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## McIntire and Ortberg elected to the Clark School Board

Four individuals ran for two spots on the Clark School Board. The positions were two three-year terms. The election was held Tuesday, June 20. Lacey Ortberg was the top vote getter with 175. Incumbent Malorie McIntire was second, getting re-elected with 168 votes. James Waldner was third with 110 and Travis Peterson was fourth with 108 votes. Total voter turnout for the school board election was at 40.23% of registered voters.

In the vote breakdown for each town: **Bradley** - McIntire, 23; Ortberg, 19; Waldner, 3; Peterson, 20 with 16.8% voter turnout. **Clark** - McIntire, 114; Ortberg, 111; Waldner, 83; Peterson, 65 with 16.9% voter turnout. **Garden City** - McIntire, 14; Ortberg, 18; Waldner, 8; Peterson, 13 with 16.7% voter turnout. **Raymond** - McIntire, 17; Ortberg, 27; Waldner, 16; Peterson, 10 with 24.6% voter turnout. Overall voter turnout was 17.5%

Beginning with the July meeting of the Clark School Board, members will include McIntire, Ortberg, Greg Marx, Nathan Lu-

vaas and Todd Fjelland. Fjelland, board vice president, is currently acting as board president.

**The Clark County Courier office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.**

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by noon on Friday of this week. Mailed items may not reach us in time for the next publication.

The newspaper will be printed earlier than usual because of the Tuesday holiday.

**Thank you**

## With the recent rainfall, corn is knee high by Fourth of July

Farmers and community members alike have been praying and hoping for a decent rainfall. The last several weeks have left the outlook for crops and pasture land dry and desolate.

In the last week, several locations throughout Clark County saw over two inches of much needed and sought after moisture. Smiles were seen among public gatherings. Small talk and other chatter have been full of comments expressing gratitude for the gray skies bringing with them the rain.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service with the United States Department of Agriculture for the Northern Plains Region, for the week ending June 18, 2023, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

"Overall, this spring was good for fieldwork. Farmers were able to start and finish their planting in the recommended timeline, which was contrary to the thought back in March when we had a winter storm every few days," said David Karki, Agronomy Field Specialist for the Watertown location of South Dakota State University Extension.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20% very short, 44% short, 35% adequate and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 20% very short, 41% short, 38% adequate and 1% surplus. "I think soils were dry enough from last year and slow melting helped to infiltrate the melted snow in the soil rather than flooding and cursing problems for field work," added Karki in regards to topsoil condition this season.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 12% poor,



This year's 'Children of the Corn,' from left to right, are Gryffin Yexley, age 2, Delilah Yexley, age 11 and Jorah Yexley, age 4. A corn field off Smith Street just south of Clark, with the ground still wet from all the recent and very much needed rainfall, is the setting of this picture.

37% fair, 46% good and 2% excellent.

Soybean conditions rated 2% very poor, 11% poor, 37% fair, 48% good and 2% excellent. Soybeans emerged at 95%, ahead of 78% last year and 80% for the five-year average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 16% very poor, 21% poor, 37% fair, 26% good and 0% excellent. Winter wheat head was 85%, ahead of 73% last year and near 81% average.

"It's unfortunate that most of the winter wheat in South Dakota did not survive the winter as a result of planting in extremely dry soil last fall and not having fall growth. Many fields were cut for hay. This is true for other winter cereals like Triticale and Winter Rye as well," Karki continued.

Spring wheat conditions rated 10% very poor, 16% poor, 42% fair, 32% good and 0% excellent. Spring wheat head was 50%, well ahead of

14% last year and ahead of 33% average.

Oats condition rated 6% very poor, 15% poor, 39% fair, 40% good and 0% excellent. Oats headed 65%, well ahead of 32% last year and 40% average.

Sorghum condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 38% fair, 57% good and 0% excellent. Sorghum planted was 96%, ahead of 84% last year and 88% average. Heading was 3%, near 1% both last year and average.

Sunflowers planted was 89%, ahead of 79% last year and 78% average. Emergence was 42%.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 6% very poor, 20% poor, 52% fair, 22% good and 0% excellent. "We had a tremendous spring look, but the hot weather did not favor us after we got into the month of June," Karki added.

With the recent moisture, local farmers and community members have a much more positive outlook on the rest of the growing season.

### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
June 20.....	99	65	0
June 21.....	92	69	0
June 22.....	85	69	0
June 23.....	88	64	0.56
June 24.....	79	62	1.44
June 25.....	75	58	0.76
June 26.....	73	58	0.02
2023 precipitation to date	8.28"		
2022 precipitation to date	10.21"		



On Sunday, the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation celebrated 100 years of worship with a Centennial Celebration service in Willow Lake. Friends and family of the Tri-Parish members, including Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Raymond and Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clark were

invited to help celebrate this momentous event for the Willow Lake church. The Tri-Parish will soon become a Quad-Parish, with St. Paul Lutheran Church of Henry joining the group.

Pictured above is the congregation that attended Sunday's service of celebration in Willow Lake.

## Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church holds Centennial Celebration service

Rev. Randy Bader

On Sunday, the people gathered at Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church in Willow Lake were not only giving thanks for the bountiful rains of the last several days, members and friends from near

and far assembled to give thanks to the Lord for 100 years of blessings as they celebrated the centennial of the congregation. It was on January 15, 1923 that the founders of the congregation officially organized as a Christian congregation.

Jesus' blessings have been obvious ever since.

The theme of the day was based on Psalm 1, 'Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water' and emphasized the fact that all the glory belongs to our gracious God. At the special 2:30

p.m. Service of Celebration, Rev. Michael Enderle from Clear Lake, who served as the congregation's pastor from 1987-1992, preached the sermon based on John 15:1-8, under the theme 'Willow Lake's Life Vine,' while Willow Lake Lutheran's pas-

tor, Rev. Randy Bader, served as liturgist. Mrs. Ruth Enderle served as guest organist for the day, as she often did while living in Willow Lake.

The service focused the worshippers' attention on the fact that, although many things have changed

in the past one hundred years, our Lord's gracious faithfulness will never change. The Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to work powerfully

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