



## Producers off to a late start this spring

It is the eighth of May and farmers for the most part, are waiting for their fields to dry to begin planting.

"A few guys got some spring wheat in before the recent rains over by the Raymond area and there's been some fertilizing going on over in that part of the county but I haven't heard anything yet on anyone getting corn in," stated the Clark branch manager Tony Heer of the Watertown Co-op Elevator, last Friday. "It's just too wet out there, yet."

A lot of moisture this spring in the form of rain and snow has put the county in the 'unusually moist' category in the extension's website's drought monitor on the west side of the county.

More near normal conditions are depicted scattered in with unusually moist ones on the eastern side of the county.

"The third week in April is the usual time for planting small grains such as wheat and oats in our area," stated David Karki, South Dakota Extension Agronomist from the Watertown office.

At Willow Lake and Henry it's the same story - too wet to get into the fields.

"Planting is at a standstill around here," added John Guest, Jr. at the Henry branch location of the Watertown Co-op Elevator. "We just need some more sunshine and wind."

"Producers aren't getting real nervous yet on planting but last year at this time, corn was planted by the fifth, sixth and seventh of May."

In Willow Lake at Agtegra, loca-

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#### WEATHER

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Apr. 30.....	48	33	.01
May 1.....	48	33	.17
May 2.....	43	35	.12
May 3.....	56	33	.07
May 4.....	63	40	--
May 5.....	69	42	.02
May 6.....	56	41	.03
2019 precipitation to date	7.96		
2018 precipitation to date	2.88		



## 'The Day the Crayons Quit' is music concert theme

The Clark Elementary Spring Concert was held last Thursday at the Clark High School gym. Students in grades preschool through fourth performed many different numbers based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

Many songs, complete with movement and lots of action were presented. The students also played drums, xylophones of different sizes and ukuleles. Many soloists were featured and there was even dancing performed by the students and their lucky partners.

The finale song was A Million Dreams from "The Greatest Showman",

then the lights went off and hundreds of colorful glow sticks lit up the gym to the delight of all who attended.

Mrs. Amy Nelson is the vocal music director at Clark School.

Preschool students represented the red crayons and students in the front row, from left to right are, Lucas Mack, Kaylynn Mack, Riley McIntire, Ava Meier, Adalyn Weber and Jocelynn Soria-Gonzalez.

In the back row, left to right are, Eve Gaikowski, Railyne Jordan, Avery Olson, Tessa Thomas, Trynlee Ortberg and Mika Sell.



This photo was taken in 2017 when Janie and Dar DesLauriers celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Janie loves being a mom and is very much so looking forward to the next stage of life - becoming a grandmother. Janie and Dar's grown children are, left to right, Trent, Ashley and Tara, who all graduated from Clark High School in 2007, 2005 and 2011.

## Janie DesLauriers loves being a "Mom"

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 12 and many mothers in the area are looking forward to it. Hearing from their children, spending time with their own mothers or just reflecting on how they've been blessed with their own cherished families.

For Janie DesLauriers of Clark, she is very excited as her grandchild is on the way with a due date of mid May.

"I may be a grandma by this Mother's Day - that would be the best Mother's Day present of all!" said DesLauriers with a big grin.

Janie and Dar DesLauriers have three children, Ashley, Trent and Tara. Trent and his wife Kaye of Harrisburg are the couple who are expecting a baby in May. Ashley lives in Santa Rosa, Calif. and Tara lives on a farm near Raymond. Their ages are 30, 32 and 26 respectively. "My favorite gift now is to just have them all home for a visit," stated DesLauriers.

"Now that we're all older, I'm passed the teaching stage and we're more like friends. I just enjoy their company. We'll do projects together maybe, as this is a fun time of the

year." Janie grew up in Linneus, Mo., the daughter of Calvin and Rita Jones. She was the fourth child in a family of six children, surrounded by brothers with two sisters seven and eight years older than her.

"I remember on Mother's Day, we'd go out and pick flowers for our mother and she would be so excited and appreciative, she would just love them! I think we made breakfast in bed for her one year. She was such a great cook herself, we really never went out to eat. Also back in those days, one didn't take their six kids out to eat very often.

"My mother was a true model of what a mother should be," continued DesLauriers. "She was a neat mom! She never had a bad temper, she was a stay-at-home mom, she gardened, made our clothes and still found time for things like being on the local museum committee for example."

When asked about her grandmothers, Janie got to know her grandma Florence Jones, her father's mom who lived nearby. "I'd help her out with cleaning house

and baking brownies. She was also a great cook and took charge of all of our big family meals at get-togethers.

"I remember her and my mom and aunts would all gather and do canning projects together. The kids would do the corn shucking or green bean snapping. I love canning myself now and have passed that on to my daughters - knowing how to can or pickle foods."

Janie's mother Rita died five years ago, but her father Calvin is still in Missouri and enjoys visiting in the spring around garden planting time. "He used to be a big gardener with several big gardens at home."

Over the years the Mother's Day gifts that Janie has enjoyed the most have been the homemade items from her kids, the ones made in school often times. The handprints and homemade cards for instance.

Janie and Dar also treat Dar's mother Erlene DesLauriers out for

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## May Clark City Council meeting is the time for mayoral appointments

▲ Dennis Larson elected council president, Andrew Zemlicka, vice president

May is the month when municipalities begin anew, or start over. No council positions changed over in 2019. Dennis Larson was unanimously selected as president of the city council, as was Andrew Zemlicka as vice president.

#### Mayoral appointments

The city council then approved Mayor John Pollock's 2019 appointments. The appointments include:

Streets, alleys, sidewalks - Dennis Larson; American Disabilities Act - Belinda Hanson; Pool - Brian Cook; Rubble Site - Belinda Hanson; City Parks - Brian Cook; Wa-

ter & Sewer - Dennis Larson; Fire Dept. & Emergency Management - Andrew Zemlicka; Zoning Officer - Kerry Kline; Finance Office - Andrew Zemlicka; Liquor Officer - Kerry Kline; Med Van - Harvey Spieker; Recreation Director, Softball & Baseball Complex - Brian Cook; Farm Land Lease - Andrew Zemlicka; Government Buildings - Harvey Spieker; Golf Course/Clubhouse - Andrew Zemlicka, Jeff Seefeldt, Jackie Luttrell; Code Official - Jackie Luttrell; City Attorney - Chad Fjelland; Health Officer - Pam Lee; Police Chief - Jeremy

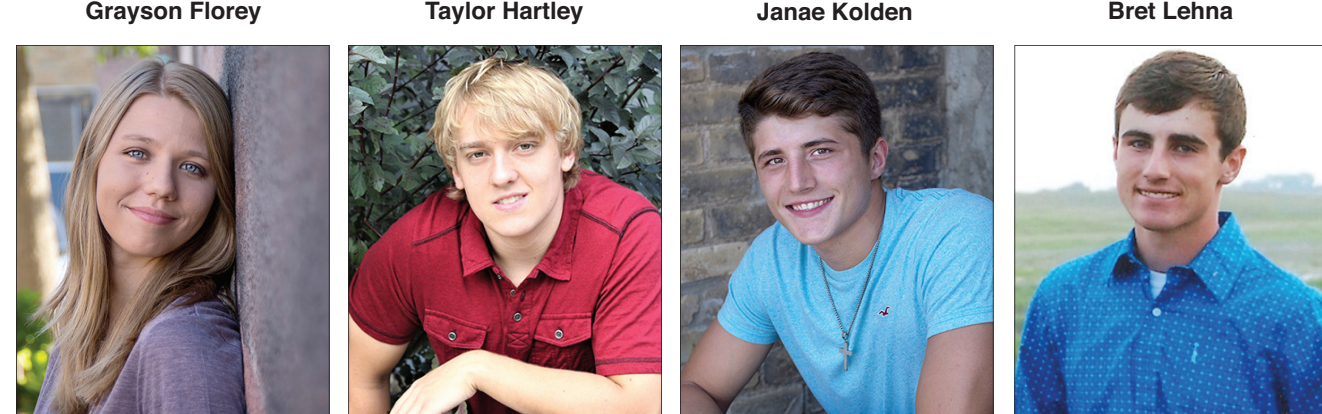
Wellnitz. Library Board (3 year term): Roberta Heim - 2022; Patty Rosenau - 2021; Chris Jenkins - 2020; Christina Flora - 2020; Barb Pollock - 2020.

Park Board: Rae Jean Flora; Deb Schlager; Barb Pollock.

Clark Housing & Redevelopment Board (5 year term): Bruce Brekke - 2024; Bill Krikac - 2023; Sandy Altfillisch - 2022; Bob Schlueter - 2021; Trevor Forest - 2020; Teresa Kaufman - secretary.

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## Nineteen seniors to graduate Saturday at Clark High School



Nineteen seniors will bid adieu to Clark High School on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. during the commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

The members of the Clark High School Class of 2019 chose Taylor Hartley and Janae Kolden to give the graduation address and superintendent Luanne Warren will introduce them.

There will be a valedictorian and salutatorian, but one will have to attend graduation to know who they are. As of press time Tuesday, grades were 'too close to call' and now with college courses being taken by seniors, the college professors had until Wednesday afternoon to

post grades.

Lola Bartels will direct the Clark High School band as they play the processional and recessional. A senior picture presentation, led by Sierra Springer and Sydnie Fjelland, will be given by the senior class. The choir will sing "For Good" with Katlyn Maynard having a solo.

Scholarship advisor, Mrs. Tammie Paulson will recognize the eight honor students. Honor students are Grayson Florey, Taylor Hartley, Janae Kolden, Bret Lehna, Katlyn Maynard, Travis O'Neill, Caleb Orris, and Jeffrey Paulson. Junior pilots Saylor Hallstrom and Matthew Streff will lead the processional. The graduates will receive their

diplomas from school board members Robert Steffen and Todd Fjelland. High school principal Luanne Warren will present the Clark High School Class of 2019.

The members of the CHS Class of 2019 are Filipe Dias, Sydnie Fjelland, Grayson Florey, Brandon Gehrke, Tavia Guzman, Taylor Hartley, Ana Kassisse, Janae Kolden, Bret Lehna, Katlyn Maynard, Travis O'Neill, Pedro Braga Oliveira, Caleb Orris, Jeffrey Paulson, Brooke Rahm, Paige Rahm, Gunner Sanderson, Sierra Springer and Landon Werdel.

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## Last day to file for school board is Friday

Friday, May 10 is the last day to file for the Clark and Willow Lake School Boards.

Clark and Willow Lake School districts will have school board elections in June, if necessary. Nominating petitions may be filed with

the respective business managers through May 10, 2019.

At Willow Lake, two three-year terms held currently by Rory Burke and Julayne Thoreson are up for election.

At Clark, one three-year term

currently held by Robert Steffen is up for election.

Mary Nelson is the business manager at Clark School and Melissa Burke is the Willow Lake School business manager.