



Memorial Day services set for Monday

Decorating of graves, memorial services and special gatherings are all slated for Monday, May 31. 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 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, Stan Jongbloed.

Special readings are to be announced.

The speaker for the program will be Major General Don Goldhorn.

A flag retirement ceremony by the Clark Boy Scouts will be presented after lunch.

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 Curtis Lamb will welcome the guests and student pastor Colin Beveridge will be leading in prayer. The *Pledge of Allegiance* and the *National Anthem* will be led by Post Commander Lamb. Ann Larson will play the processional and recessional.

U.S. Army Col. Ret. David Lewis

of Raymond will be this year's guest speaker. Special music and essay readings are to be announced.

The post plans a memorial service at Collins Cemetery following the program, where *Taps* will be played. A meal, put on by the Lions Club will follow at the Willow Lake Auditorium. The meal will also be offered to go for those wanting that option.

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 Roger Hurlbert will introduce guest speaker Barb Vetter, 2012-13 Past Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Vetter is a 39 year member of the Hunt Newell Unit #213 of Cresbard. She has held many unit chairmanships and in 2012-2013 held the office of SD Department President.

She was also District President for four years, as well as representing South Dakota as National Executive Committee Woman.

Vetter was also elected by South Dakota to serve as the Northwestern Division National Vice President in 2018-2019. In addition

to traveling in South Dakota, she traveled around Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming. While preparing for the office of Department President, she served as chairman of the Children and Youth, VA & R, Public Relations, Education, Chaplain and membership chairman departments.

'In Flanders Field' will be read by Lexie Schmidt. America's Answer will be read by Jolie Lien. Ralph Hurlbert will read 'The Gettysburg Address' and Auxiliary President Janet Hurlbert will read 'Poppy Day and the Meaning Behind It'.

Services will be held following the program at Prairie Valley Cemetery. Crosses will be decorated by Allie Schmidt, Easton Ebbers, Triggvie Lien, Camden Mudgett, Bryn Woodring and Jack Schaack.

A potluck dinner will be served following the cemetery service.

Bradley

Larry F. Hartman Legion Post No. 108 will conduct Memorial Day

services on Monday, May 31 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The speaker for this year will be Mike Bjerke.

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

Joyce Yexley will give the Invocation and Benediction.

Taps will be played by Chris Olson. Services will be held at the Prairie Hill Cemetery.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Prairie Hill Cemetery association in serving a meal following the Larry Hartman Legion Post #108 Memorial Day program. The Legion post is one year older than the cemetery association, technically organizing in 1920.

Joyce Hallauer, current president of the association stated that they started hosting the annual meal starting in 1921 in the former Legion building in Bradley. When

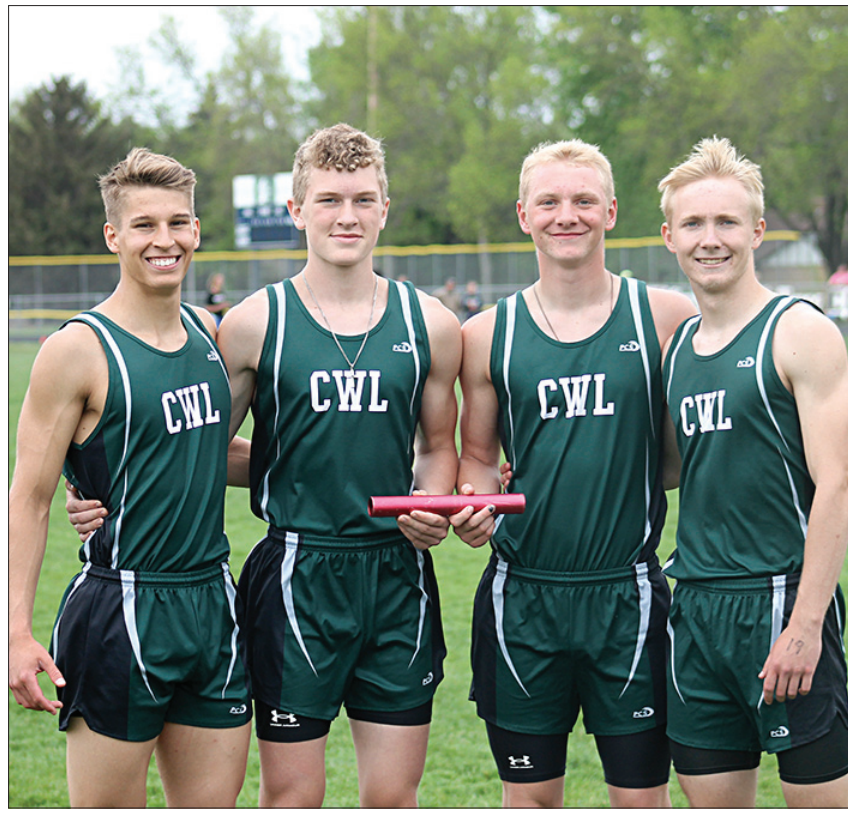
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Little Fellow Services

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 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 Jody Peterson.

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



Cyclone tracksters have successful Region 2A meet

In recent years the South Dakota High School Track and Field Meets have been held the last Friday and Saturday in May. That is true in 2021 as the Class A Track and Field Meet is Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, in Spearfish. At Spearfish, no preliminary events will be held. Each event will be finals, only and that is a new trend for 2021.

At the Region 2A Track and Field Meet held Thursday, at Volga, the Cyclone boys and girls teams had several firsts.

The Cyclones dominated the high jump event, with Erica Juntunen, left, clearing 5'0" and Tyson Huber, right, clearing 6'0". Both were first place finishes and both were personal bests, meaning it was the first

time that either jumper had cleared this height.

The Cyclone boys won four relays on the day, the 4x100, 4x400, 4x800 and sprint medley relays.

Pictured left to right are Tyler O'Neill, Jack Helkenn, Brady Jordan and Trey Huber. O'Neill, Jordan and Huber ran on all four winning relays. Helkenn ran on the 4x100, 4x400 and sprint medley relay. Wyatt Anderson, not pictured, ran on the winning 4x800 meter relay.

The Cyclones will run in the top heat at Spearfish in the 4x400, 4x800 and sprint medley relays.

For more Region 2A track coverage, turn to page 6.

Photos by Heather Jordan



Boys and Girls Staters chosen at WLHS

Girls State and Boys State representatives have been chosen from the junior class at Willow Lake High School.

Grace Peterson and Maggie Hovde at left, will be attending Girls State held at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Grace is being sponsored by the Heath Headley Legion Unit #199 of Garden City and is the daughter of Kyle and Jody Peterson. Maggie is the daughter of Cheryl Hovde and is be-

ing sponsored by the Johnnie Fonken Legion unit #113.

At right are Kasey Michalski and Zach Winter, sons of Darin and Jessica Michalski and Kimberly Schmidt and Rodney Winter. Kasey is being sponsored by the Carpenter Thompson Madsen Legion Post #153.

Zach is being sponsored by the Johnnie Fonken Legion Post #113. Boys State will be held at the end of the month at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Two experts study South Dakota economics through federal data

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South Dakota News Watch

Long-standing economic hardships have prevented a sizable segment of the South Dakota population from achieving financial stability and prosperity, and those hurdles have resulted in a sense of pessimism for what awaits future generations, according to two experts who study the state economy. State and federal data routinely show that:

South Dakota employers pay some of the lowest wages in the nation.

A high number of families pay an excessive portion of their income on housing.

The state has a regressive system of taxation.

Many workers are not seeing their pay cover the rising cost of living in the state.

Meanwhile, the state is seeing a sharp spike in the cost of housing and health care, two critical components of living a happy life.

Those factors, the two experts said, may help explain why a recent survey of 500 South Dakotans showed that nearly half of respon-

dents felt they were not doing as well as their parents at the current stage of their lives, and that 72% said they expected life will be the same or worse for their children or future generations of South Dakotans.

The telephone poll was commissioned in late April by South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota. The 500 respondents came from all counties in the state and were fairly representative of the overall state in terms of age, gender and political party. The median income of the respondents was about 30% higher than the overall state average, and Native Americans were included but were underrepresented compared with the entire state.

News Watch provided the answers to some poll questions to three South Dakota economists before interviewing them.

While two professors pointed mostly to financial challenges among state residents as the reason for the apparent pessimism, one economist said the negativity is more likely the result of politi-

cal division and overall uncertainty in the state caused in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.

All three experts said the pandemic and the loss of jobs and reduced income it caused either brought to the surface or exacerbated pessimism among South Dakotans.

Yet Kathryn Birkeland, an economics and labor professor at USD, said the pessimism in the poll results did not surprise her because South Dakota has long faced a set of consistent economic challenges.

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May 18.....	76	51	0
May 19.....	71	58	0
May 20.....	77	59	.69
May 21.....	76	61	.18
May 22.....	79	62	0
May 23.....	79	54	0
May 24.....	86	58	.06
2021 precipitation to date			6.15
2020 precipitation to date			5.09