



Willow Lake High School 2019 Homecoming Royalty is King Stone Burke and Queen Saylor Burke. The pair will reign over the remainder of the Homecoming festivities after being crowned Monday night during the WLHS coronation ceremony. Stone is the son of JJ and Kelly Burke and Saylor is the daughter of Ryan and Bobbi Jo Burke.

Burke and Burke reign over Willow Lake Homecoming

This is Homecoming week at Willow Lake High School with students and faculty all joining in the fun with special activities to celebrate this year's theme of 'Brand Names'. Homecoming Royalty were crowned at the coronation ceremony Monday night. Saylor Burke was crowned Queen and Stone Burke was crowned King. Other royalty candidates included Garrett Warkentien, Dusty Kretzschmar

and Caleb Bratland.

The Homecoming football game will be Friday, September 20 against Deuel in Willow Lake. The Homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday at 1:00 p.m. with line up at 12:15 p.m. at the football field. The Willow Lake Student Council invites all area businesses to their parade. For any questions, call the school at 625-5945

Senior Feature

Family and horses have played a big part of Carla Cornelius' life

Carla Beth Cooper was born at Mrs. Stacey's house in Clark, eight years after her husband of 56 years - Clayton Charles 'Charlie' Cornelius was born at the same midwife's location.

Carla was born on May 18, 1944 to Kenneth and Mayme (Hurlbert) Cooper. She had one younger sister Pam who was six years younger. When Carla was born her family lived in Clark and her father delivered gas for Esten Woodland's gas station. They later moved and rented several farm sites before buying a farm five miles north of Clark.

Grandparents

Carla came to know her grandfathers - William 'Bill' Hurlbert and Arthur 'Page' Cooper. She never did meet Hazel Hurlbert but Myrtle Cooper she came to know quite well as they spent a lot of time together back and forth at each others farms. Carla even lived with her for a time in Clark after she'd graduated from high school.

"Grandma Cooper was really good about reading stories to me when I was little. Grandpa Page was a very loving man. I didn't even know he was a service man until I was told later. He'd been in several of the big battles in WWI and lived to tell about it. He'd been shot once and had a dip on the top of his head because of it. My three uncles, his sons, were all 20 year service men."

Cornelius has good history documentation on both sides of her family. Her grandma Cooper's history goes back to the 13 colonies in the U.S..

The Hurlbert family history goes back to 0006 - which was over a 100 page document when she printed it off years ago. Called pedigrees going back, their lineage involves kings of Sweden in 424 and 382 for example as it goes into depth. "Beings there are kings involved is probably why there is so much history going back," described Cornelius.

"Grandpa Bill liked to sing. He could sing as loud as his tractor and we could hear him for miles as he came and went, to his farm near Raymond. "He kept an old mare 'Beauty' at our farm and when I was little, I'd sneak rides on her. When she had a colt, that was my first pony - a quarter horse and Welsh mix I named 'Dandy'.

"As kids, Pam and I rode him to the point he was sick of us I think," chuckled Cornelius.

Growing up, the farming Cooper family always had Jersey milk cows. Doing chores with the calves and milking cows herself starting at about third grade were early jobs of Carla's. "When our Bruns cousins would come over, we'd have fun trying to ride the Jersey calves. I don't think we ever told our folks about that. We'd have a lot of fun fishing too, catching bullheads in the creek. One year we got a whole milk can full of crawdads. Dad made us put them back and our tame ducks went crazy over them that day I remember. This was when we lived on a farm near Raymond.



Carla Cornelius holds one of her many favorites of glassware that she's been collecting over the years. In this cabinet is her Royal Ruby glassware including a big platter and ornate bowl that her mother had collected. Glassware and horses have been her favorites over the years. She's trained and ridden over 100 horses in her lifetime she estimates.

When a junior and senior in high school, she earned her way to the High School National finals in barrel racing and breakaway roping and was a state champion with a cutting horse her senior year.

School years

First grade for Carla was attended at a country school in Spink County. Second grade was attended at the Nelson School by Raymond. Third grade was the start of a hard year for Carla as that year she contracted measles, mumps, chicken pox and scarlet fever, on top of having to catch up on writing in the bigger school in Raymond.

From third to sixth grade was at Raymond with Mona Schlagel being her favorite teacher. A move to another farm ended up in her transferring to the Logan Consolidated School.

"This was dad's old stomping grounds as he and his brothers graduated

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ALICE training held at Clark School



Clark city police officer Jeremy Wellnitz shows Clark School staff how the 'swarm' technique can be used to subdue someone. With four people 'ganging up on someone, it will make it so they cannot move. Officer Wellnitz went on to demonstrate a better way to hold the legs - laying flat on the floor with your arms wrapped around a foot. Holding on to the wrist area/lower arm versus the upper arm is also better as

one wants to stop the hand from moving which it still could somewhat if just the upper arm is immobilized.

Shown above is the beginning of the exercise before changes were made. Helping Wellnitz demonstrate were, clockwise from the lower left, Tracy Stallman, Elizabeth Zachary, Jessica Jans and Claire Mohr.

At the teacher's inservice at the Clark High School last Friday - Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz and Willow Lake Police Chief Melissa Terhark and Clark County Deputy Sheriff Michael Gravning took part in ALICE training with the entire school staff.

Part classroom and part hands-on activities school staff spent the morning learning survival skills and how to react and how to better prepare their classrooms should the worse case scenario happen. That being an active shooter within the school.

ALICE represents - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

The ALICE training institute forum was developed by Greg Crane, a police officer with 30 years of experience training in response to violence. His wife was an elementary principal. After the Columbine shootings, he asked his wife - what would your school do? Code red was the answer. Feeling a need to do more, this training was developed to better prepare schools and staff. This training is now being held in all 50 states.

Because of the nation-wide multiple mass shootings that keep re-occurring, ALICE training is being held in schools across the country.

This is to keep our most vulnerable of the population - our children - as safe as possible.

Officers Wellnitz and Terhark went over in detail the steps required in the ALICE training.

"Don't live in the realization that we're a small town and it doesn't happen here," advised Wellnitz. "Because it can!"

"We hope it doesn't, but we want to be prepared if something does happen."

"Call 911 first to get help and don't think that someone else will do it. We'd rather have too many calls than none at all."

Officer Gravning brought up the

past Las Vegas shooting where 17,000 people were there, but it was actually a firetruck operator nearby who saw people running and called it in first. "We all have phones nowadays - use them, don't rely on someone else to do it," he reiterated.

"The 911 calls will be re-routed to other locations if doubling up - you will never not get an answer if the line is busy," stated Wellnitz.

Statistics were shared regarding how fast things can happen. At Sandy Hook for example, 26 students were killed and six injured in five minutes time. Police response at best is estimated at six minutes (if the officer is in town).

Locking and barricading doors has been shown to save lives it's been proven. At the Virginia Tech shooting, locked doors made the shooter just move on to the next classroom for his victims. If the doors don't lock - or open out versus in (where barricades don't work) a computer cord or extension cord could be used to tie the door shut - anchoring it to something - or even someone if need be - standing off to the side for example with a door handle situation. Cover the door window and shut off the lights and if time duct taping over the light switch will keep the shooter from turning the lights back on himself, which could very well happen - and has.

"See where the weak spots are in your classroom and think ahead on what you could do. Be prepared with an extension cord for example," noted Wellnitz. "Have supplies on hand for a successful lock down for your door."

"Just like with a fire drill, one knows what they should do because they practiced. Treat this training like that in being prepared."

Staff went through drills on barricading doors in classrooms. Lockdown and counter tactics - or fighting back per se in the form of distracting the shooter by throwing things and yelling.

Counter is used to create noise, movement, distance and distraction to reduce the shooters ability to shoot accurately.

Wellnitz explained the military - OODA phase where a shooter will first Observe, then Orient himself,

ALICE training

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One of two 2019-20 capital outlay projects remaining at Clark School is the three-stall garage at the north parking lot at the Clark Elementary building. The other project, finishing Field House walls, will be done over the Christmas break.

The Clark School Board talked five-year plan capital outlay at the September board meeting.

Above, Werdel Construction does the cement work for the three-stall garage. The land is not level at this spot, so it took a little more work than anticipated.

Clark School Board talks capital outlay

"We had lots of good discussion," said Clark School superintendent Luanne Warren of the five-year capital outlay plan talked about by the Clark School Board and administration at the board's September meeting.

Clark School business manager Mary Nelson echoed Warren's thoughts and the duo then talked how the state of South Dakota is changing the capital outlay formula for public schools. The state is going away from a levy-based for-

mula to one based upon student enrollment, similar to the one now in place for state aid in the general fund. The S.D. State Legislature has not yet acted upon it, but things are in place for it to be enacted this upcoming legislative session.

According to Warren, "2021 changes to capital outlay will be based on student enrollment. Currently we have 420 students and the projected amount for each student is

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Weather still not cooperating

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This year's struggles with weather and climate are continuing this fall. Late planting of corn and soybeans in the spring have now combined with near average or cooler than average summertime temperatures. This combination has led to slow crop growth and the need for an extended frost-free season to ensure these crops reach maturity.

Average Frost Dates

Average 32° F frost dates for South Dakota fall in late September to early October. This is a concern as much of the soybean fields are still green and have not begun to

turn colors or drop leaves. Fields of corn are much behind typical crop stage for this time of year. A "spot check" of locations in eastern South Dakota, assuming May 15 planting date, indicate areas that are 100 growing degree days (GDDs) behind usual, to over 200 GDDs behind average. We are currently a bit behind accumulated GDDs as compared to 2014 and 1997, but not as far behind as 2009 at this same time.

Average hard frost at 28° F occurs a little later in Eastern South Dakota, typically in the first or second week of October. A hard frost at the current crop stages would mean

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