

Memorial Day services set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 29. 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 Clark Memorial Day Program will begin Monday at 10:30 a.m. Post Commander Rob McGraw will open with the processional held by the Legion and Auxiliary members.

Posting of colors will be done by the Legion Color Guard followed by the invocation by Post Chaplain, Stan Jongbloed. The audience will recite the pledge of allegiance before listening to the National Anthem.

Greg Whitlock, South Dakota Secretary of Veterans Affairs will be the speaker followed by a musical selection, closing comments and the Benediction.

Wreath ceremonies will follow the program at Flat Iron Park, St. Boniface Cemetery and Rose Hill Cemetery.

The day in Clark will conclude with lunch being served at the Legion Hall by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Willow Lake

The Johnnie Fonken American Legion Post 113 and the Post 113 Auxiliary will conduct the Memorial Day Program in Willow Lake on Monday, May 29. The Memorial Day Program will be held in the Willow Lake High School Auditorium starting at 10:00 a.m.

Post 113 Commander Curtis Lamb will welcome the program attendees and Post 113 Chaplain Steven Johnsons will give the invocation. The main speakers for the program will be five local Vietnam Veterans.

A short documentary video on the Vietnam War produced by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054 and created by local Willow Lake videographer, Taylor Thomson, will be shown.

After the video, Army Veterans Bob Syring and Randy Holliday, Navy Veteran Jerry Denman, Marine Veteran Darwin Clyde and Air Force Veteran Dale Fonken will share some of their experiences serving in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Special music and a Memorial Day reading will also be included in the program. After the pro-

gram in the auditorium, the program will continue at the Collins/St. James Cemetery where the American Legion Post 113 Auxiliary will read the names of local fallen veterans and the Post 113 Honor Guard will conclude the program with the firing of a three volley salute and the playing of "Taps".

Raymond

The Memorial Day Program in Raymond will be hosted by Baker Post 209 Legion Hall in Raymond on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. Post Chaplain Oscar Wenhelm will provide the Invocation.

Post Commander Roger Hurlbert will provide the Commander's Welcome.

Harry Boner of Castlewood and past District 5 Commander will be the speaker at this year's Memorial Day Service. Boner is a paid up for life member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Veterans Organizations. Boner is currently serving as Children and Youth Chairman of the American Legion, Department of South Dakota.

A history of the displayed wall flags of America will be presented by Sergeant-at-arms Ralph Hurlbert followed by musical selections of "In Flander's Feilds" by Triggvie Lien and "America's Answer" by Sawyer James.

A presentation of American Legion 50 year membership certificate will be given by Adjutant David Lewis before Announcement and the Benediction. Deb Waldner will be the accompanying pianist for the program.

Following the program, a service at the cemetery will be held at which the following children will decorate crosses; Lexie Schmidt, Asher Bak, Claire Bak, Kolt Ford, Finley Morehouse and Harlyn Richie.

After the decorating of crosses, Post Commander Roger Hurlbert will provide a roll call of deceased veterans followed by a salute to the fallen by the Baker Post 209 firing squad.

Everyone will be invited back to the Baker Post 209 Legion Hall in Raymond for food and fellowship.

Bradley

Larry F. Hartman Legion Post No. 108 will conduct Memorial Day services on Monday, May 29 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Hank Roso will give the Invocation and Benediction.

Services will be held at the Prairie Hill Cemetery. Dinner will follow at the Bradley Community Center.

Telemarken

Memorial Day services will be held at Telemarken Lutheran Church, rural Wallace, on Monday. The service will start at 10:45 a.m.

The program will be held outside, please bring chairs. Lunch will be served at the Wallace Community Center following the program.

Friday is National Poppy Day

During this Memorial Day holiday, we ask that you wear a poppy to show support for the veterans who have given so much.

This Friday, May 26 is National Poppy Day. Monday, May 29 is the Memorial Day holiday.

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe and quickly became a symbol of the sacrifices made by Americans and allied service members around the world. Soldiers returning from World War I brought home the flowers in memory of the barren landscape trans-



formed by the sudden growth of wild red poppies among the newly dug graves.

Poppy Days have become a familiar tradition in almost every American community. This distribution of the bright red memorial flower to the public is one of the oldest and most widely recognized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

- Wear a red poppy all day, and tell everyone why.
- Distribute poppies to friends, co-workers and family, and tell everyone why.

You are all encouraged to attend a Memorial Day Program in your local communities.

The Clark County Courier office will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.

If you have news stories or advertising for next week's edition of the Clark County Courier, please email us at clarkcountycourier@gmail.com or call us at (605) 532-3654 by Friday of this week. Mailed items may not reach us in time for the next publication.

It's easier for us on Tuesday, if we can get the bulk of the work done by Friday night.

Thank you

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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May 16.....	78	46	0
May 17.....	78	44	0
May 18.....	76	49	0
May 19.....	70	40	0
May 20.....	59	39	0
May 21.....	73	51	0
May 22.....	81	57	0
2023 precipitation to date	5.04"		
2022 precipitation to date	5.87"		

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 Memorial sign near the Mary Kranz farm located six miles east of Clark. The memorial service starts at 9:00 a.m. with a brief program led by local clergy.

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

This is the 72nd year of the Little Fellow Services.



Henry High School's Class of 2023 graduated over the weekend

The Henry High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2023 was held Saturday in the Henry High School gym. The 2023 ceremony saw 16 students graduate.

Superintendent, Todd Obele, welcomed guests to the graduation ceremony on Saturday. Processional was performed by Mrs. Kwasniewski. Nicole Sharp gave the invocation and benediction. Aubrie Hartley and Jozie Hyatt gave the senior addresses. Tyler Thue, middle school and high school social studies teacher, was the commencement speaker. Matt Mohr, Dean of Students, presented the Class of 2023 and Henry Board of Edu-

cation president, Adam Hartley, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Henry High School class of 2023 members in front of the sign, from left to right are: Maddi DeVille, Jozie Hyatt, Karli Sharp and Kaylea Bentley. Behind the sign, from left to right, are: Alex Ries, Dylan Brenden, Reagan Johnson, Hayley Goodall, Trevor Rawlins, Logan Lutz, Trinity Watson, Macey Lane, Aubrie Hartley, Samuel Blue and Davin Adolphsen. Kylie Lindner is not pictured.

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Members: Gayle Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Chad Fjelland, Susan Fjelland, Diane Varilek, Greg Furness, David Warkenthien, Nicole Nelson and student members Conner Mudgett and Nevaeh Rusher.