



Saturday was a big day for the Clark High School Class of 2023

Clark High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2023 was held Saturday at Clark High School. The 2023 ceremony saw 18 students walk across the stage with the late Zackery Lee Weber being the nineteenth student in the class.

This year's graduating speakers were Summer Seefeldt, Trey Huber and Brady Jordan. Band director Amy Nelson led the Clark Concert Band during the Processional, and Pilots Collin Gaikowski and Jack Helkenn led the recessional.

The day itself marked an ending and a beginning for all the graduates. The ceremony could most likely be

the last time that all of the graduates are in the same place together.

Clark High School Class of 2023 includes front row, left to right: Abigail Reil, Breanna Helkenn, Kayla Jordan, Summer Seefeldt, Tate McGraw, Audrey Foster, Kelly Miles and Tiffany Carroll. Back row, left to right: Zedor Tuttle, Mason McElhone, Kiara Bokinskie, Cole Heiman, Brady Jordan, Trey Huber, Preston Sundvold, Turner Fjelland, John Hollinrake and Hunter Wren.

Photo by Kristin Janisch

Sixteen Henry seniors will graduate May 20



Macey Lane

Trinity Watson

Aubrie Hartley

Jozie Hyatt

The 2023 Henry High School Graduation exercises are slated for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Henry High School gym. Processional will be performed by Mrs. Kwasniewski. Superintendent Todd Obele will give the welcome.

Matt Mohr, Dean of Students will present the Class of 2023. Henry Board of Education president Adam Hartley will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The valedictorians for the class of 2023 are Macey Lane and Trin-

ity Watson, and the salutatorians are Aubrie Hartley and Jozie Hyatt. Hartley and Hyatt will give the senior addresses. A class video created by Watson, Lane, Hartley and Hyatt will be played during part of the ceremony. The commencement speaker will be Tyler Thue, middle school and high school social studies teacher.

Nicole Sharp will give the invocation and benediction.

Henry High School class of 2023 members are: Davin Adolphsen,

Kaylea Bentley, Samuel Blue, Dylan Brenden, Maddi DeVille, Hayley Goodall, Aubrie Hartley, Jozie Hyatt, Reagan Johnson, Macey Lane, Kylie Lindner, Logan Lutz, Trevor Rawlins, Alex Ries, Karli Sharp and Trinity Watson.

Their Senior Class motto is "A sweet ending to a new beginning." The Class of 2023 chose the white rose as their class flower, and their class colors are royal blue, white and black.



Clark County Treasurer Kay Mahlen is pictured above at work on the third floor of the Clark County Courthouse, her place of employment for the last 30 years. Mahlen plans to retire at the end of this month, beginning her summer as a retiree. Carrie Reis will be the acting treasurer in Mahlen's place for the duration of her term.

Mahlen retiring after 30 years as county treasurer

Kay Mahlen, Clark County Treasurer will kick off her summer with retirement. Mahlen will exit the courthouse doors as treasurer for the last time at the end of this month. Carrie Reis will be the acting treasurer in her place for the duration of her term.

Thirty years ago, Mahlen was encouraged to take out a petition by a family friend and bowling buddy, Bob Bauman. While still apprehensive, Mahlen sought advice from her friend Linda who was a part time employee in the treasurer's office. Linda added to Bauman's encouragement, and Mahlen petitioned for the position in 1993.

Prior to her employment as treasurer, the Clark County native lived and worked in California with her late husband, Jim Mahlen. After the couple married in 1968, they moved to Southern California, where Jim

worked in the pool industry for a Roslyn, S.D. based company, The Strand Brothers.

After a couple years, the couple moved to Sonoma in Northern California, where Mahlen loved the atmosphere and living in wine country. The couple welcomed three daughters: Kacey, Amy and Maggie. Wanting to raise their children in a safer environment, the couple moved their family back to Clark in December of 1980.

The couple opened up Mahlen's Truck Stop in Clark, which they purchased from the Kruthoff Brothers. The Mahlens turned the truck stop into a combination gas station and tire center, which is known today as Gas Plus and WW Tire.

Mahlen stated she had several opponents in the primary in which she won and moved forward on the general election. She defeated Mar-

cella Peckham in the general election. Mahlen's slogan was, "Hey! Vote for Kay!" "It was catchy," said Mahlen. "I went to all the surrounding cities and campaigned door to door. I had magnets made with

Kay Mahlen
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WLHS Class of 2023 graduated on Sunday

Sunday was a big day for the Willow Lake High School Class of 2023. It is noted that many times, it is the last time these nine individuals will all be together.

Graduation was a fast-paced hour-long event, with all graduates being recognized in the speeches by salutatorian Alicia Vig and Valedictorian Madison Burke.

Lifelong Clark County resident, auctioneer and farmer, Terry Schlagel was the guest speaker.

Back row, from left to right, are Braeden Johnson, Kaplan Felberg, Mitchell Larson, Hobie Johnson and Jeb Wilen. Front row, from left to right are Alicia Vig, Cole Brenden, Chase Chambers and Madison Burke.



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May 10.....	76	52	0
May 11.....	72	57	0
May 12.....	76	57	0.07
May 13.....	72	57	0.10
May 14.....	60	51	0.30
May 15.....	69	45	0
2023 precipitation to date	5.04"		
2022 precipitation to date	5.87"		