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**Memorial Day is Monday**

Government offices and banks will be closed on Memorial Day. The Courier office will be open.

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## Raymond Legion's flag placement list has grown

Jim and Janet Hurlbut recently spent time locating six former members/veterans of the Raymond Baker Legion Post #209 at cemeteries other than those at the Prairie Valley Cemetery and the St. Patrick Cemetery.

"We wanted to make sure our former members all had the Legion Emblem flag holders for the local Legion's flag placement," said Janet of their recent efforts.

"We thought it was important to mention all of the Legion members in which ever cemetery they are located," noted Hurlbut who served with the Army Reserve from 1953-

1955 during the Korean Conflict. "He got to thinking of some past members who had died who weren't on the list and we wanted to change that," said Janet. "He wanted to make sure they were recognized and had a Legion emblem to represent the service."



The flag holders are permanent but the flags are put in right before Memorial Day and taken down shortly after said Hurlbut of the Raymond Legion Memorial Day observance and program routine.

With Janet's former position in the Clark County Register of Deeds office, she knew where to look to find and locate the veterans.

Six were added to this year's list. Those being Jim Danekas, Lawrence Patnoe, Herbert Mehlberg, Bill Martin, Edwin Jacobs and Ferd Barrie.

The Hurlbuts also updated the **Raymond** (continued on page 3)

Clark County Rainfall 5/12 - 5/18	
* Bradley 1.0"	
* Crocker 1.40"	
* Raymond 1.09"	Garden City 1.20"
* Clark 1.08"	Henry .86"
	Vienna .75"
* Carpenter .10"	Willow Lake .75"

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 12	58	31	0
May 13	70	48	0
May 14	56	48	.16
May 15	60	48	0
May 16	75	54	.12
May 17	59	31	.80
May 18	37	30	0
2015 precipitation to date	4.60"		
2014 precipitation to date	4.58"		

The Clark County Board of Commissioners has lifted the burn ban effective immediately.



## Saturday was a big day at the Clark High School gym

### ▲ 24 C. H. S. graduates turn their tassels

Twenty-four Clark High School seniors participated in commencement exercises, Saturday, at the Clark High School gymnasium.

The graduates paid special tribute to superintendent Luanne Warren, by giving their former middle school teacher and now the school leader, a bouquet of yellow roses.

Brooke Reidburn, left, adjusts her mortar board as she and Megan Pierson head to the stage with the CHS band playing *Pomp and Circumstance*. Also shown walking to the stage for commencement are Cody Nelson, left and Cory Lowrie.

# Memorial Day services set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 25. Many communities throughout the county will pause to honor veterans of all wars. Several communities will have guest speakers presenting patriotic addresses as part of their Memorial Day services.

### Clark

The Memorial Day program at Clark will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Clark American Legion Hall. Post Commander Rob McGraw will welcome those attending. The Cagley-Smith Legion Post

#60 and Legion Auxiliary members will lead the processional and the Legion Color Guard will be in charge of Posting of the Colors. The audience will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and will sing *The Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*. Invocation and Benediction will be given by Post Chaplain, Bob Schlueter.

The essay topic this year was 'What does Freedom Mean to My Family'. Clark students who will be reading their essays are, Aaron Zemlicka, Audrye Foster, Musonda Kabwe, Sarah Weisbrod, Jessica

### Little Fellow Services

Residents and those interested will be making the annual trip to the grave site sign this year to remember the Little Fellow.

The services will be held at the sign near the Lavern and Betty Kranz homestead. The memorial service starts at 9:00 a.m.

If one needs a ride to the site, contact Greg Furness at 532-5772.

Temple, Grayson Florey and Matthew Streff. The poetry topic this year was 'Because of the Brave'. Students who will read their poems are, Donovan Epps, Olivia Anderson, Chad Kolden, Ryan Thomas and Gunnar Kvistad.

Mike Miles will be the featured speaker at the event. The Empty White Table presentation will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Color Guard will lead the group to Flat Iron Park for the usual gun salute ceremony. Wreath ceremonies will follow at Flat Iron

Park, St. Boniface Cemetery and Rose Hill Cemetery and *Taps* will be played by Audrey Hanson. The Legion Auxiliary will serve lunch at the Legion Hall following the program.

### Willow Lake

Johnny Fonken Legion Post No. 113 will hold the Memorial Day service at the Willow Lake Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. Post Commander Paul Knock will welcome the guests. The *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *National Anthem* will be led by Post Commander Knock with the invocation by Rev. Dick Poppen. Laryn

Warkentien will give a reading. Marian Cramer will be this year's speaker. The post plans a memorial service at Collins Cemetery following the program, where *Taps* will be played by Jake Schmidt. A meal, put on by the Lions Club will follow at the Willow Lake Auditorium.

### Vienna

No service will be held in Vienna this year.

### Raymond

In Raymond, Baker Legion Post

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# President Barack Obama visits Watertown

## ▲ Several Clark County area graduates in the LATI Class of 2015



"It was cool how he put on our jacket from L.A.T.I." said Bailey Bruns who had a seat close to the front to view the President of the United States, Barack Obama, speak at her graduation from Lake Area Technical Institute. "We all thought that was awesome! He did a really good job, we all agreed."

Obama spent two hours in Watertown on May 8 with his secret service entourage arriving earlier to prepare for his arrival. Clark's law enforcement also aided in the security details for the day's event.

Submitted photo

Watertown's Lake Area Technical Institute graduates had the unique experience on May 8 of having President of the United States, Barack Obama speak at their graduation ceremony.

The *Clark County Courier* interviewed several area residents who were involved and attended the graduation.

Willow Lake alumna Michaela Johnson was one of the graduates, earning a degree in Human Services as did her classmates Courtney Binger and Shelby Blair, both Clark graduates.

"Everybody was really excited and ready to see the president," exclaimed Johnson. "Walking in was breathtaking - to see so many people there. We didn't come into the auditorium until right before the president did. It was probably about 5:15 p.m. His plane was late, - about an hour later than expected. All of us (graduates) waited in the DD Miller Auditorium. We weren't bored waiting, it was nice to spend a little more time talking with our classmates."

Meanwhile in the Watertown High School gymnasium the general admission by ticket only waited and listened to music over the loud speaker and were offered water by the local boy scouts.

Each graduate was given four tickets originally for family members to attend. However at graduation rehearsal days before, a three hour process, the group found out, some extra tickets were available, so some graduates were able to get a few more - those who had asked ahead of time.

Johnson invited her family, Jim and LeAnn - her parents, her brother Lucas and her boyfriend Jeremy. "It was a once in a lifetime experience for Jim and I," said LeAnn. "We may never see another president in person in our lifetimes."

"We waited in line about an hour to get in the building," said L. Johnson. "We got there at 2:00. Then we had to go through security - there were several lines where the process was similar to airport security - if you walked through the scanner and it beeped they held you back. You'd put your keys, phone, cameras aside and they went through everyone's purse."

"They told the kids (graduates) more than the crowd. Michaela texted me when she heard that the President's plane had landed, so we knew it would be soon. It was a 45 minute delay from when he was scheduled. The whole program was put on hold until he got there. When we saw all the reporters go

up front, we knew it would be soon. "After his speech, the other speakers and the rest of the program waited until the president left the building. Some security came back to get the Presidential seal off of the podium and then after that the program continued."

Clark High School and LATI graduate Cody Wookey commented, "It was all really cool and very interesting. What caught my attention during the speech was when he talked about in the future, making it so every kid can go to a two-year vo-tech school for free. People in the crowd were yelling - 'Do it'. It was really cool to watch."

"I got six tickets total. When we signed up on the Internet, they had a drop box at the bottom if you wanted more. I put down two and got two extra, so I was able to invite my grandma and aunt besides my sisters and parents - (Tom and Kathy Wookey)."

"We had to wait a little longer, but it was all worth it. I waited two years for graduation - what's another hour?" ended Wookey.

"How many people can say they had the president speak at their graduation," said Lori Page whose

**President**  
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