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**WELCOME
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Clark School starts
today



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Seven new educators greet students at Clark School

▲ Classes begin today!



Aleigha Hallberg



Mckenzie Bakken



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Ashley Dandurand



Dawn Hink



Kari Hurlbut



Brenda Jongbloed

Today (Wednesday), the 2019-2020 Clark School year kicks off, as the school doors are now open. Superintendent Luanne Warren and elementary principal Tracy Stallman greeted students as one and all begin a new school term. Seven new faces will be greeting

the students in the Clark School system. New to the Clark School for the 2019-2020 term will be Aleigha Hallberg, Mckenzie Bakken, Dar Gross, Ashley Dandurand, Dawn Hink, Kari Hurlbut and Brenda Jongbloed.

Aleigha Hallberg
Aleigha Hallberg will teach middle school language arts and high school Spanish. She is originally from Kranzburg and is a 2007 graduate of Watertown High School. Hallberg is a 2012 graduate of South Dakota State University with

a B.S. in Education and Human Sciences and earned her teaching certificate from Mount Marty College in 2018. She was previously employed at the Clark School as a paraprofessional. Aleigha and her husband Jordan live south of Clark. They

have three children, Blakely is four and will be in preschool, Emersynn is 2 1/2 and Warick is four months old. **Mckenzie Bakken**
Mckenzie Bakken will be the fourth grade teacher. She is from Watertown and is a 2015 gradu-

ate of Watertown High School. She graduated in 2018 from Mount Marty College in Watertown with a degree in elementary education and a minor in special education. Mckenzie has been employed as a

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Clark United Methodist to celebrate 50 years of the new building

▲ Amazing Grace Daycare to have Grand Opening



This was the scene approximately 50 years ago within the United Methodist Church building as it consecrated its new building at the 606 North Commercial location in Clark.

Shown shaking hands after the service are at right Allen and Shirley. The Clark United Methodist Church members will celebrate 50 years since the consecration of their present building.

In the August 28, 1969 issue of the *Clark County Courier*, a full page ad declared: "At this time of consecration, we join together to offer sincere congratulations to the members of the United Methodist Church of Clark - consecrating their new church home.

To consecrate - means to make holy or to dedicate something to God, sanctifying it and making it holy.

On that Sunday in 1969, on August 31, church members gathered at their former church which sat at the location of 302 North Smith Street, one last time. The church members under the direction of Reverend Kenneth Voas, then all picked up something to carry and



Tipton greeted by Delmar and Hazel Foiles. To the left are 'Benny' Benson and Bob Forest. The 50th anniversary of the dedication will be celebrated this Sunday - August 25 with a picnic dinner to follow the 11:00 a.m. service.

walked to 606 North Commercial Street - the location of their newly built church. Carol Foiles, who led the choir carried her music stand and Sunday School children carried their small chairs among the members who made their trek to their new church home.

A time capsule of items including a Holy Bible, Methodist hymnal, an American flag, a list of church members and clergy, an 80th anni-

versary celebration folder, a book of discipline of the UMC; a copy of Christian Home, Mature Years and church school magazines; the original charter of the church; bulletins from the closing and opening ceremonies of both churches and two issues - 8-14 and 8-28 of the *Clark County Courier*.

These items were sealed behind the new cornerstone on the church which was placed that morning at

the consecration service. A photo of Bishop James Armstrong adding a bit of mortar with a trowel was in the September 4, 1969 issue of the *Courier*. A photo of the oldest member, Mrs. Rosa Smith, the daughter of a charter member of the church, back in 1882, was pictured along with youngest member at the time - Kandace Kritz, daughter of Don and Bev Kritz.

Bishop Armstrong gave the message that day which included the message that "Christianity is not a

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WEATHER

**Robert Cole - Official
Weather Observer**

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| Aug. 13..... | 68 | 58 | 0 |
| Aug. 14..... | 72 | 56 | 0 |
| Aug. 15..... | 77 | 55 | .59 |
| Aug. 16..... | 79 | 56 | 0 |
| Aug. 17..... | 84 | 54 | .24 |
| Aug. 18..... | 70 | 55 | 0 |
| Aug. 19..... | -- | -- | -- |
| 2019 precipitation to date | 26.60 | | |
| 2018 precipitation to date | 11.92 | | |

Westside to open Eastside in Watertown

Eastside Equipment is slated to open in the spring or early summer of 2020. It will be located on the bypass road, about a half mile south of Walmart, on the far eastern side of Watertown.

Kyle Gaikowski, owner of Westside Implement in Clark, will partner with Johnny Rider of Henry, in this Eastside Equipment operation. Rider will be the on-site manager at Eastside, in this joint venture.

"Kubota and most of the Short-line Equipment now sold in Clark will be the inventory at the Watertown store," said Gaikowski.

Tractors, 20-170 HP; skid loaders and trac loaders; lawn and garden equipment; utility vehicles (side by side); mini excavators; compact wheel loaders and haying equipment will all be items at the new store. Plus, Eastside Equipment will also be 'introducing' the 250 HP Tractor.

Kubota parts and accessories will be available at Westside beginning

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The Geronimo Energy Crocker Wind Farm celebrated American Wind Week last week. Several events were planned with various program speakers at the Crocker O & M Building, not pictured.

Above is the 'lay down' plant area, the main site of this wind farm, currently under construction. This site is a mile south of SD Highway 20, west of Crocker. The completion date is planned for later this year.

Geronimo Energy and Crocker Wind Farm help celebrate American Wind Week

To help celebrate American Wind Week, Geronimo Energy hosted a celebration of the Crocker Wind Farm. Together with landowners, community members and project partners, the construction of the Crocker Wind Farm was celebrated. The event started at 11:30 with

a catered meal by the Crocker Hills Bar and Grill and opportunities to have one's picture taken with a large American flag and several wind towers in the background. Information on the wind farm and photos were available as well. One could see the towers and

production in progress as they navigated 419th Avenue to the Crocker O&M building, driving on built-up roads and going by huge amounts of gravel used in the process. The view was spectacular on the road leading to the site it was noticed of the Crocker Hills area. The event

was held under a tent by the O&M building.

The program began with Blake Nixon, CEO of Geronimo Energy. He spoke of bringing economic vitality back to rural America. It's estimated that 200 mega watts will be on the way come Halloween of this

year when the 77 turbines in Phase I are completed.

With the weather this year, it's been a challenge but the wind farm production is pretty much on schedule it was noted.

Once operational, the Crocker Community Fund will receive an

estimated \$40,000 per year for a period of 20 years. The funds will be controlled and distributed by a group of local board members comprised of local residents within and near the project footprint.

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