

Johnson and Florey named to Class B all-tournament team

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Watertown Public Opinion
Jordan Johnson of the Lake Norden Lakers and Rhett Florey of the Clark Traders have been named to the Class B all-tournament team from the 2023 South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

Other Class B All-Tourney
MVP Kendall Gassman, Cole Gassman and Trey Krier of the state champion Canova Gang spearhead the honor squad along with Michael Drotzmann, Tanner Van Driel and Alex Wagner of the runner-up Lesterville Broncos.

The team also includes batting champion Riley Rothschild and

Chase Kortan of the Tabor Bluebirds; Brayden Pankonen and Trey Randel of Dell Rapids PBR; Brent Ripperda, Micah Linn and Isaac Horigan of the Larchwood (Iowa) Diamonds; Derek Graesser of the Winner-Colome Pheasants; Jason Schmidt and Josh Engquist of the Dimock-Emery Raptors; Aspen Dahl of the Madison Broncos; Zak Wallner of the Kimball-White Lake Nationals; Dustin Livingston of the Menno Mad Frogs; Koby Larson and Spencer Neugebauer of the Mount Vernon Mustangs; Chad Hunt and Dalton Lehnen of the Dell Rapids Mudcats; and Drew Sweetser and JD Kirchner of the Lennox Only One Alpacas.



Clark Fire Department's Family Fun Day fundraiser was a big hit with the kids

On Sunday, August 27, the Clark Fire Department hosted a Family Fun Day fundraiser at Dickinson Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. While the kids were busy with the bounce house, obstacle course and face painting, as pictured above and to the right, adults enjoyed live music by Joe Lindner and a free will offering hot dog and hamburger feed.

Pictured above, Wyatt shows off his puppy to McKoy Forest, who's enjoying the bounce house, and Hank Osterloh. Lacey Helkenn is checking in on the kids as they play. Top right, Jemma Enboden helps a little girl work her way through the obstacle course. Bottom right, Katelynn Merkel is painting Tyler Nickeson's face to look like a tiger. Rawr!

Photos by Karli Paulson



Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Malory McIntire named S.D. Bankers Association Emerging Leader of the Month

South Dakota Bankers Association Magazine
As part of the SDBA's mission to grow South Dakota's future-bank leaders, we feature a monthly emerging leader. This month's feature is on Malory McIntire



Malory McIntire

were different than mine, but it was amazing to hear stories and look at things from their perspective. Looking back, I'm so grateful for the lessons I took away from that job.

Emerging leader story

My final semester in college is when I really started thinking about what I wanted to do with my life. Jobs in sales, marketing and retail were all on the table.

While searching for job openings in the Watertown area, I came across a Financial Advisor Assistant position with the financial group that has its offices in the Dacotah Bank building in Watertown. Even though the interview went well, I didn't get the position, but from that interview came a job offer to become a teller with Dacotah Bank. I was a teller for about a year and a half then stepped into the vault teller position. That lasted for about four months when a customer service representative position came open. I was hesitant to make the leap, but with encouragement from my manager and the market president at the time, I accepted the position and was in that role for four and a half years. Our retail department went through a restructure, and with that I became a personal banker and was in that role for three years. In 2021, I became the Market Retail Leader which is the role I'm currently in.

Starting at square one and learning about banking from the ground up has really been a great journey for me. I enjoyed my time in each of the roles I held and learned a great lesson in that I needed to be able to grow where I was planted and to be the best version of me in each of the roles I was in. It wasn't always easy to wait for the next opportunity; it took time, patience, understanding and the will to stick it out sometimes, but I'm thankful that I did. I believe that adapting the "grow where you are planted" mentality really helped me reach the point I'm at today, and it will keep moving me forward and be

ready for whatever the next role might be.

I wouldn't be where I am today without all the experiences I've had and people beside me along the way. I'm so grateful to my family. There have been many long days and some stressful times, but they have always encouraged me to keep pressing on and keep being true to who I am.

I'm thankful to the supervisor I had for my first 10 years at Dacotah Bank. She is a huge reason why I am where I'm at today; to my current supervisor, who is always encouraging me and who isn't afraid to push me and challenge me so I become a better leader and more independent; to the market president I have the honor of working with and learning from today; to the past market presidents I've gotten to work with and the upper level managers for believing in me and pushing me out of my comfort zone. I truly love what I'm doing and strive to continue to grow both personally and professionally a little bit each day.

What she most likes about her job

Currently, I'm the Market Retail Leader at our Watertown location. I wear many hats as a MRL. Some of my favorites include coach, human resource officer, cheerleader and motivator. What I love most about what I do is helping employees grow personally and/or professionally. I love helping people create and navigate road maps for their development so they can put their thoughts, hopes and dreams into action.

There really is nothing more satisfying to me than to see an employee navigate through their journey, celebrate their successes along the way and eventually reach their end goal.

If she could have any job

I would own and operate a bridal store and wedding planning business. I absolutely love weddings, beginning with planning every little detail to enjoying the big day. I love it all! It all started when I began planning my wed-



Malory McIntire is pictured above with her family, including her husband Kyle and their daughters Riley and Hadley.

ding and started to shop for dresses. I had the best experience with an owner of a bridal shop here in Watertown! Searching for my wedding dress, my sisters' wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, tuxes, flowers, shoes, you name it, I loved it! I would love to make someone feel as amazing as I did when I went through the process of wedding planning.

My passion in life is making positive impacts in people's lives. From raising my kids and being a wife; to coaching and mentoring my team at work; to officiating high school volleyball matches and playing sports; to helping with vacation bible school and being on the local school board;

to simply smiling and waving at a complete stranger as I pass by them; I strive to bring a positive light into everything I do. God has

truly blessed me in many ways, and I want to pass the light on to others.

How she unwinds

My favorite way to unwind is to sit on my deck on a nice evening as the sun is going down. Sometimes I prefer to sit in silence, while other times a playlist of the 80s, 90s and early 2000s hits will really help me unwind.

Little known facts about her

Outside of my title as MRL, I also carry the titles of wife, mom, sister, daughter, aunty and dog mom. I'm a normal, everyday small-town gal who loves her family, her community and her career. And, the most important part of all of this is that none of this would be possible for me without God.

Malory McIntire is a Clark native and resides in Clark with her family. She is married to Kyle McIntire, and they have two daughters, Riley and Hadley. McIntire is also a Clark School Board member. Her parents are Larry and Lola Bartels of Clark.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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Aug. 22	89	64	0
Aug. 23	97	69	0
Aug. 24	97	68	0
Aug. 25	85	70	0
Aug. 26	82	57	0
Aug. 27	73	58	0
Aug. 28	82	60	0
2023 precipitation to date	15.53"		
2022 precipitation to date	16.62"		

The Clark County Courier office will be closed the week of September 4 for a week-long vacation. The 9-6-23 newspaper will still be printed and mailed out, but will need to be prepared a week ahead of time.

If you have news stories, advertising or legal notices for the 9-6-23 edition of the Clark County Courier, please email us at clarkcountycourier@gmail.com or call us at (605) 532-3654 before August 31.

Thank you