



The 2024 Florence High School Homecoming royalty candidates have been announced. Coronation is scheduled for Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Royalty candidates are pictured in the

photo above, from left to right: Grace Kahnke, Louie Caulfield, Andie Rislov, Carson Vavruska, Brooke Hlavacek and Jeremiah Leadabrand.

Submitted photo

## Florence School Homecoming is Sept. 23-27

### ▲ Theme is 'America the Beautiful'

Homecoming at Florence School is September 23-27. The theme is 'America the Beautiful.'

Coronation is Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence High School gym featuring the presentation of Falcon football, volleyball and cross country teams, a sixth-12th grade lip sync competition and crowning of the 2024 king and queen. Following coronation, an FCA prayer will take place around the school's flagpole followed by the powder puff football game and the burning of the 'F'.

Dress-up days for Homecoming week include: Tuesday, Celebrity Day for the middle school/high school and Pajama/Jersey Day for the elementary; Wednesday, Midwest vs. Coastal at the middle school/high school and Cowboy vs. Hawaiian at the elementary; Thursday, U.S.A. Day; and Friday, Falcon Day.

Various activities at the middle school and high school will be held during the week, including class vs. class battles of minute-to-win-it games, a kickball tournament and a Rock Paper Scissors challenge.

School-wide activities include: Donuts with Dudes on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and Muffins with Ladies

on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. On Friday, there will be a pep rally starting at 1:15 p.m. followed by the Homecoming parade at 2:00 p.m.

#### Queen Candidates

**Brooke Hlavacek** is the daughter of Derek Hlavacek and Tracy Buisker. She has three siblings, including Dawson, a sophomore; Harper, an eighth grader; and Lennon, a fifth grader. She is active in cross country, basketball, fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball and NHS. Her future plans include going to college to become a dental hygienist.

**Grace Kahnke** is the daughter of Jon and Alex Kahnke. She is the oldest of her seven siblings, including Logan (10th grade), Henry (eighth grade), Lydia (sixth grade), Quinn (second grade), Rhett (kindergarten), Jed (three years old) and Max (fifteen months old). Grace is active in basketball, FFA, FBLA, FCA, NHS and student council. She would like to become a nurse but is unsure which college she will be attending.

**Andie Rislov** is the daughter of Cory and Nicole Rislov. She has three siblings: brother Ethan (21), sister Kara (six years old)

and brother Cruz (three years old). Andie is active in volleyball, basketball, softball, track and field, FFA, OI, choir, student council, Pro-Start and FBLA. Her future plans are to attend college but undecided on what major.

#### Marshal Candidates

**Louie Caulfield** is the son of Eric Caulfield and Jessica Caulfield. He has one sister, Cora, who is 19-years-old. Louie is active in football, basketball, track, softball and Pro-Start. His future plans are to become a chef.

**Jeremiah Leadabrand** is the son of Aric Leadabrand and Angie Anderson. He has two sisters, Katie, who is a senior and Sarah, who is 20-years-old. Jeremiah is active in football and the JAIK band. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina Beaufort to study marine biology.

**Carson Vavruska** is the son of Jessi and Curt Vavruska. He has five siblings, Logan, who is 18, Kaylee, a sophomore, Ashlynn, a freshman, Taylor, in seventh grade, and Austin, in sixth grade. Carson is active in football, basketball, cross country, and track. He is undecided about his future plans.



The 2024 Clark High School Homecoming royalty candidates have been announced. Coronation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

Homecoming Royalty candidates are pictured in

the photo above. In the back row, left to right, are Avery Lee, Hannah Heiman, Talyn Ortberg and Valley Roebke. In the front row, left to right: Zach Ambrose, Griffin Musser, Chris Venjohn and Waylan Olson.

Photo by Trudi Gaikowski

## Clark High School Homecoming theme is 'Places'

### ▲ Coronation is Tuesday, September 24

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming at Clark High School is almost upon us. The celebration of Homecoming 2024 is the week of September 23-27, and the theme selected for this year is 'Places'.

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and Marshal will be on Tuesday, September 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark High School gym.

During the festivities of Homecoming week, or "Spirit Week", each day has a different dress up theme. Both at the high school, middle school and elementary school in Clark. **In the high school:** Monday is Anything But a Bookbag Day, Tuesday is Dress as Your Type Day, Wednesday is Rhyme Without Reason, and Thursday is Frat Boy Day. **In the middle school:** Monday is Hawaiian Day, Tuesday is Dress as Your Type Day, Wednesday is Pajama Day, and Thursday is Dress as Your Favorite Teacher Day. **At the elementary school:** Monday is Anything but a Bookbag day, Tuesday is Dress as a Teacher Day, Wednesday is Pajama Day, Thursday is Neon/Crazy Sock Day, Friday is Cyclone (Spirit) Day for all of the schools.

The Homecoming Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. on September 27, with the Cyclone football game slated to start at 7:00 against the Groton Area Tigers at the Clark High School Sports Complex.

#### Queen Candidates

**Hannah Heiman** is the daughter of Heath and Erin Heiman. She is one

brother, Cole, who is 20 years old and attends LATC. Hannah participates in volleyball, softball, choir, FCA, FCCLA, SADD, NHS, student council, youth group and is the current Girls State Governor. After graduation, she would like to go to a college in South Dakota to pursue pre-law and Spanish and then attend law school.

**Avery Lee** is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Lee. Her siblings are Hunter (21), Peyton (15) and Champ (11). Avery is active in volleyball, softball, NHS, FFA, SADD, FCCLA and FCA. Avery's future plans include attending South Dakota State University for nursing.

**Talyn Ortberg** is the daughter of Matt and Lacey Ortberg. She has three sisters, including 20-year-old Teagan who attends NDSU, 15-year-old Tatum who is a freshman and 11-year-old Trynlee who is in fifth grade. Talyn's activities include football cheer, boys basketball statistician, band, NHS, SADD, FFA, FCCLA, St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group, and she is the Student Body President at Clark High School. She plans to attend the University of North Dakota and pursue a career in forensic psychology.

**Valley Roebke** is the daughter of Kathy Roebke. She has two brothers, sophomore Ivan (15) and third grader Erving (nine). Valley's school activities include volleyball, basketball cheer, softball, choir, FCCLA, Special Olympics Unified partner, NHS and SADD.

Outside of school, she works as a life-guard in the summer. Her future plans include attending Lake Area Technical College in the financial services area and then possibly continuing her education at the University of South Dakota.

#### Marshal Candidates

**Zach Ambrose** is the son of Crystal Henricks. He has one brother, Alex, who is in eighth grade and one sister, Charlotte, a first grader. Zach is active in basketball. He plans to attend South-east Technical College to study HVAC.

**Griffin Musser** is the son of David and Dannel Musser. He has one sister, 24-year-old Tatum. Activities Griffin participates in include football, basketball, Unified Partners, NHS and student council, and he enjoys hunting and fishing. His future plans include attending Mitchell Technical College for electrical construction.

**Waylan Olson** is the son of Casey and Melissa Olson. He has two siblings, freshman Westen and fourth grader Abbie. Waylan is active in cross country, baseball, choir and band. He plans to attend South Dakota State University and then on to a specialized school to become a chiropractor.

**Chris Venjohn** is the son of of Nikki Venjohn. Chris participates in football in school, and out of school, he works at JM Manufacturing & Repair as a welder. Chris' future plans are to join the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic.

## Area seniors take part in annual government day

The Clark American Legion Post 60 conducted its annual Government Day to area high school seniors on Monday, Sept. 16. The goal was to provide senior high school students the opportunity to learn about township, municipal and county level government and re-enforce their education on the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

The students met at the Clark American Legion where the Clark County American Legion Commander Darin Lewis welcomed the seniors and provided opening comments. Gail Temple, the Darlington Township Secretary/Treasurer provided an introduc-

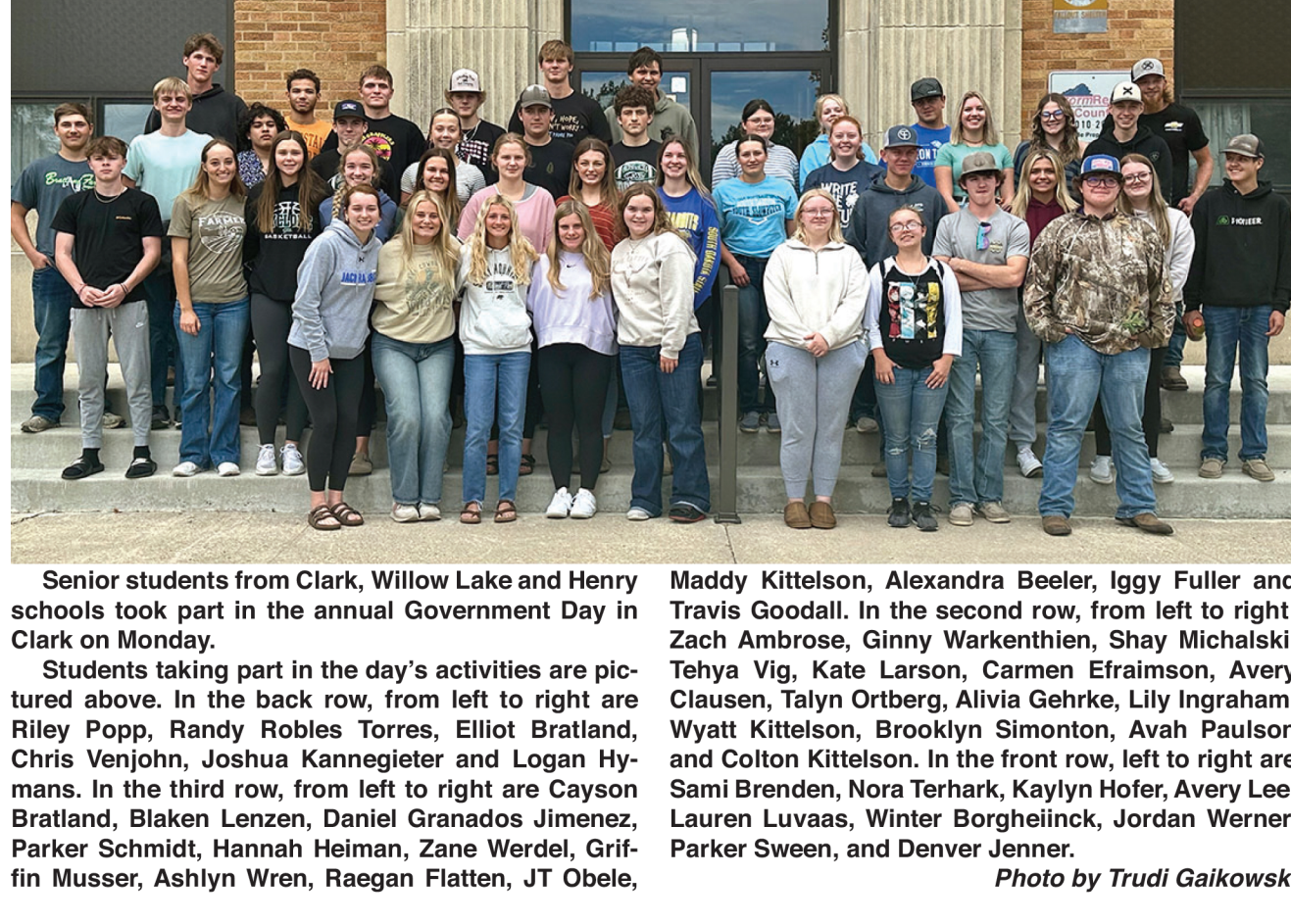
tion to township governance.

The students then proceeded to the third floor of the Clark County Courthouse, where Tracy Nichels Aguayo introduced the students to the courtroom. She provided them a brief explanation of the layout of the courtroom, and five students volunteered to read off the duties of the Clerk of Courts, Court Services Officer, Court Reporter, States Attorney and the Defendant Lawyer. Aguayo read off the duties of the judge along with explaining many of the terms the judge uses during court proceedings. Sheriff Tad Heaton and Deputy Lindsay Stiefel explained their duties and responsibilities to the students.

Students then broke up into five groups lead by Clark, Raymond and Willow Lake Legion members, including Rob McGraw, Jerry Olson, Darin Lewis, David Lewis and Curtis Lamb. The groups then visited the nine different offices in the court house. Chris Tarbox, Clark County Auditor, assisted students in registering to vote and explained her role in leading the county in the voting process. Clark County Treasurer Carrie Reis explained the different tax revenues and

how it is distributed. Andrea Helkenn, Register of Deeds, talked to the students about how documents are recorded and how much it costs to get a marriage license. Jarvis Reidburn, Director of Equalization, explained how to get a builders permit and how property is assessed for value. Clark County Highway Secretary Leanne Johnson talked to the students about the cost to maintain the counties roads, culverts and bridges. Lizza Linneman, Clark County Nurse, told the students about the services her office provides, and Kim McGraw from the SDSU Extension Office explained the 4-H program and programs provided from SDSU.

Lunch was served by the Clark American Legion and the Clark American Legion Auxiliary. Coffee, juice and snacks were donated by Sandy Herrick in memory of Legion member DuWayne Wallen. During lunch, Clark Mayor Kerry Kline briefed on the challenges of running a rural town like Clark. Local members Shane Hagstrom, Justin Bowers and Trevor Forest discussed the Clark Fire Department. Clark police officers Jeremy Wellnitz and Nate Nickeson briefed the students on



Senior students from Clark, Willow Lake and Henry schools took part in the annual Government Day in Clark on Monday.

Students taking part in the day's activities are pictured above. In the back row, from left to right are Riley Popp, Randy Robles Torres, Elliot Bratland, Chris Venjohn, Joshua Kannegieter and Logan Hyman. In the third row, from left to right are Cayson Bratland, Blaken Lenzen, Daniel Granados Jimenez, Parker Schmidt, Hannah Heiman, Zane Werdel, Griffin Musser, Ashlyn Wren, Raegan Flatten, JT Obele,

Maddy Kittelson, Alexandra Beeler, Iggy Fuller and Travis Goodall. In the second row, from left to right: Zach Ambrose, Ginny Warkentien, Shay Michalski, Tehya Vig, Kate Larson, Carmen Efraimson, Avery Clausen, Talyn Ortberg, Alivia Gehrke, Lily Ingraham, Wyatt Kittelson, Brooklyn Simonton, Avah Paulson and Colton Kittelson. In the front row, left to right are Sami Brenden, Nora Terhark, Kaylyn Hofer, Avery Lee, Lauren Luvaas, Winter Borgheinck, Jordan Werner, Parker Sween, and Denver Jenner.

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crime trends in Clark and how to conduct yourself during a traffic stop. Alaina Wellnitz from DCI talked about the don'ts of sexting.

The students proceeded to Flat Iron Park to the Charters of Freedom for a brief discussion on the

U.S. Constitution and why it is important to know the importance of this key document. The students then returned to the courtroom at the courthouse for a brief conversation with Judge Carmen Means followed by attending 45 minutes

of court session. Clark had 26 students, led by Travis Ahrens; Willow Lake had 12 students, led by Brook Bege-man; and, there were 15 Henry students, led by Joshua Crabtree.

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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September 15.....	86	66	0
September 16.....	88	66	0
2024 precipitation to date	18.50"		
2023 precipitation to date	13.79"		