree in elementary education and special ed.

Kathy Berens became Kathy Wookey when she married Tom Wookey of Clark. The couple live on a farm near Clark.

Her first teaching position was in Willow Lake where she started out teaching middle school math and working with the title one



After approximately 30 years of teaching at Clark and Willow Lake, Kathy Wookey has made the difficult decision to retire. "Every day I would laugh and chuckle (discreetly of course) over the things that they would say," comments the retiring preschool teacher at Clark Elementary. For example being called an egg-spurt because she liked to eat eggs every morning. "How many eggs do you eat Mrs. Wookey? she was asked of her 'expert' status. Teaching preschool at Clark Elementary finished up Mrs. Wookey's many years of teaching.

reading program. Over the next few years she taught special ed and various classes

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