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Clark School opens the doors on Monday



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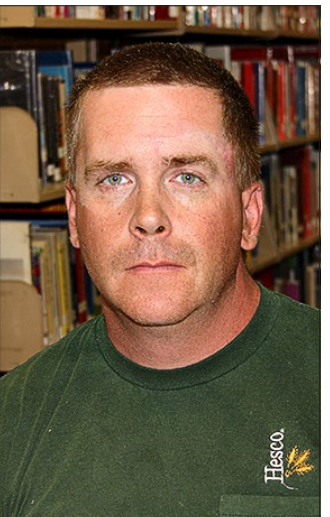
Michael Ketchen



Tammy Rusher



Lisa McGowan



Chad Thomas



Aleigha Hallberg

School seems to be starting especially early this summer (or rather early fall), as Clark School doors open next Monday. Willow Lake also opens on Monday and Henry begins on Tuesday.

Eight new faces will be greeting the students in the Clark school system. New to the Clark School for the 2013-2014 term will be Lisa

McGowan, Stephanie Hagstrom, Tammy Rusher, Christina Flora, Michael Ketchen, Jessica Jans, Chad Thomas and even though Aleigha Hallberg started last year, this is a good opportunity to introduce her to the community.

Stephanie Hagstrom

Stephanie Hagstrom will be

teaching kindergarten this year. She is originally from Turton and is a 2004 Doland High School graduate. She graduated from South Dakota State University in 2008 and is currently enrolled at Northern State University, pursuing her Master's Degree.

Hagstrom taught in Willow Lake for five years. She and her husband

Shane live in Clark. They have two children, Chloe and Hannah.

Christina Flora

This 2004 Clark High School graduate will be the 5-8 special ed teacher. Christina received her bachelors degree in special education and elementary ed from the University of South Dakota. She

previously taught in Milroy, Minn. and Willow Lake.

Flora is single and lives in Clark.

Jessica Jans

Jessica Jans will be a Title I reading specialist, fifth grade teacher assistant, teach middle school and high school Spanish, high school technology elective, K-6 comput-

er and will also be the oral interpretation coach. She is originally from Brookings and is a 1993 graduate of Brookings High School.

She attended South Dakota State University, Miami of Ohio University and University of Sioux Falls.

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Clark School Board talks goal setting at August board meeting

As school is right around the corner, the Clark School Board used the August meeting to talk goal setting, moving the school forward.

An area of discussion dealt with overall job description of administration and specifically when are administrators on duty and in what capacity.

Goal setting for the school has been an agenda item for several meetings and Clark superintendent Brian Heupel is going through Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) personnel to aid in setting up a retreat type situation to help pull data together to move the school district forward.

Board member Robert Steffen said he was interested in finding guidelines to administrative eval-

uation. Fellow board member Amy Sass queried, "What are we doing or not doing to make this a better school?" Board chairman Kim Seefeldt felt it important to have a mission goal for the next three years in place.

"Where will we be in five years," continued Superintendent Heupel. "We sometimes get caught up in day to day activities and forget about the big picture. (Goal setting) will help me as a superintendent. A 'road map' set by you people will definitely help me in doing my job." Also goals for the district as a whole as well as the school staff will also be looked at.

"As we plan this retreat-type workshop with the board and a long-time board member who now

works with this type of thing for the ASBSD, we will leave it open," said Heupel and he was referring to what topics will be discussed. "Our board, I feel, is open to change. We will be talking a strategic plan, working with staff and administration, with community-wide involvement. We are looking for suggestions, a template if you will on how to move forward making Clark the best school district possible."

With two administrators covering two schools, Sass wanted to know what hours administrators are on duty. Heupel and principal Jerry Hartley explained this in detail and this led to Hartley asking the board if they had a problem with him vol-

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Row crops are looking good but in need of rain and heat

Here it is the middle of August. Row crops need both heat units and a good rain, but as of August 14 corn and soybeans look good!

"We're getting close to starting the spring wheat harvest," said Watertown Regional Extension Agronomy specialist Paul Johnson. "Maybe, just maybe by the time the paper is out one will see the spring wheat being harvested," Johnson replied positively about the wheat crop. "The yield should be average or above average and there should be good weight and quality to the wheat," he reported.

"Regarding winter wheat, producers are satisfied, but the crop didn't have a good start with such a dry summer last fall and in early spring our winter seemed to really

drag out. Overall, it wasn't a super year for winter wheat," said Johnson.

John Guest at the Clark County Farmers Elevator noted that if the winter wheat wasn't affected by the hail events south of Clark, in June,

then there was pretty good quality to the crop, with numbers all across the board.

Very little winter wheat was even planted in the Willow Lake area according to Wheat Growers - Willow Lake manager Rick Flatten. Flatten had yet to see any wheat at the elevator.

In Vienna, due to the heavy damage in June to the elevator there, the tough decision was made to not accept wheat this year at their location, due to storage issues, reported Josh Wilson. "We will be ready for the corn and beans though and things are looking pretty good around here," said Wilson.

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 6.....	78	56	0
Aug. 7.....	72	56	tr
Aug. 8.....	72	52	0
Aug. 9.....	71	53	0
Aug. 10.....	73	53	tr
Aug. 11.....	75	60	0
Aug. 12.....	73	55	0
2013 precipitation to date	16.26"		
2012 precipitation to date	13.84"		

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Chickens, chickens and more chickens! Every year the Clark County 4-H Chicken Barbecue is a large undertaking, serving 800 meals, by the Clark County 4-H Leaders. The weather cooperated nicely this year making the chicken dinner and the 4-H Achievement Days a big success.



Lacey Hartley isn't holding up the stage wall at the Clark County 4-H Achievement Days, but she is putting up the theme for all to see. "4-H, More Than You Ever Imagine!"

Weather helped to make Clark County's 2013 Achievement Days a big success

The weather was gorgeous. Cool mornings and evenings made for a very comfortable Clark County 4-H Achievement Days. So, if weather and results mean anything, Achievement Days 2013 were very successful.

"I was very pleased with 4-H Achievement Days and how every-

thing turned out," said Clark/Spink County 4-H advisor Kim McGraw. "The weather cooperated nicely, bringing out a great crowd for the chicken barbecue. We have nice numbers and a very good percentage of State Fair qualifiers in Clark County."

The Clark County 4-H Achie-

vement Days were held August 7 and 8. A total of 812 exhibits were entered by Clark County 4-H'ers. There were 556 purple ribbons awarded, which are eligible to be entered in the 4-H division of the South Dakota State Fair.

There were 46 beef exhibits this year, with 45 purple ribbons be-

ing awarded. Overall Champion Breeding Heifer went to Jake Edleman with his Maine Heifer, Reserve Champion went to Aaron Hamann with his Commercial Heifer. Market Beef plaque winners were: Jay Foster - English Steer; Kasey Michalski - Champion Continental Steer and Riley Schmidt - Champi-

on Crossbred Steer. Overall Champion Market Beef went to Riley Schmidt with his Crossbred Steer and Reserve Market Beef went to Kasey Michalski with his Continental Steer.

There were 21 goats exhibited this year, with 19 purple ribbons awarded. Overall Breeding Meat

Goat Plaque was won by Tavie Guzman and the Overall Market Meat Goat Plaque went to Tate McGraw.

There were 39 sheep exhibits this year, with 35 receiving purple. Plaque winners were: Overall Dorset Breed - Logan Tonak; Hamp-

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