

## C.H.S Alumni Banquet to be held at high school

Planning continues and reservations are still coming in for the Clark High School Alumni reunion to be held on July 3, 2015.

The banquet that day will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark High School with a catered meal prepared for the group locally.

From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., tours will be available at the Clark High School, middle school and at the elementary for alumni to view the changes over the years. A social hour for visiting will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. before and after the banquet. Melanie Smith, vice president of the alumni board added with the deadline changed to June 15, reservations were still coming in as of last week.

"We've received approximately 200 reservations so far. Anyone with address corrections, please send them to us at PO Box 214, Clark, SD 57225 or email to [clarkflo@itctel.com](mailto:clarkflo@itctel.com) so we can keep our list

up to date," requested Smith.

The Clark School Alumni Board consists of Smith, Sharon Larson-treasurer, Pam Cole-secretary, Karen McGraw-historian, Bonnie Graves, Karen Ceisel, Greg Furness and Marlys Benson.

A video presentation will be given during the banquet which has been compiled from older photos taken over the years of school activities and students and photos from older yearbooks.

### Pat Luwel, Class of 1981

"We've heard from Patrice 'Pat' Luwel, an AFS student from Belgium who graduated with the class of 1981. He's bought his plane ticket and is planning on attending," reported Smith on the email she received from Luwel.

Pat Luwel of Belgium was interviewed by the *Clark County Courier* for the December 25, 1980 issue in an article entitled 'AFS students reflect on Christmas'. David Jen-

ny of Switzerland was also an AFS student that year who stayed with John and Alvira Foiles.

Luwel spent the school year of 1980-1981 at Clark High School and graduated with the class of 1981. His host parent was Randy Steen. In the article he mentioned that he liked the 'looser' relationships with the students and teachers at CHS and he enjoys the feeling of everybody being friends here.

He also enjoyed wrestling and football and said it was 'good to see something other than soccer'.

When asked what he would miss, he chuckled that he missed the promised blizzards and tornadoes in South Dakota.

### Oldest in attendance

To date, 1932 will be the earliest class represented with the attendance of Winne (Lorsbough) Ackerman and the class of 1936 will have Alma (Kloster) Holm in attendance.

## Karen McGraw has followed in her mother's footsteps as C.H.S. historian

The Clark alumni scrapbook is now in the hands of Karen McGraw, Class of 1955, who inherited the job as historian from her mother, Alene Heraty. This book will be at the CHS reunion and has reunion pictures of classes dating back to 1963, taken out of the *Clark County Courier* over the years. Also recorded are reunions in 1923, 1938, 1943 and 1953 and many pictures of reunions from 1963 going forward.

"My mom Alene (Rasmusson) Heraty graduated in 1928," said current CHS Alumni committee historian Karen McGraw. "She taught for many years at the Clark School and was even my teacher one year. I never called her 'Mom' or Mrs. Heraty, I just raised my hand and she'd call my name and then I'd answer the question. She taught ele-

mentary in the old red brick building, which was later painted yellow.

"She was always interested in genealogy and history and had a unique way of organizing the scrapbook."

In 1976, the year of the South Dakota State Centennial, several ladies were interested in getting an all class reunion going. According to McGraw's recollection, her mother, along with Marjorie (Tipton) Seefeldt, Barb (Schneck) Graff, LaVerne (Bailey) Wells, Herb Heig and several others got together and formed some committees and got things going for the first CHS Alumni All-Class Reunion held in 1976 at the high school auditorium.

"Mom liked to keep busy after retiring and enjoyed doing volunteer work," continued McGraw.

"What surprises me is the amount of volunteers and the many different committees on former alumni boards. The old booklets had volunteers like crazy with a lot of different committees."

Besides the officers and the board members and the nominating committee, there was a Banquet Committee, Banquet Host and Hostesses, Banquet Entertainment and the Hospitality Committee.

The CHS Alumni Association was later incorporated - a must in starting a scholarship fund which they continue to this day.

A reunion was held next in 1981, five years after the first one.

After that, it was decided that re-

**McGraw**  
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## Relay for Life... 'through the decades'

'Not just strong...Crazy Strong' read the T-shirts in solidarity for Lori Dale as family members, children and grandchildren walked alongside Lori (in the purple shirt) in the Relay for Life celebration ceremony.

Many had balloons along with the survivors for a couple laps until all were released in unison. Commercial street in Clark was roped off for the evening

and a track was made with luminaries symbolizing area survivors and also in memory of victims of the dreaded disease - cancer.

One of honorary survivors for the event along with Vi Wicks, Dale had a tough year 'being crazy strong' said her family as she battled pancreatic cancer. She was diagnosed cancer free the end of January.

## Seasonal jobs left unfilled as students pursue other enrichment opportunities

A story by **Dakotafire**  
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The Dakotas' business climate booms in the summer months, with both tourism and agriculture in high gear. Those bustling businesses need more hands to get the work done. Since an increased demand for entry-level workers coincides with a break in the school calendar, hiring for these positions should be easy, right?

Not necessarily. While teens and young adults stay busy with academic, social and athletic engagements, traditionally student-occupied jobs such as fast food, pool and nursing home aide positions are often unfilled in the Dakotafire region.

"I saw lots of 'help wanted' signs all over the place," Britton-Hecla school guidance counselor Sheila Anderson said after a recent trip to Aberdeen, S.D. "It looks like people can't find employees."

Increasing demands for student attention for academics and extracurricular activities has left young adults with much less time—even in the summer months—to work.

"Athletics (are) ... not just a seasonal thing (anymore); it's a year-round thing," Philip Mittleider, admissions counselor with Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D., said, referring to off-season camps and back-to-back sports schedules.

That change has seemed to happen in conjunction with a move away from reliance upon young laborers to keep the family farm or business afloat.

"The kids were expected to work" in generations past, said Craig Schroeder with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, citing that 90 percent of Americans were farmers or otherwise self-employed, and relied on the labors of their children. "In fact, getting our kids to school was the problem back then. Now, we've had to develop 'bring your child to work' days to give our

kids exposure to being someplace on a schedule and putting in a full day's work."

### Student workers are a hot commodity

Kaitlin Sasker, third-year manager of the Britton, S.D., swimming pool, said she has had more trouble recently with filling lifeguard positions.

"We had to extend the application deadline by two weeks, and we still only have 11 lifeguards," she said. "(We) would like 12. ... I feel like I'm almost begging people to come."

In an effort to recruit higher numbers of employees, the City of Britton has increased lifeguard pay twice in the past three years. The starting wage now is \$9 per hour, and incentive bonus programs have been developed, in addition to wage increases based on tenure. Six of this year's lifeguards are returning from last year.

"When I worked as a lifeguard in high school we would have 16 or 17. Now it seems like the kids have so much going or don't feel like they have to work," Sasker said.

Rae Jean Flora, deputy finance officer for the City of Clark, agreed that the young people that traditionally staff the city-managed pool are busy.

"Kids have a lot of things going on these days in the summer time with 4-H, summer sports camps and church camps and various trips," Flora said. "We're getting by with the (pool staff) we have. Some just have to work more hours. I've got a great group of kids—five lifeguards and three counter people. ... Some area pools aren't as lucky and have more trouble than we do, finding workers."

### WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
June 9	93	59	tr
June 10	74	57	0
June 11	69	51	0
June 12	75	49	0
June 13	79	58	0
June 14	79	58	.03
June 15	73	55	0
2015 precipitation to date	7.28"		
2014 precipitation to date	8.48"		

Fawn Malone, manager of the Kulm, N.D., park board, said teen employees are essential to seasonal industries, because adults cannot commit to such short-term employment. This year, the board had worried it wouldn't get enough employees to run its pool, because it faced employing almost no returners, but after a stack of applications was left with the local school, the pool is running with a handful of newly certified lifeguards.

John Hartman, manager of Dakota Butcher in Clark, S.D., said students are an asset to his business, too.

"They are a huge necessity to us and save us a lot of time, vacuum sealing and packing up meat and stocking shelves," he said.

In general, he said, hiring students from technical schools is easier than hiring high school students, although with the help of adult employees and the local school, he has been successful in filling his staffing vacancies.

"They seem to be eager to work to help pay for their college," he said. "We have more of them apply for jobs than the high school students."

### Students must prioritize

"When I was in school, you could be in everything, but I think kids are ... spread too thin and having to make some choices, and being a little more selective about what they

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Clark County Rainfall 6/9 - 6/15	*Bradley .22"
*Crocker .08"	
*Raymond tr.	*Garden City .20"
*Clark .03"	*Henry .28"
*Carpenter .15"	*Vienna .30"
	*Willow Lake .55"



## Heritage Day was all about quilts

'If Quilts Could Talk' was the main program of Clark County Historical Society's Heritage Day, held Sunday, at the museum complex, at the Crandall Church.

With nearly 30 ladies in attendance, Ruby Pattison and Louise Maeschen, of Mitchell, gave a detailed

history of quilts, through their own collection.

Pattison and Maeschen are retired nurses and their collection of quilts spanned from 1840 to the present. The duo's presentation dealt with the quilts as well as the lives of the people who made them.