



Clark School Board approves negotiated certified staff package

Not often does the Clark School Board hold their May meeting after graduation exercises, but such was the case in 2019. Graduation had very little to do with the school board agenda, it just shows the 'busy-ness' of May, as school is quickly coming to the summer break and something is going on, school-related, every day of the week.

The Clark School Board accepted the negotiated package for certified staff for the 2019-2020 school year. Salaries were increased by \$1,500 across the board for returning teachers. Classified staff were given a raise of \$.25 to the hourly salary.

The public portion of Monday's meeting lasted an hour, with one of the agenda items being the approval of the preliminary budget. Superintendent Luanne Warren and business manager Mary Nelson have been going over the budget, in detail, with the school board.

The proposed capital outlay budget is \$751,916.56. Some of the

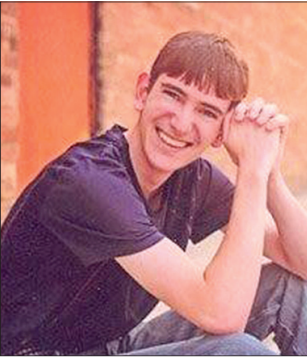
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WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
May 7	.51	32	.05
May 8	.54	32	.54
May 9	.45	35	.58
May 10	.54	33	0
May 11	.60	33	0
May 12	.55	40	.13
May 13	.60	43	.01
2019 precipitation to date	9.27		
2018 precipitation to date	4.40		

Fifteen Henry High School seniors will graduate May 18



Christopher Grode

The 2019 Henry High School Graduation exercises are slated for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Henry High School gym. Mr. Philip Schonebaum give the welcome.

Mr. Jon Redmond, Henry School Principal will present the Class of 2019. Henry Board of Education president Adam Hartley will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The valedictorian for the class of 2019 is Christopher Grode and the salutatorian is Cassie Swedeen. Salutatorian Cassie Swedeen and valedictorian Christopher Grode will give the senior addresses. There will also be a class video presentation created by Emma Tardy. The speakers will be Dennis Cohen and Monique Haug.



Cassie Swedeen

Father Daniel Smith will give the invocation and benediction.

Henry High School class of 2019 members are: Ahlyia Adolphsen, Alicia Burbach, Timothy Clyde, Kendra Gassman, Christopher Grode, Peyton Hoffer, Ian Johnson, Siwoo Kwon, Veeraya Phonimrang, Cody Raml, Brodie Robinson, Cassie Swedeen, Emma Tardy, Rebecca Waldner and Diana White Buffalo.

Senior Class motto is "I always knew looking back on my tears would bring me laughter, but I never knew looking back on my laughter would make me cry." By Cat Stevens. The Class of 2019 has chosen a blue rose as their class flower and their class colors are royal blue, black and silver.

DuWayne Wallen is member of 700th Veterans Honor Flight

"It was a fantastic trip," stated DuWayne Wallen of Clark who returned back to South Dakota at 1:00 a.m. on May 8 from Washington, D.C.

He spent a very full day on Tuesday, May 7 along with his son Steve as his traveling partner for the 700th Honor Flight.

All veterans had a guardian with them on the trip to help - but wives were not allowed stated Wallen, otherwise his wife Delma would have gone on the trip. "If you didn't have a guardian with you, they would appoint you one," said Wallen. "There were 186 veterans on this trip and we had 21 in wheelchairs.

"There were 400 applications sent in and only 80 pulled out of a hat to go and I was one of the lucky ones," stated Wallen. "There were a handful of us from South Dakota on this trip."

The Midwest Honor Flight includes those from South Dakota,

Minnesota and Iowa stated Wallen.

Their plane left at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7 for an 8:00 a.m. arrival in Washington, D.C. "We had a wonderful reception. There were about 60 kids standing in line to greet us. They shook our hands and some gave us cards that they had made," continued Wallen. "It kind of choked you up a little bit. An impressive color guard greeted us and so did John Thune, Mike Rounds and Dusty Johnson.

"We then went on a bus to Arlington National Cemetery and we saw the changing of the guard. That was very impressive - those guys are sharp. They take exactly 21 steps before turning and when they turn and make a click sound by putting their heels together - that's saying 'hello' I was told. That changing of the guard was fantastic

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DuWayne Wallen recently returned from the 700th Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. One hundred and eighty six veterans were on the 700th Honor Flight that toured all of the war memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veterans. His son Steven was his guardian on the trip where a full day was spent visiting all of the memorials. A warm reception with 'mail call', homemade posters and 15 family members greeted him as he returned home.

Winnie and Hazel will have 209 years between them

"You've got to be Norwegian - they never give up!" stated nearly 104-year-old Hazel Ness last week as she prepares for another Syttende Mai celebration which is also right on her birthday - May 17.

She will be 104 years old - the same age as fellow resident Winnie Ackerman.

The following day on May 18, Winnie will turn 105 years old. "Still alive at 105," is something only she can say currently in Clark County - (to our knowledge).

"I got a good start - I was a 12 pound baby - probably the biggest baby at the time in South Dakota as far as I know," stated Ackerman. She was born at home about five miles north of Clark and grew up on a farm that was located where the Oak Tree Lodge is currently. She was one of three children born to Henry and Izetta (Hastings) Lorbough.

Hazel was one of seven children born to Andrew and Marie (Ruud) Christopherson, who farmed four miles west of Naples. Her grandparents had homesteaded their farm before them.

One of Winnie's earliest memories was of going to the railroad depot to watch the soldiers leave to fight in WW I. "When I was that



"For one day we're the same age," said Winnie Ackerman - who has been a centenarian for over four years now. Hazel Ness turns 104 on Norway's Independence day - Syttende Mai, which is this Friday.

The following day - on May 18, Winnie will turn 105 years old. Hence the saying that the ladies will be the same age for one day. On May 17, both will be 104 years old.

Winnie on the left, has been at Roetell Senior Housing since 2007 and Hazel has been there since 2009.

young I couldn't figure out why all of the women were crying. - I didn't know until later, that it was because of all the boys and men leaving for the service. The railroad came into town and stopped where this place (Roetell's) is now.

"Back when we were young, too,

you never got a new dress," continued Ackerman. "You just remodeled the one you had."

Ness recalled when young on the farm, that gypsies in wagons would sometimes stop at their farm. "They'd go out to the chicken coop and take eggs and maybe a chicken.

We would just let them go to avoid any trouble."

Both ladies giggled when mentioning that the young kids nowadays would not know what a charivari was. This was a customary tradition of coming to the home of the newlyweds and making a lot of noise and then inviting themselves in. Sometimes bringing in food. This was done late at night surprising the newlyweds with a lot of banging on pots and pans or whatever made a lot of noise.

"At ours we all stayed up dancing until dawn the next day," remembered Ness.

"At our wedding - families were so poor back then, I remember each family would put in a quarter," recalled Ackerman. "Then they would get us something that cost a dollar together and we were tickled to get those gifts. Think of what they pay now."

A scrub board was their early washing machine which was followed by one with a lever that was pulled back and forth to agitate the clothes within the wash tub. Ackerman also recalled an early vacuum cleaner her grandmother had.

"It had a long tube and you had
209 years
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Fifteen Willow Lake graduates bid farewell on May 19



Dillon Beld



Abbie Bratland



Mason Burke



Micah Burke



Britta Hervi



Cutler Michalski



Jacob Prouty



Cecelia Redinger



Rayanna Warkentien



Bryttany Wendling



Sophia Wilen



Co-Valedictorians Abbie Bratland and Cutler Michalski and Salutatorian Mason Burke will lead the Willow Lake High School seniors through the 107th graduation

exercises, Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake Auditorium. Fifteen Willow Lake seniors will turn their tassels on Sunday. The valedictorian and salutatori-

an addresses will be given. Pastor Steven Johnson will give the Invocation and Benediction. Senior
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Graduation was Saturday for 19 Clark High School seniors

Nineteen Clark High School seniors are now alumni, as Clark High School graduation took place Saturday, at the C.H.S. gym. The weather was cool and wet, forcing the congratulatory line to remain inside. After the two senior speeches, by 2019 gradu-

ates-to-be, Janae Kolden and Taylor Hartley and before receiving diplomas, it is a Clark School tradition to thank the respective parents.

Above, senior Bret Lehna gives his mom, Melissa, a hug, with dad Bryce in the background.