

Senior Feature

Driving and cattle tending

Roger Hink is one of Raymond's 'cattle guys'



A familiar sight north of Raymond is this one - Roger Hink in his pickup, checking on the cattle herd, something he has been doing for 48+ years. Born in 1940 and living in or near to Raymond for most of that time, Hink has been managing cattle herds, farming or truck driving for area farmers since he was a teenager. Roger and his wife Marlene will have been married for 57 years come this September.

When Roger Hink was very young, his parents Floyd and Edith (Shoecraft) Hink drove a John Deere tractor pulling a flatbed trailer behind it from Alexandria to Raymond with all of their belongings. They worked for the Fine Ranch until 1950 when they moved into Raymond. Roger started

first grade in Raymond in 1947.

"They never called off school - ever," he recalls of that first year of school with a bad winter and deep snow.

Roger was the oldest child in the family followed by Loren, David, Barb, Bill, Fred and Elaine. Their grandparents were Walter and Cathryn (Studer) Hink and Leon and Emily (Patton) Shoecraft.

"I remember my grandma Emily," recalls Hink. "She was quite a gal and pretty feisty. She'd always carry a .38 pistol with her for protection. She and grandpa would drive their Model A Ford to Raymond from Alexandria to visit."

In doing family genealogy - it was discovered that Emily Patton is related to General George S. Patton. He was known for carrying ivory handled pistols and was known as one of the most successful field commanders who served in WWII and WWI.

It was also discovered in the genealogy findings that Hink used to be spelled Hink but the 'c' was dropped when they came through Ellis Island.

Floyd Hink's mother Cathryn contracted typhoid shortly after the birth of her seventh child and died when Floyd was only 11 years old. Walter never remarried.

Early years

Riding bicycles and trying to get an old Chevy coupe going were fun activities for the Hinks and for several years, a family trip to the State Fair in Huron was a fun respite from chores.

Growing up, doing chores with 'fat cattle' - as he put it, started young. He worked for Carl and Gladys Barkema planting corn with a two row corn planter, working for a time with the Hurlbutts and driving beside the cutter for Walt Danekas. "Bill Schlagel was the one who taught me to drive a

Hink

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NACAA President Alan Galloway, left, presented Kimberly McGraw with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award at their annual conference in Chattanooga, Tenn. Kim's husband Wade is on the right.

Kim McGraw receives National Service award

Kimberly McGraw of Raymond recently received the 2018 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during their Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Chattanooga, Tenn. This award is given to Agents with more than 10 years of service in Cooperative Extension and who have exhibited excellence in the field of Extension Education. This award is only presented to two percent of the County Extension Educators in South Dakota each year.

As a 4-H Youth Program Advisor in Clark and Spink counties, McGraw focuses on 4-H programs and working with local school districts to ensure youth understand where their food comes from while promoting agriculture and sciences. McGraw has worked for SDSU Extension for over 18 years as an Agronomy Educator and moved to a 4-H program advisor in 2011. She has been a member of the SD Association of Agricultural Professionals for 18 years and currently serves as the past president.

New administration at Willow Lake School

"This is the place to be," said new middle/high school principal Shawn DeWitt of Willow Lake School heading into the 2018-19 school year. The new school year begins next Tuesday, September 4, at Willow Lake.

DeWitt will be the new principal and Chris Lee will be the new superintendent. Both were at Willow Lake last year, but in different capacities.

One of the reasons DeWitt said she was so excited by the new year and new position was because of Lee's leadership abilities.

"I'm very proud to be part of Willow Lake School," DeWitt continued and she complimented the school itself as well as the staff. "We are a thriving school with a great staff and I want to support Chris as he starts his superintendent's career," stated DeWitt.

DeWitt is originally from Hayti and is a 1987 graduate of Hamlin High School. She attended Augustana University, South Dakota State University and Black Hills State University and received a BA, MCSI.

She has two children, McKenzie is 24 years old and Grant is off to



Chris Lee, left and Shawn DeWitt are the two new administrators at Willow Lake School, as superintendent and principal, respectively. Classes begin next Tuesday at Willow Lake.

college. DeWitt moved to Willow Lake over the weekend.

Chris Lee is no stranger to Clark County as he graduated from Clark High School in 1996 prior to gaining his masters in education from South Dakota State University in 2015. Lee graduated from Mount Marty College in 2002.

He has taught and coached in the Hurley and Lennox School districts, before teaching five years at Clark.

Lee and his wife Lisa live northwest of Clark. They have four children, Hunter is a freshman, Avery is in the sixth grade, Peyton is in the third grade and Champ is in

kindergarten.

"I'm very excited for the year to get started," said Lee, and he feels good about many things in the Willow Lake School system.

"I like our enrollment numbers," he said. "Some open enrollments and some move-ins. Our elementary numbers are very strong."

Lee kept his thoughts at the elementary level talking about a new phonics curriculum. "Also, we have three new active panels and a 70" touch-screen TV."

The high school students will be 1 on 1 with Mac Books (computers) and K-8 will be 1 on 1 with iPads.

"We have consistently been upgrading infrastructure at Willow Lake," Lee explained, as in the last 20 years the school has gone through many upgrades capped off with the \$3.5 million investment that created three new classrooms, a new library and a new gym, as well as new administrative areas.

Lee closed, "We have some very talented educators and individuals bringing about the best environment for our students and I'm very excited and blessed to be given this opportunity. Let's get this school year started."

Row crops are looking good

Regarding this year's wheat harvest, the smoke in the atmosphere from the Canada and California wild fires in recent weeks has made a difference in how long it is taking for the dew in the fields to dry off, are the reports and conditions coming in to David Karki, SDSU extension agronomist, headquartered out of the Watertown office.

"The winter wheat harvest is done in the area," stated Karki. "I'm hearing reports in the 60-90 bushels per acre range for the winter wheat crop. It's a later harvest this year especially with the spring wheat. Producers don't like to harvest high moisture grain if it can be helped and the late planting this spring due to the weather has pushed the harvest dates to a later than usual time.

"I believe the winter wheat crop

is better this year than last year," compared Karki of the yields. "East of Clark, I heard reports of 70+ bushel per acre of the winter wheat crop. In the winter wheat category

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 21.....	73	54	.05
Aug. 22.....	76	56	0
Aug. 23.....	73	61	.01
Aug. 24.....	77	59	0
Aug. 25.....	83	58	.17
Aug. 26.....	87	66	0
Aug. 27.....	67	53	.64
2018 precipitation to date	12.79		
2017 precipitation to date	15.16		



Class of 2031 starts kindergarten

Wednesday, August 22 marked the first day of classes at Clark School for the 2018-19 school year.

Kindergarten students from left to right, Champ Lee, Archer Lenz, Callie Helkenn and Teddy Dandurand are shown picking up after coming in from recess, on Wednesday.

This year 22 new kindergarten students begin their school careers in Clark.

Willow Lake School opens next Tuesday



Jennifer Karlen

The 2018-19 school term in Willow Lake will start on Tuesday, September 4.

New staff in the Willow Lake School system are Jennifer Karlen, Angela Terhark, Jay Dufek and Lindsey Hoffman.

Jennifer Karlen

Jennifer "Jenni" Karlen is the new K-12 music teacher at Willow Lake School. She will teach K-12 general, instrumental and vocal music. She will also instruct the marching band, pep band and theater.

She is originally from Rock Valley, Iowa and graduated from Rock Valley Public High School in 1994. Jenni received a Bachelor's of Music Education from South Dakota State University in May of 2018.



Angela Terhark

She previously taught private lessons through Brookings Community Music School, was assistant director for Community Theater Productions in De Smet, was assistant director for the Laura Ingalls Wilder pageant and worked at the Good Samaritan in De Smet as a cook.

She lives with her husband Trey in De Smet.

Angela Terhark

Angela Terhark will teach K-8 special education at Willow Lake School.

She graduated from Willow Lake High School in 2001 and received a Bachelor of Elementary and Special Education from Dakota State University.

Terhark previously taught at



Jay Dufek

Milbank Elementary, worked at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown as Christian Ed. Director and had an in-home daycare in Watertown.

She is married to Jared Terhark. They have three children, Nora is 11 and in the sixth grade, Evelyn is nine and in the fourth grade and Charlie is seven and in first grade. They live in Watertown.

Jay Dufek

Jay Dufek will teach high school social studies, geography and government. He is originally from Colome and graduated from Colome High School in 1993. He attended BHSU and SDSU for social science.

Dufek previously taught at Castlewood.

Jay and his wife LeeAnne live in



Lindsey Hoffman

Castlewood. They have four children. Katie is a freshman at South Dakota State University, Jaysen is a senior at Castlewood, Zach is a sophomore and Lyndsey is in the eighth grade at Castlewood.

Lindsey Hoffman

Lindsey Hoffman will be the third grade teacher at Willow Lake School. Her hometown is Mitchell and she graduated from Hanson High School in 2012. She graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education in 2016. Hoffman taught fifth grade in Chamberlain for one year. She is not married and lives in Clark.