



## Korean War Veterans awarded Ambassador Peace Medals

Monday was a big day at the Clark American Legion Hall, as several Korean War Veterans, or a family member were honored with an "Ambassador for Peace" medal.

The "Ambassador for Peace" medal was bestowed on all Korean War veterans in an expression of appreciation from the people of the Republic of Korea for those who served in Korea's land, air and sea from June 25, 1950 through October 25, 1954.

"It has been an honor to set up this award," said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "They recognize what these heroes have given and as a token of their sincerest appreciation they will present them with an Ambassador for Peace Medal which symbolizes their adoration and appreciation for their service and sacrifice."

Receiving medals, left to right are Kelvin Poppen accepting for his father Army Private First Class DuWayne Poppen - 580 Quarter Master Service Company; Lillian Gross accepting for her husband Army Tech Corporal Raymond Gross - Heavy Motor Company 31st Infantry; Alice Heim accepting for her husband Army Tech Sergeant Orville Heim - Battery C 204th Field Artillery; Marie Hamann accepting for her husband Army Tech Sergeant Virgil Hamann - 5th Army; Pam Hartman accepting for her father Navy Seaman Elden Hartman - USS Comstock LSD-19 ; Army Tech Sergeant LeRoy Temple - 45th Division; Army Tech Sergeant Ronald Schorg - Battery C 10th Field Artillery 3rd Infantry and Army Private Curtis Boyd - 7th Division .

Boyd received his medal in January in Pierre but was unable to be pictured at that time.

## Clark County Memorial Day services set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 30. 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, 'Joining Together For Our Veterans' will be given by Zach Ambrose, Manara Mjoun, Em-

merson Krogman and Ethan McElhone.

The essay topic this year was 'How Do We Keep Lincoln's Promise To Our Veterans And Their Families'. Clark students who will be reading their essays are, Heath Hemmingson and Sadie Streff.

The program will be a flag retirement ceremony at Flat Iron Park. In case of inclement weather, a flag folding/meaning of the folds program will be held at the Legion Hall.

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 and the National Anthem will be led by Post Commander Knock with the invocation by Rev. Bryan Taffe. Rayanna Warkentien will give a reading. Ann Larson will play the processional and recessional. Cutler Michalski will provide special music.

Representatives with the Big Paws Canine Foundation will be giving a presentation. The Big Paws foundation offers service dogs to injured veterans and those suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after serving in the military.

The post plans a memorial service at Collins Cemetery following the program, where Taps will be played by Cutler Mi-

chalski. A meal, put on by the Lions Club will follow at the Willow Lake Auditorium.

### Raymond

In Raymond, Baker Legion Post No. 209 Chaplain Larry Waterfall will offer the Invocation and Benediction for the program planned for 10:00 a.m. at the Raymond American Legion Hall.

Commander Bill Luke will introduce guest speaker Aaron Pollard, Deputy Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs since 2013.

This year's essay topic was 'How do we keep Lincoln's promise to our veterans and their families' and Fiona Kohrs will read her essay.

'In Flanders Field' will be read by Emily Foiles. America's Answer

will be read by Paige Mehlberg. Ralph Hurlbert will give a reading on 'What is a Veteran' and Dawn Foiles will read 'The Poppy Story'.

Services will be held following the program at Prairie Valley Cemetery. Crosses will be decorated by Lindsey Mehlberg, Lexie Schmidt, Nevaeh Reitz, Oliver Reitz, Jackson Schmidt and Taylor McGraw.

A potluck dinner will be served following the cemetery service.

### Carpenter

A 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day service will be held by Thompson-Madsen Legion Post No. 153 and Legion Auxiliary at Carpenter on Monday, May 30. The United Methodist Church will be the site of the service. Guest speaker will be Pastor Rod Poppinga from the Prairie Bible Church of Carpenter.

Landon Wallman of Yale who won first in the state and first at the national with his essay last year will read his essay. The topic last year was "What does freedom mean to my family".

Jim Opsahl will give the Invoca-

tion and Benediction. The auxiliary will be serving a light lunch of coffee and cookies following the program.

### Bradley

Larry F. Hartman Legion Post No. 108 will conduct Memorial Day services on Monday, May 30 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The speaker for this year will be David Yexley.

The Ray Gross family members will read 'In Flanders Field'. A tribute and special readings by members of the Gross family will be given in honor of Ray Gross.

David Yexley will give the Invocation and Benediction. 'Taps' will be played by members of the Chris Olson family. 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

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### 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.



First Planning District executive director Todd Kays, left and Human Resource expert, Laura Littlecocc of Brookings County led the program at the Sioux Valley Commissioners Association meeting, Wednesday, at the Plymouth Congregational - UCC Church, in Clark.



Kays and Littlecocc talked in depth about the hiring process as well as what to do if employee performance isn't at the expected level. Clark was the host of the quarterly Sioux Valley Commissioners Association.

## Sioux Valley Commissioners Association hears presentation on personnel issues

Hiring and firing were the topics of presented conversation at the Sioux Valley Commissioners Association quarterly meeting, Wednesday at the Plymouth Congregational - UCC Church, in Clark.

Todd Kays, Executive Director of First District Association of Local Governments, Watertown, talked of Recruitment and Hiring. Laura Lit-

tlecocc, a Brookings County Human Resources Specialist, visited with the respective county commissioners about managing and responding to poor employee performance.

This is a statewide topic, being featured at all regional commissioner association meetings. As Todd Kays began his presentation, "Staffing is all about hiring the

right people with the right skills at the right time."

Kays then went in-depth into the hiring process, talking policies, the pre-interview, interview and hiring offer process.

In the 'Age of Political Correctness', it was almost what not to

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## El Niño to fade and La Niña to emerge

South Dakota's weather this summer could be a bit of a climate roller coaster according to outlooks issued by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center May 19, 2016.

The outlook shows the early summer months to be wetter and possibly cooler in the southwest part of the state.

"These conditions usually fit together in the warm season," explained Dennis Todey, State Climatologist/Associate Professor. "If conditions are wetter, South Dakota is rarely warmer than average for any length of time in the summer."

Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist added that the current, fairly wet soil conditions in areas of South Dakota

### El Niño

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WEATHER			
Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 17 .....	63	40	0
May 18 .....	68	43	0
May 19 .....	69	50	0
May 20 .....	63	48	0
May 21 .....	71	48	0
May 22 .....	78	56	.41
May 23 .....	72	54	0
2016 precipitation to date			5.25
2015 precipitation to date			5.29



## Heaton is the new deputy sheriff

Clark County Deputy Sheriff Tad Heaton was sworn in Monday morning by circuit court judge Carmen A. Means.

The 2011 Watertown High School graduate received the 13-week S.D. Law Enforcement training, in Pierre, in 2015. Heaton has been the Hayti policeman.