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

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Memorial Day services set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 26. 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.

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The Memorial Day program at Clark will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Clark American Legion Hall. Post Commander Mike McGillivray

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

will welcome those attending.

The Legion and 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. Bob Bauman will be doing selected readings.

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2014 CHS seniors are now graduates!

Clark High School commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gymnasium.

The commencement exercises were quick, lasting under an hour. The weather cooperated so the receiving line could be held outdoors.

Above, superintendent-elect Luanne Warren

turns the tassel of graduating senior Morgan Huber, after she has received her diploma from Clark School Board President Kim Seefeldt (not pictured).

The class colors were white, black and silver and the class flower was a white rose. The class motto was: "We're ending now, but barely beginning".



In celebration of 50 years, the Golden Living Center Clark had many activities planned for last Wednesday. The first order of business dealt with the opening of a 25-year time capsule, buried in 1989 by nursing home director of social services, Peggy Brekke.

Above, long-time administrator Joyce Helkenn and

current administrator Margaret Grimm, look over the list of employees at that time. In the background is long-time Golden Living Center Clark dietary department employee Ruth Wittrock. The time capsule was stocked full of interesting tidbits of the time and helped entertain the nice crowd for almost a half hour.

Care giving is what the Golden Living Center Clark is all about

▲ 50th Anniversary event allows a look at the past

In honor of the Golden Living Center - Clark's 50th anniversary this month, this is part III in the series on the local nursing home. This week Peggy Brekke, Social Services, Mary Nelson, Business Office Manager, Betty Poppen former Director of Nursing and Mary Hurlbert, former Director of Nursing, share sto-

ries of the nursing home and the changes in the industry over the years.

"Change is a good thing and we have seen change in 50 years. My grandmother and my mother were both residents here at one time. I have been connected with the facility actually since 1967. So many changes. That's progress!" says

Peggy Brekke, social services.

Peggy Brekke started working at the Clark Nursing Home while still attending high school in 1967 as an aid working the 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. shift. She later worked there again upon moving back to Clark after her marriage in 1970 while

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AC Country Guns is open for the hunting enthusiast

"I've always been a gun lover since I was a little kid," stated Aaron Hemmingson of Clark. "I thought of doing this 30 years ago."

"My wife Connie and daughter Cassi persuaded me to start this business. I've had my Federal Firearms License (FFL) for three years. With my family's persuasion we decided to get the guns out of the house. (Connie wanted her dining room back) We began construction last winter, building a 32 x 60 wood framed building right on the farm and opened for business this past April."

A Savage #17 ca. B-Mag is one of his new favorite guns as are the Winchesters and Rugers. "The Savage can shoot 3,000 feet per second, rim fire -, that's really fast," exclaims Hemmingson.

They are open Monday through Saturday from nine in the morning to eight at night. On Sundays, if they're home, they are open say the couple.

"We've got a little bit of everything in here that go along with one's rifle, shotgun or pistol. We can order any specialty guns and are willing to buy, sell or trade, whatever the customer wants."

Hemmingson continues that there is hardly anything that he cannot get when looking for a special gun. "So far when people have asked, if I can find a particular gun, I've been able to find what they're looking for," says Hemmingson.

Ammunition for a 22 has been hard to find most recently. There



Aaron and Connie Hemmingson are shown inside AC Country Guns, their new business located at their farm site six miles north and one fourth mile west of Clark. Officially open in April, Hemmingson offers guns of all kinds and all of the ammo and equipment that goes with them for gun enthusiasts like himself.

seems to be a shortage currently. "That's what everyone is looking for, the 22 ammo," said Hemmingson. "Two big ammo companies, Remington and CCI are building new factories, so when they get up and running, that should help loosen things up a bit. People just need to have patience, it will turn around."

The technology with gun safes has improved over the years. Hemmingson has a bio-metric gun safe

that has a fingerprint combination. Thirty different fingerprints can be programmed into its system.

Hemmingson grew up hunting near Bradley under the direction of his father Alfred Hemmingson, learning on a 22 ca. with gophers. "I remember I couldn't wait until I turned 12 to take the hunters safety course and get my license. I started

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Climate Prediction Center says cool wet weather continues

More cool and wet weather across South Dakota are likely this summer according to the latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center of NOAA.

"This condition will have some interesting implications for South Dakota and the region particularly because of the cool spring," said Dennis Today, SDSU Extension State Climatologist.

Although corn planting has moved along near average pace to this point in the spring for South Dakota, Today said emergence is behind the 5-year average. "While this is not a major issue currently, the potential lack of heat during the summer could change the potential crop situation across the state as the summer progresses," he said.

Typically, crops in the southeast part of the state, often experience enough heat during an average growing season. Today indicated that more frequent 90-degree days often leads to crop stress. "The po-

tential for cool weather during this summer would likely be favorable to their growing season reducing some potential stress," Today said.

He added that the cooler conditions in the northern portion of the state could produce some additional problems with corn and soybeans. "Northeastern parts of the state

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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 13	52	32	0
May 14	50	28	0
May 15	40	28	0
May 16	54	29	0
May 17	64	37	0
May 18	70	44	0
May 19	74	52	0
2014 precipitation to date	4.58"		
2013 precipitation to date	6.40"		



Spring planting continues at a brisk pace

This is a very common sight in Clark County as producers are working hard to get corn and beans in the ground. Temperatures last week fell below the freezing mark, but all indications show that those low temperatures are hopefully behind us.

Weather-wise, it looks as this is the week we've been waiting for with highs in the 70's and lows in the 50's predicted and even the

80's are in the forecast for this weekend into next week. The precipitation chances are at 20-30% this weekend into early next week, as well.

Warming soils and dry weather for the remainder of this (Monday-Friday) week, should allow many producers to get much row crop planting accomplished.