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CHS Homecoming is this week!  
Parade & Football game on Friday  
CHS Alumni Weekend is Sept. 9-10  
CWL Volleyball Tournament  
on Saturday



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## Erin Brush sees a need in the community and fills it

Clark has been without a dog groomer since early this summer when Midwest Vet Clinic's Clark location suddenly closed their doors. The community had gotten used to a groomer here a couple days each month. One Clark woman decided to take matters into her own hands and learned how to groom.

Erin Brush and her husband Eric moved to Clark from Arizona ten years ago. They both work for Clark County and the City of Clark, respectively, but now, Brush has taken on a new title as part time Dog Groomer. She started out in her free time by shadowing Gerri Gallup of Gallup Pet Parlor in Redfield. She was also in contact with Clark's previous groomer Christy Zoss.

"I saw a need," said Brush, when she decided to start the training process to groom dogs. "It is not convenient to drive 35 miles to get our dog groomed when we both live and work here in Clark," said Brush. Brush and her husband have an Irish Wolfhound named Odin who keeps her home grooming station busy when she isn't grooming other



Erin Brush is pictured grooming Nava, Emily Yexley's four year old German Shepherd.

community members' canine companions.

For the time being, Brush is grooming out of Cross Country Vet-Brushary Clinic here in Clark on Fridays and out of her home other days of the week. She has a great home set up with a special pink tub for bathing the dogs. The tub belonged to her grandparents Alvin and Mary Waxdahl. "My mom wanted me to keep the tub and use it as a planter when they remodeled their house. My dad wouldn't agree to that but wouldn't get rid of it either. So, when I wanted to start grooming, my dad offered up the tub! My dad was happy to have it out of the way and my mom was happy it was being used. Four generations have bathed in that tub!" Said Brush.

Bernd and Gayle Scheller of Garden City are the parents of Erin Brush and the reason that she and her husband decided to relocate to Clark. When they first moved here, they were both working in Watertown. Now they are both employed locally and happy not to commute.

## CHS Alumni looking forward to big Homecoming weekend

Clark High School Alumni will enjoy a full weekend of events to celebrate their alma mater and reconnect with friends and classmates during Alumni Weekend this coming weekend. "The Alumni Association is really looking forward to building off of the new events we started last year: the meet and greet and tailgate party on Friday and the golf outing and entertainment on Saturday night," board member Jennifer Severson said.

The CHS Alumni Association's

events will take place Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, in conjunction with Clark School's Homecoming. The Clark Golf Club will be the main gathering place again this year for alumni. Severson said, "It's extra special this year to welcome back the 2002 State Football Championship team. They're getting together on Friday night." The 2002 Championship Team, as well as the milestone reunions, will be recognized during halftime at the Clark-Willow Lake

Homecoming football game Friday night. "We have a lot of classes holding their reunions on Saturday night. Almost every class in a milestone reunion is holding some type of get-together," said Severson.

"A couple things folks may not know is that the burger feed and tailgating Friday are open to the public. All proceeds from our Alumni activities, including the auction Saturday night, help fund scholarships for graduating seniors. Last year we awarded three scholar-

ships!" Severson said.

The Homecoming Parade will run along Highway 212 and Main Street which starting at 1:00 p.m. Other events on Friday include the School tours, Meet and Greet at the Clark Golf Club, and the Tailgate through Time at the CHS football field in the north parking lot.

The Clark-Willow Lake homecoming football game kicks off at 7:00 p.m. against the Groton Tigers.

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Clark High School Coronation was held Tuesday, August 30, at the high school gym. Crowned Queen was Summer Seefeldt, left and Trey Huber was crowned Marshal.

Summer is the daughter of Mikel Seefeldt and Angela Seefeldt. Trey is the son of Nicholas and Jessica Huber.

## Seefeldt and Huber reign over Clark High School Homecoming

Homecoming, the 92nd annual at Clark High School, has begun. The festivities began Tuesday, August 30 at Coronation with the 2022 royalty being selected. Trey Huber and Summer Seefeldt were named CHS Homecoming Marshal and Queen, respectively. They were crowned by 2020 Queen Logan Hurlbert and Marshal Chad Kolden.

Other royalty candidates included, Kiara Bokinskie, Audrye Foster, Kayla Jordan, Cole Heiman, Brady Jordan and Preston Sundvold.

During Coronation all classes presented skits to the Homecoming theme - 'Game (Board/Card/Video) Night'.

Following Coronation and the burning of the C, high school students played kickball downtown.

The Cyclone volleyball team will play Webster Area on Thursday, September 8, in Clark. The annual Homecoming football game will feature Clark-Willow Lake taking on the Groton Tigers, Friday, at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for Homecoming 2021 is 'Game (Board/Card/Video) Night'. There will be a pep rally in the Clark High School gym at 12:15 p.m. for 6-12 grades, open to

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The 2022 royalty candidates for the Willow Lake Homecoming have been selected. Coronation is on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Willow Lake High School gym.

On the left is junior attendant Emma Nichols and queen candidates Alicia Vig and Maddie Burke.

On the right are king candidates Cole Brenden, Mitchell Larson and Braeden Johnson and junior attendant James Poppen. In the front row, left to right, are first grade gift carriers Lily Tellinghuisen and McCoy Pommer.

## Willow Lake Homecoming coronation is Monday

### Theme is "Cartoons"

Willow Lake Homecoming activities begin Monday evening, as the Homecoming royalty are crowned. Coronation will be on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Willow Lake school gymnasium. Burning of the WL will follow coronation at the football field.

2022 Queen candidates selected are:

**Alicia Vig** is the daughter of Norman and Tara Vig. Alicia's activities include cross country, basketball, track, National Honor Society and FFA. Her future plans are to attend Lake Area Technical College for Ag Business.

**Maddie Burke** is the daughter of Ryan and Bobbi Jo Burke. Her activities include National Honor Society and senior class student

council representative. Maddie's future plans include attending the University of South Dakota, majoring in Biochemical Engineering.

2022 King candidates are:

**Mitchell Larson** is the son of Daron and Ann Larson. Mitchell is involved in football, basketball, baseball, golf and is the student council treasurer. His future plans are to attend Lake Area Technical College for Precision Ag and work on the family farm.

**Cole Brenden** is the son of Butch and Erin Brenden. His activities include football, basketball, student council secretary, National Honor Society, FFA and senior class president. Cole's future plans include attending South Dakota State University, majoring in Ag

Business.

**Braeden Johnson** is the son of Arrin Wirtjes and Ben Johnson. He is active in football, wrestling, FFA and is the student council president. Braeden plans to attend Lake Area Technical College for Building Trades.

Gift carriers for coronation will be first graders McCoy Pommer and Lily Tellinghuisen. McCoy is the son of Jarrod and Darcy Pommer, and Lily's parents are Corey and Jennifer Tellinghuisen.

Junior attendants are Emma Nichols, daughter of Brock and Carolyn Nichols and James Poppen, son of Aaron and Sheila Poppen.

"Cartoons" is the theme for the 2022 Willow Lake Homecoming. Each school day during Homecom-

ing week will follow its own theme, starting with Costume Day on Monday. Tuesday will be Formal Day,

WL Coronation  
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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
August 30.....	78	55	0
August 31.....	85	55	0
September 1.....	92	61	0
September 2.....	94	61	0
September 3.....	84	52	0
September 4.....	76	52	0
September 5.....	80	59	0
2022 precipitation to date	17.62		
2021 precipitation to date	16.75		

## Clark United Methodist Church welcomes Pastor Rob

This summer marked a new beginning for Clark United Methodist Church as they welcomed new Pastor Rob Salmonson. Pastor Rob will be replacing Pastor Mark Tracy who relocated to a church in nearby Watertown.

Pastor Rob is originally from Plankinton, South Dakota where he graduated from high school in 2004. He went on to college at Dakota Wesleyan for Criminal Justice originally. Pastor Rob said, "I felt my calling to ministry first during my junior year in high school, but fought it until my junior year in college." Upon deciding to answer his calling to the ministry, he added "when I finally agreed with God, it was too late in the game to change my major, so I added a Religion Philosophy Minor."

After graduating from Dakota Wesleyan in 2008, Pastor Rob went on to Saint Paul School of Ministry in Kansas City where he attended seminary for three years and then transferred back to South Dakota to finish his fourth year of seminary at Sioux Falls Seminary where he graduated in 2013.

Prior to locating at Clark United Methodist Church, Pastor Rob served a small country church in Holmes, North Dakota for three

years. "It's nice not to have to plan an hour trip to pick up a gallon of milk," said Pastor Rob of the move to Clark, as Holmes was without a grocery store and one had an hour venture to the nearest store. In the seven years prior to North Dakota,



Pastor Rob Salmonson

Pastor Rob ministered to churches in both Alexandria-Ethan and Flandreau.

Pastor Rob moved to Clark with his wife of 13 years Vikki, and their three children: Jacqueline (8), Rachel (5) and son Alex (2). Vikki works as a high school math teacher for the Doland School District. Pastor Rob and his family enjoyed Potato Days as their first Clark

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