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Memorial Day is Monday



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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 Memorial Day program at Clark will be held at 10:00 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.

Poem readings, "Have You Hugged A Veteran Today" will be given by Hudson Krogman, Abdiel Morales Colon, Kaden Janisch, Hannah Heiman, Lauren Luvaas and Raigan Flatten.

The essay topic this year was How Does learning About Government And Our America Help You Become A Future Guardian Of 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.

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

Liberty Of Our Country". Clark students who will be reading their essays are, Trey Huber, Kelly Miles and Peyton Krogman.

The program will be Tavie Guzman presenting "Haunted By Combat".

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. 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

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Layne Stromsness has had two big honors on back-to-back Saturdays. On May 13 he graduated from Clark High School and Saturday Stromsness received scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scout award. Presenting the plaque, left, is Layne's father Chris, his scoutmaster. The ceremony took place at the Clark American Legion Hall.

Northern SD counties have seen below average rainfall

According to the May 18, 2017 National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's long-range outlook, the last couple of weeks of May are more likely to stay on the cooler side of average.

"Rainfall is also projected to taper off and South Dakota will turn drier again for the rest of the month," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist.

Edwards added that the new climate outlook for June 2017 is uncertain - given this cool and dry start.

"Most climate computer models

are showing a transition to warmer conditions in June, specifically in the south and east," Edwards said.

The same models are also indicating a movement towards a wetter pattern that will carry through July and August.

"This leaves the month of June leaning neither particularly cool nor warm and neither wet nor dry," she explained. "It appears as if sometime mid-June, conditions will turn wetter and warmer for most of South Dakota."

She added that this up-and-down pattern has affected the state for

the last several months as we swing from one side to the other of the jet stream's path. "For example, in February, very warm temperatures melted our snowpack early, followed by many fluctuations this spring, most recently with snow over the last few days," Edwards said.

Abnormally Dry Conditions

Wetter conditions are eagerly awaited by those in north central South Dakota, which are below average in rainfall.

"As of May 22, all northern coun-

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Two Wheat Walks featured in Clark County next Thursday

Clark County will be featuring two crop tours next Thursday, June 1.

Field Specialist David Karki will be in attendance to lead the tour and answer any questions a producer may have. Those attending are welcome to bring samples from their fields for the agronomists to assess.

Through grant funding from the South Dakota Wheat Commission, there will be no charge to attend any of the Wheat Walk locations. At each location, participants will receive publications related to wheat management. Refreshments will be provided.

The first Wheat Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Directions to this field are: On Highway 212 driving east from Clark, turn north (left) on Highway 25. Drive two miles and turn east (right) on 171st St. Drive 1 1/2 miles, turn north (left) and drive 1 1/2 miles. The field is on the east side of the road.

The second Wheat Walk begins at 11:30 a.m. Directions to this field are: From Clark, drive three miles west to 421st Ave., turn north (right) and drive five miles. Turn east (right) and drive 1 (you will pass Clark Center Church). Park along the street after passing the church. From there, walk to the field.

WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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May 16	74	53	0
May 17	53	43	.21
May 18	58	41	0
May 19	52	42	0
May 20	42	31	.92
May 21	57	31	0
May 22	57	39	0
2017 precipitation to date	3.76		
2016 precipitation to date	5.25		



Clark residents Willie Gruenwald, left, and Mel Schortzman, right, visit with Marc Charlebois last Friday, as Charlebois was getting groceries before heading on west.

Schortzman asked Charlebois what kind of cart he had and the reply was, "it's a Chinese Funeral Cart," and after he quit laughing he said that it was a self-designed cart with some help with the metal work.

Just Passin' Through

A person walking the highway is very visible and especially if one pulls a cart. Such was the case last Friday afternoon as Marc Charlebois pulled his handmade cart along U.S. Highway 212 through Clark.

Charlebois, 64, a native North Dakotan, said that this would be his 140th newspaper article, so many of his answers to the interview were 'canned' or used before, but were very colorful, in nature.

"Too" was his standard answer to the questions, as in "too long" to how many miles have you traveled and "too heavy" he said of his cart. His cart does weigh 450 pounds.

Once he got past the 'too's', he said he considers himself homeless and he has been pulling his cart since 1992 and has logged close to 50,000 miles in that time.

His name pronounced sounds like 'Charley-boy' and he noted that he

is part Ojibwe and his name translates to mean "wooden cart".

As for where he was heading, he commented "Pee-air", thinking that would bring about a correction, but what next transpired was his explaining why all that he does is walk.

His cart is set up so that he can lean on the steel crossbar and that is the key to feeling no pain, he said. Charlebois suffered a severe back injury when a young child and it left him with pain all of his life. He self-medicated the pain with alcohol and marijuana until he began his journeys through over 30 states, with South Dakota being his favorite.

Nine years ago, in Texas, a motorist blasted into his cart and sent him flying over 100 feet. The doctor

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Layne Stromsness honored with Eagle Scout award

Layne Christopher Stromsness, son of Chris and Kristie Stromsness, Clark, was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held Saturday, May 20, at the Clark American Legion Hall. The Eagle Scout rank is Boy Scouting's highest rank. He has an older sister, Kendra and a younger brother, Evan.

Layne's Eagle project was the basement restoration of the Clark Center Lutheran Church, the church where Chris' grandparents attended. Clark Center Church is on the National Register of Historic places in South Dakota list and hosts a Restoration Service annually in September.

"After the basement was flooded, we tore out the walls and replaced

them with new walls," said Stromsness of his Eagle Scout project. "We also installed a serving counter with two prep areas and added an upper and lower cupboard."

When asked why he chose this project, Stromsness started that just folding tables were being used in the church basements and "this project needed to be done."

This basement restoration project didn't just happen overnight. Layne met with the church board in the planning stages, a four-month process. The project itself took over two months of solid work and was finished in September, 2015, just in time for the annual church service.

Over 25-30 hours were involved in the Eagle Scout paperwork for this restoration project. "I learned

so much from this process and project," said Stromsness. "I feel leadership skills, organization, paperwork, planning and the final presentation, all have made me a better person," he said.

Stromsness started in Cub Scouting in the first grade with Pack 23, in Clark. He advanced to Troop 23 with the Clark Area Boy Scouts. He gives much credit to the two scout leaders, Dean Kirkeby and his father Chris.

Along the way to becoming an Eagle Scout, Layne has earned 46 merit badges. "In one year alone I earned 13 merit badges. That was during the summer of my freshman and sophomore years, at the Lewis and Clark Summer Camp, at Yankton."



Region 2A Track and Field was held in Clark

The South Dakota Class A Region 2 Track and Field Meet was held Thursday at the Clark High School Sports Complex.

Six teams competed for a chance to qualify for the state track meet to be held in Tea and Sioux Falls this weekend. Many individuals had already qualified by beating respective in-season qualifying standards and with cold, windy conditions, times weren't as promising as in earlier events.

Milbank won the boys team title and Aberdeen Roncalli was the Region 2A girls champion.

Above, from this angle it looks almost like a dead heat, but Clark-Willow Lake junior, Bradyn Rusher was declared the winner and the Class A Region 2 100 meter dash champion. From left to right are, Kale Steig, Hamlin, fourth, Rusher and Riley Resman, Great Plains Lutheran, third.

Second place winner Tyge Schiller of Sioux Valley was not pictured as he was to the left in lane six.

For more pictures and results of Region 2A, turn to page 6.