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A Day to Remember



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Parade is a popular way to end a school year during pandemic

"The Designated End of School" parade was a big hit! After social distancing for two months, community members continued social distancing; with a car parade. Elementary students rode in the parade with their parents and the elementary staff stood by the school with Hawaiian decor and signage.



Clark High School graduating seniors were also recognized and honored in the parade.

Showing two of the seniors, Saylor Hallstrom and Matt Streff, above left and above right, a student shows fourth grade teacher Ryan Larsen some appreciation by giving him candy. Friday was the last day of student/teacher interaction and now summer vacation has begun.

Clark City council approves summer recreation for 2020

A special Clark City Council meeting was called for Monday, May 18 to decide how to handle summer recreation programs.

Whether or not to open the Horace Bennett Memorial Swimming Pool was the first topic of discussion.

Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell told the dozen or so in attendance that lead maintenance employee Darin Altfillisch said that the pool could be open by the first weekend in June.

The city council did not want to rush the opening of the pool, but with the next scheduled meeting to be June 1, decisions could be made at that time.

Luttrell was more concerned about employees for the pool than what date the pool would open. The council did approve the opening of the swimming pool and the hiring of two managers and five lifeguards.

Some concerns were raised regarding safety and liability regarding the coronavirus pandemic. Luttrell had researched as to what other South Dakota communities were doing regarding their swimming pools. The reason she was concerned about lifeguard help is

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 12	51	32	0
May 13	53	34	.03
May 14	51	45	.01
May 15	68	39	0
May 16	66	40	0
May 17	66	40	.38
May 18	64	44	0
2020 precipitation to date	4.82		
2019 precipitation to date	10.98		

COVID-19 school closures, one for the record books and hopefully not the grade books

Since March 16, 2020, there have been no students walking the halls and attending classes in area schools. Adapting has been a challenge with teachers, students and parents.

"The kids give us the energy to do what we do," stated Tammie Paulson, who instructs FACS and FCCLA at the Clark School.

"I think all of us agree as teachers, not having the one on one contact and the face to face interaction with our students has been the hardest part of this spring's shutdown.

"We didn't go to school to teach online," she continued. "Some academics have been easier to teach online, but with the hands-on activities like I teach, it's been rough.

Attending state meetings and competitions for the FCCLA members as well as FFA members this



On the computer with chairs put up on a table because no one is using them in the background, was normal this spring in Tammie Paulson's FACS classroom.

spring - did not happen in person. Meeting others from the different schools in friendly competition just wasn't the same without 'being there'.



'Smile' said the photographer. "I am," said Clark teacher Joel Huber behind his Vikings material mask.

This may be the new look for Drivers' Education teachers this summer, when and if, the class takes place.

Although it was available virtually online for those who wanted to compete, some did but others did

not see a reason to compete. Mrs. Paulson explained how some students were excited to work at home while others were not. "It's good that it happened in the spring when we can be outside more. Can you imagine if this would've happened in November or December? It would've been harder for us I think.

"The kids really miss the one-on-one interactions with their friends and teachers," ends Paulson.

Matti Boomgaarden

"We've found out how we are really adaptable and our students are adaptable too when it comes to online learning," added Matti Boomgaarden who teaches Agriculture Education and is the FFA instructor.

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Memorial Day services greatly affected by COVID-19 pandemic

The decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings have been a part of the Memorial Day holiday for as long as one can remember.

This year is a different story however with pandemic closures and cancellations. Memorial Day services at all area towns have been severely affected with no big gatherings or dinners held in memory of our fallen heroes of the past.

Clark

In Clark, the flags will be put up along the US Highway 212 and at Flat Iron Park. Cagley Smith Post #60 Legion Commander Rob McGraw reported that the membership decided to not have the usual Memorial Day program due to the Coronavirus. Instead Legion members will do the wreath laying ceremony at Flat Iron Park at 10:30 a.m. and at St. Boniface and Rose Hill cemeteries following.

Little Fellow service

The Clark Rotary Club will be holding a brief memorial program adhering to social distancing rules at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning, May 25, 2020 at the Mary Nelson homestead located six miles east of Clark along US Highway 212.

The brief service honoring the Little Fellow will be held by the me-



morial sign six miles east of Clark. Willow Lake

In Willow Lake the Johnny Fonken Legion Post #113 with Commander Curtis Lamb have met and decided to play it safe with no program, dinner or cemetery programs to be held this year.

"Legion and auxiliary members will be putting out the flags on all of the veterans graves in advance of the Memorial Day weekend at the Collins Cemetery and St. James Catholic Cemetery.

In addition to Memorial Day ser-

vices being canceled, the Willow Lake High School Alumni banquet and meeting is being postponed to a later date. The original date was set for this weekend, May 23. Alumni organizers are working hard to identify an alternative date and will contact alumni members when a date is decided.

Bradley

In Bradley - the Larry F. Hartman Legion Post #108 members have decided to not hold services this year

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Big parade for Winnie and Hazel

▲ During the parade, both gals are 105

"There must have been at least 50 vehicles!" said one onlooker of the car parade Sunday afternoon down Smith Street past the Roetell Senior Living facility.

The parade was in honor of Hazel Ness' 105th birthday on Sunday and Winnie Ackerman's 106th birthday on Monday.

Complete with police and fire department escort, friends and family paraded by in their decorated vehicles.

Shown left to right, Hazel Ness, Sarah Sippel, Winnie Ackerman and Sandi Sippel all wave to the passing well-wishers.