



## Twelve new faces at Clark School greet students today



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Today (Wednesday) the 2018-2019 Clark School year kicks off, as the school doors are now open. Superintendent Luanne Warren and Principal Tracy Stallman greeted students as one and all begin a new school term.

Twelve new faces will be greeting the students in the Clark school system. New to the Clark School for the 2018-2019 term will be Tracy Stallman, Mikel Seefeldt, Matti Boomgaarden, Heather Fuhrmann, Landon Hammer, Jessica Jones, Jill Rathe, Beth Helkenn, Kelsi Bell, Elizabeth Zachary, Angie Benson and Julie Reff.

### Tracy Stallman

Tracy Stallman will be the Elementary and Colony Principal and the Title Coordinator. She is origi-

nally from Beardsley, Minn. and is a 2005 graduate of Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley high school. Stallman received her bachelor degree in elementary education with middle school math and science endorsements from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2009. She earned her Master's in Teaching and Learning, Preschool -12 principal's endorsement from Northern State University in 2016.

She taught fourth grade for one year in Herman, Minn. and for two years she taught middle school math and science at Enemy Swim Day School in Waubay. For the past six years she has been in the Doland School System, three years as K-8 teacher at Camrose Colony and three years at Doland Element-

ary. Her parents are Bill and Lil Stallman of Beardsley. She has one brother and two sisters. Stallman lives in Clark.

### Mikel Seefeldt

Mikel Seefeldt will teach junior high and high school science. He is a Clark native and is a 1991 graduate of Clark High School. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1996 with a PE major and a science minor. Seefeldt has been teaching at Henry School for the past 19 years.

Seefeldt lives in Clark and has two children, Summer is 13 and Logan is 10.

### Matti Boomgaarden

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Elizabeth Zachary



Angie Benson



Julie Reff

agriculture ed teacher and the FFA advisor. She is originally from Pipestone, Minn. and graduated

from Pipestone Area High School in 2014. She graduated in May of 2018 from South Dakota State Uni-

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## Federal Reserve Bank hosts listening session in Clark

A listening session focused on changes in retail banking in rural communities was held last Tuesday, at the Ulyot Building, in Clark.

The Community Development Department of the Federal Reserve Bank, in partnership with South Dakota State University Extension Service and Dacotah Bank, were the hosts.

Over 30 local interested individuals were in attendance as were Clark Rotary Club members.

The purpose of the meeting, stated by Karla Trautman, interim director for SDSU's Extension Service, "We wanted to hear from retail and business customers, business owners and other community residents. This session's intention is to help build a report in support of the national dialogue about banking trends and changes."

The facilitator of the listening session was Michou Kokodoko, project director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He was assisted by Ben Horowitz.



A listening session was held last week at the Ulyot Building in Clark. Michou Kokodoko, left, along with Ben Horowitz, of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank focused on changes in retail banking in rural communities. Lunch was provided by Dacotah Bank prior to the session.

Kokodoko explained, as he began the listening session, that the Federal Reserve Bank is conducting a series of listening sessions to learn what are the financial needs and how life has changed in the wake of bank branch closings. Said Kokodoko, "We have these meetings to hear about personal experiences so we can better understand the real impacts of bank closures and other banking changes on rural communities and residents."

Clark County is a sparsely populated county, with approximately 3,000 residents, with the county seat of Clark having approximately 1,000 residents, he said. "Several banks have closed," said Kokodoko and then his first question was, "Can you describe what financial services are needed?"

As this was a listening session, many in the audience volunteered many thoughts in the next hour, including land, line of credit and

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## Tia Felberg is Clark County ICAP community service worker



Tia Felberg of Willow Lake started recently in her new position as the new Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP) community service worker. She is shown above in the fellowship hall of the Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake where she will be assisting and educating the public one day a week. Other afternoons she will be at the Used2B New Thrift Store's Clark ICAP office and will work on evenings and weekends by appointment.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to reach as many as I can to educate them on what ICAP has to offer," stated the new Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP) community service worker - Tia Felberg.

A 1998 Willow Lake High School graduate and the mother of four Cyclone boys, Tia and her husband Jim live in Willow Lake. Tia's maiden name is Michalski.

The ICAP office for Clark County is currently located in the back of the Used2B New thrift store. Felberg is usually there in the afternoons and also works evenings and weekends if needed by appointment. "Day hours don't work for some," she stated. "I want to be available for people."

Those in the southern half of Clark County will be pleased to find out that Felberg is testing the waters in deciding which day will work best to work out of Willow Lake.

The Grace Lutheran Church has graciously offered the use of their fellowship hall for Felberg's one afternoon a week of working in the

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## Five vehicle crash north of Arlington

A five vehicle crash occurred at 7:48 a.m. last Friday morning, eight miles north of Arlington, in Kingsbury County on U.S. Highway 81 and 200th Street.

Adrien Bjerke, 22, of Clark, in a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu was southbound on U.S. Highway 81. A 1997 Kenworth T600 semi with loaded dump truck driven by Matthew Van Moer, 24, Lake Preston, was eastbound on 200th. The semi driver

stopped at the stop sign and could not see anything because of the reported fog.

According to the accident report issued by the state Highway Patrol, The semi pulled out in the intersection and the Bjerke vehicle collided with the dump trailer. Sarah Weinberg, who was southbound on 281, tried to avoid the vehicles and hit the front of the semi. Todd Walker was southbound on 281 and slowed

down, he was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Madysn Gilbertson.

Bjerke was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital with life threatening injuries. She was wearing a seat-belt. All others involved in the accident were either treated at the scene or were uninjured. Charges are pending against Van Moer. The S.D. Highway Patrol is investigating.



## Football games start with the Color Guard

Every home football game held in Clark starts with the Clark Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 providing the 'Colors'. American Legion Color Guard members before Friday's National Anthem include, left to right, Bernd Scheller, Darin Lewis, Gail Smith and Rob McGraw.

The weather for the first home game of the year was summer-like, but not exceptionally warm, actually very nice. The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones defeated the Florence-Henry Falcons 34-6, in Eastern Coteau Conference play.