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Memorial Day services are all set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 27. 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 Mike McGillivray will welcome those attending. A video presentation will be focusing on our Missing in Action service-

men. The auxiliary will be presenting "The American White Table".

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*. Invocation and Benediction will be given by Post Chaplain, Bob Schlueter.

The essay topic this year was "What Freedoms do I enjoy the most". Layne Stromsness and Lauren Fjelland will be reading their essays. The poetry topic this year was 'The Apple of My Eye' and Ca-

leb Orris will read his poem.

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

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.

On Monday morning, May 27, those interested are to meet in the alley behind the Lookout around 8:30 a.m. to leave at 8:45 a.m. Rides will be available.

guests. The *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *National Anthem* will be led by Michaela Johnson. Post commander Paul Knock 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 No. 209 Chaplain Ron Hinman will

offer the Invocation and Benediction for the program planned for 10:00 a.m. at the new Raymond Fire Hall.

Commander Roger Hurlbert will introduce guest speaker Major General Timothy A. Reisch of Rapid City who is the 21st Adjutant General and appointed by Governor Daugaard. He serves as Commander General for both the SD Air and Army National Guard.

'In Flanders Field' will be read by junior auxiliary member, Jennifer Hurlbert. Ralph Hurlbert will give

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Lake Grocery will soon begin its third year of existence



Lake Grocery manager Deb Holmstrom, right and employee Dede Dylla are pictured next to the canned food section. This coming month marks the three-year anniversary of the 'community owned' grocery store in Willow Lake.

Lake Grocery in Willow Lake became a community owned grocery store in June of 2010. "It's been going very well," said store manager Deb Holmstrom who has been the store manager since June 1, 2010. There are two employees who work part-time. The assistant manager is Val Froke and Dede Dylla, who both work a couple days a week. She also has some volunteers who help with stocking the shelves.

The store is owned by the Willow Lake Area Advancement (WLAA) group, which is the overseeing body of the store. WLAA was established in 2005 by local individuals who

were interested in the advancement and development of the business community for southern Clark County.

The WLAA took over the grocery store out of necessity. It was a 'use it or lose it' situation and it needed financing. Heading into the third year, this really is a success story!

"We never intended to own a grocery store, but it fell into our lap," said WLAA president Kristin Vandersnick. The building and equipment had previously reverted back to Dacotah Bank and with no future buyers in line, they decided to give the building to the WLAA

in 2009. We leased it for a year and after that decided to run it as a community store. It was a leap of faith as a community group and has worked out very well. We give much credit to our great employees. We couldn't do it without those hard working ladies.

"We've slowly been able to make some upgrades. Last year we added a five door freezer and with the help of a generous donation, the front of the building was redone and a new ramp/sidewalk added. We're so grateful for the community support and our local shoppers," stated Vandersnick.

Current board members of the WLAA are Kristin Vandersnick (pres.), Jared Knock (vice pres.), Kim Bratland (sec.), Julayne Thoreson (treas), Marjean Waldow, Barb Bratland and Mike Hovde.

"We're in the process of paying back our investors and we officially rent the building from the WLAA. The WLAA board is made up of area community members, so in a way, I guess you could say our store is community owned," said Holmstrom.

"Being a non-profit organization, this arrangement helps us keep the doors open without the pressure of having to turn over a big profit if it was individually owned. We make enough to pay our bills and employees and keep the store going. We also rent out a corner of our store as a gift shop, Out on a Limb owned by Kristin Vandersnick. The owner's rent helps support the store as well as offer more local shopping in a gift shop capacity for Willow Lake."

Holmstrom continued, "As we pay rent to the WLAA, that money in turn can be used for new business loans and improvements for

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Warm weather was a highlight of field day

Wednesday was elementary field day at the high school track. It was a warm, sunny day and one youngster was heard to say "Thank you Mother Nature". Grades kindergarten through fourth grade ran sprints, threw softballs, ran a relay and tried the long jump with the help of many high school student volunteers.

Clark school counselor Kandice Schlagel and the Teens Against Tobacco group demonstrated to each

class how their lungs can be damaged by smoking. In the first picture the first graders are exercising with Mrs. Schlagel and then they each tried to breathe through a straw to demonstrate limited lung function.

Above, the second grade class with the help of Skylar Welk are participating in a relay race. Parents, grandparents and friends were on hand to watch the youngsters.



Seniors celebrate at 2013 graduation

Clark High School commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gymnasium. After receiving their diplomas, the 23 seniors celebrated by tossing their mortar

boards in the air and then walking out to the receiving line. The class colors were maroon and white and the class flower was a white rose. The class motto was: "Cherish yesterday; live today; reach for tomorrow."

Soaking rain benefits one and all in Clark County

If one is looking for a rain map to see how much rain has fallen in Clark County the past week... one will have to look mighty hard, because a rainfall map doesn't exist in this issue...because it hasn't stopped raining.

A low pressure area has stalled over this portion of northeast South Dakota bringing about this welcomed, soaking rain for the past three days and into today (Wednesday).

As the weather report indicates, heading into early Tuesday (around 5:00 a.m.), Clark had received two inches of rain. It's fairly safe to say that the entire county is getting this needed moisture, in relatively the same amount.

"The corn is pretty much in the ground, but the same cannot be said for the beans," has been heard more than once by area producers, as meteorologists had been predicting last weekend's rain event for some time, so there was a mad dash to get the seeds in the ground. By the looks of much farm ground,

a lot of seed was planted last week, and if one thinks about it the late planting was due to cold soil temperatures and snow on the ground even as late as the first week in May.

Precipitation events continue to ease drought issues in some areas of South Dakota, while others are ongoing, says Dennis Todey, SDSU

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 14	86	48	0
May 15	76	49	.12
May 16	78	49	0
May 17	80	55	.38
May 18	76	58	.62
May 19	69	56	.15
May 20	59	50	.70
2013 precipitation to date			6.40"
2012 precipitation to date			7.24"

Extension Climatologist.

"The issue of easing versus continuing drought is one of location

in the state," Todey said. "Eastern locations have seen some improvement throughout the spring while western areas still have serious drought issues."

Todey says rainfall from the week of May 6 and continued timely precipitation throughout the spring has improved soil moisture conditions in the east. However, some soils are still dry, particularly deeper in the profile.

"The moist, but not wet, surface soils have made for good planting progress during the last two weeks," he said.

He adds that the quickly warming soils and limited run-off from precipitation events continue to indicate that surface soils are not excessively wet in most of the row crop areas.

Short term outlook

Looking ahead in the short term, Todey says that the large storm event has impacted the whole state

Rain
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