



Annual snow pile removal fees discussed, pool staff hired at March meeting of Clark City Council

By Carolyn Olson

The March meeting of the Clark City Council was held on Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Council member Derek Dohmann was absent.

The meeting started with the council making a motion to convene jointly as a Planning Commission and city council. The first reading of ordinance# 585-01, in which the minimum lot area could be decreased to 20,000 sq. ft. under the permitted uses with a conditional use permit, as long as all set backs are able to be observed.

A motion was made by the Planning Commission to recommend approval of Resolution #2025-01. The City Council opened the public hearing for ordinance #585-01 which gives approval for the change of the proposed lots owned by Brent Forest and Clark County to be changed from residential to industrial in the zoning ordinance.

A motion was made to adjourn as a Planning Commission and reconvene only as the City Council, which was followed by public input. Dennis Robinson was present to voice concerns about the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and if they would affect his property taxes. The council reassured Robinson that it would not affect his property taxes in any way.

Department Updates

Golf Course Manager Tammy Rusher gave her updates on the golf course. "We're going to open with some soft hours the beginning of April," Rusher stated. "Wednesdays through Fridays, we will open at 4:00 p.m., and 11:00

a.m. on weekends," she added. The 10% off sale for memberships will be Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13. She stated that the golf course booklets should be printed this Friday and then mailed out. She is also working on getting a date set for people to come and clean out their sheds at the golf course.

Public Works Supervisor Darin Altfillisch updated the council on the pot holes that have been getting fixed on the south end of town. City workers completed gravel work at Garden Grove on Monday, March 3. Altfillisch mentioned that a few of the Ash trees were removed from Flat Iron Park last week. "The plan is to plant some grass and some ornamental trees to get it looking a little better," he explained.

City Finance Officer Rae Jean Flora had a meeting Tuesday, March 4 with Cassi Kottke and a Dacotah Bank representative to go over some different finance options for the city pool. Flora is also working on the liquor license transfer for Clark Lanes.

There was a short discussion over the hourly pay for Hannah Heiman for assistant pool manager, lifeguard and swim instructor. Andrea Begeman is the pool manager and will be getting paid \$16.00/hour. Ella Wellnitz is an assistant manager and will be getting paid \$14.00/hour. The council made a motion to approve \$14.00/hour for Hannah Heiman as pool assistant manager, lifeguard and swim instructor. There are currently 13 lifeguards hired for the 2025 summer season.

The council revisited the an-

nual snow pile removal fees discussed at the February council meeting. No motions were made on the matter; however, it will be discussed further at future meetings, and a yearly fee will be set.

In Other Business:

The John Deere Fairway Mower was approved to be listed on Purple Wave as surplus.

A discussion was had over the change to chapter 11D in the City Operations Manual. It is being proposed that when a current business is purchased they would get six months of water and sewer up to 5,000 gallons. New businesses coming to town would still get the one year free up to 5,000 gallons. There was no motion made on this matter, and the council decided to table it and bring it up again at the April council meeting.

There was no need for executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

There will be an equalization meeting Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Clark City Council will be Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
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February 25	52	26	0.03	
February 26	54	30	0	
February 27	50	27	0	
February 28	55	26	0	
March 1	42	10	0	
March 2	32	11	0	
March 3	49	27	0	
2025 precipitation to date	.29"			
2024 precipitation to date	.63"			



Six Cyclone wrestlers make it to the podium

The S.D. Class B State Wrestling Tournament was held in Rapid City February 27 - March 1, 2025. Eleven Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones qualified for the journey, seven boys and four girls. Six Cyclones made their way to the podium, as pictured above.

Top row, left to right: Hadley Gjerde placed eighth at 114 lbs., Cade Gaikowski placed third at 106 lbs., and Kaden Wookey placed fourth at 113 lbs.

Bottom row, left to right: Cooper Pommer placed fourth at 120 lbs., Elliot Bratland placed seventh at 165 lbs., and Josh Kannegieter placed fifth at 190 lbs.

Photos Courtesy of S.D. Public Broadcasting

Ash Wednesday services begin today

Today, March 5, is Ash Wednesday. This day begins the Easter Lenten season, with many churches in the area starting the first of a season of worship services.

In Clark, a community service will be held at United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. tonight for the Ash Wednesday service. A meal will be served from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., prior to worship.

Saint Michael Catholic Church in Clark will hold their Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Ash Wednesday. In Henry, at St. Henry's Catholic Church, the Ash Wednesday service will be



at 4:30 p.m., and in Bryant at St. Mary Catholic Church, an Ash Wednesday service will be-

gin at 6:00 p.m.

Moving forward with the Clark Ecumenical Lenten series, the next Wednesday Lenten service will be held on March 12 with a 6:00 p.m. service at St. Paul Lutheran Church. A 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. meal will be served prior to worship.

A 6:00 p.m. worship for the remainder of Lenten season, along with a 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. meal being served prior to services, will be held with the dates and locations being: March 19 at the Plymouth UCC Church; March 26 at United Methodist Church; April 2 at the Plymouth UCC Church; and April 9 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Ash trees removed from Flat Iron Park in Clark

By Carolyn Olson

With the above average, warmer temperatures last week, City of Clark employees Darin Altfillisch and Tyler Silkman were able to take out two Ash trees at Flat Iron Park in Clark on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and two more trees on Thursday, Feb. 27.

"Due to ash borer, we have to remove so many Ash trees in the area," said Altfillisch. "We are also working on cleaning up Flat Iron and plan to fill in the drainage ditch this year. We will also plant new grass and plan to plant some ornamental trees," he added.

Emerald ash borer was first discovered in South Dakota in 2018. The Emerald ash borer has been a historically difficult insect to deal with in South Dakota. New treatment technology offers some pro-

tection, but some professionals are concerned people won't keep up with the generations of treatments. The Emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle species from Asia.

Ash borer is believed to have been in Sioux Falls for at least three years before actually being discovered. Since 2018, Emerald ash borer has been found in other communities within South Dakota. It is expected to spread throughout the state by 2035.

Some ways to treat ash borer include: treating Ash trees when the ash borer has been detected within 15 miles, apply soil treatments annually, apply systemic bark sprays annually and apply trunk injections annually or once every other year.

A couple ways to help prevent Emerald ash borer are to use locally cut firewood and refrain transport-

ing dead Ash wood farther than 50 miles from where it was cut.

"Right now, the Emerald ash borer has not been confirmed in the Clark area," said Clark County Conservation District Manager Kyle Reeves. "But, it has been confirmed in Sioux Falls and Brookings." Reeves added that he'd like to stress that it's important that the community ban together and become proactive in the replacement and planting plan to help prevent the ash borer and other issues.

The City of Clark plans to remove six to eight Ash trees total this year.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, you are encouraged to contact District Manager for Clark County Conservation District Kyle Reeves at 605-532-3686 ext. 3.

CWL Cyclones finish regular season with a bang defeating Arlington Cardinals 76-33

By Heather Jordan

Five players scored in double figures to power Clark-Willow Lake to a 76-33 boys' basketball win to end the 2024-2025 regular season with a bang on February 28 in Arlington.

With multiple scoring threats, aggressive rebounding and gritty defense, the Cyclones outmatched the Cardinals at every turn. Motivation was not a factor in this contest, and Clark-Willow Lake had no issues staying on track with such a large margin on the scoreboard.

"It really wasn't a challenge to stay motivated," stated Head Coach Jerome Nesheim. "Our guys are getting focused on the postseason, and we try to emphasize doing things right all the time and playing hard."

Sophomore Chris Bevers finished with 22 points, 10 rebounds, eight steals and six assists to pace the Cyclones. Bevers was busy throughout the contest and having a point guard who can handle the ball, score and defend sets the Cyclones up for success on both ends of the court.

"Chris gives us another player who can score, but he also gives us so much more with his ability to handle the ball and find the open guy," added Coach Nesheim. "We have been working with Chris trying to get him to be more selfish at times."

Sully Felberg added 13 points, six rebounds and four assists while Bo Begeman and Will Hovde scored 11 points apiece. Emmerson Larson recorded 10 points and four rebounds, and Jakob Steen grabbed nine rebounds.

Begeman and Felberg teamed up for a couple of slam dunks in this



Cyclone Jakob Steen guards a Cardinal player dribbling the ball at the last regular season game on February 28 in Arlington.

Photo by Kandice Schlager

game and seemed relaxed and confident throwing down their shots. To dunk, or not to dunk? That is the question.

"These guys do it in practice all the time, and we have been trying to convince them to do it in a game. Because once you do it, you'll try to do it all the time, and that makes them attack the basket harder."

Hovde and Steen saw larger roles in this game with Hovde scoring 11 points and Steen grabbing nine rebounds. Folding in additional contributors to Nesheim's core mix helps to build up the entire team. "Guys coming off the bench are expected to contribute and take

care of the ball when they are in. Will is a very good shooter, so we were running some things that would get him some open shots. And, Jakob always plays bigger than what he really is," Nesheim explained.

With the postseason starting on March 4 vs. Great Plains Lutheran in Clark, the Cyclones have high goals and expectations for navigating Region 2A play this week.

"We want to make sure we bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We need to be focused on the defensive side of the ball and make it hard for other teams to score."



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Courier Remembers When...

5 years ago-March 5, 2020

A local missing person report has turned into a fatality. Twenty-one-year-old Kobe Weets of rural Clark was found dead in a field northeast of Clark Monday afternoon, according to Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw. Sheriff McGraw's report went on to state: "We received a missing person report on Monday, March 2 that Kobe Weets had been missing since Friday night, February 28. Weets' vehicle was located Saturday, Feb. 29 stuck in the ditch four miles east of Clark on County Road #4 (428th Ave.) approximately 1/4 mile north of U.S. Highway 212. The vehicle was towed since no one had reported it missing at that time. On Monday, approximately 0930 hours, Kobe was reported missing. A search was conducted, including members of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark Police Department, Clark County Emergency Management, Spink County Emergency Management, a canine from Watertown (Tad Heaton's seach dog) and local members of the community, Justin and Jerry Bowers with snowmobiles and Jed Hansen with an airplane. Kobe was located around 3:30 p.m. in a tree grove approximately one mile to the west of where his vehicle had gotten stuck on Saturday. At this time, we are thinking that he took off walking to the west and succumbed to hypothermia."

Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz was honored with the Patriot Award last Wednesday. Wellnitz was nominated for the award by Clark policeman Nate Nickeson, who spent the last year in Europe in U.S. Army. Nickeson received dental and vision insurance throughout this time, by request of Wellnitz. Presenting Wellnitz with the award were S.D. Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg and

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve volunteer Randy Rakness.

10 years ago-March 5, 2015

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones had three players selected to Northeast Conference Boys Basketball All-Conference squad for the 2014-2015 season. Senior Tyson Jenkins was named to the first team, and juniors Cooper Hartley and Rory Forest were named to the third team.

Jim Woodland of Clark bowled a perfect 300 game during the Town and Country League last Thursday at Clark Lanes. It was the 60-year-old's first 300 game.



20 years ago-March 5, 2005

Kari Foster, daughter of Rich and Sue Foster of Garden City, showed the Champion British Heifer at the 2005 Northeast 4-H Calf Show at the Watertown Winter Farm Show last month. Jacob Alexander earned Senior Beef Showmanship honors at Watertown Winter Farm Show. He is the son of Dean and Mari Jo Alexander of Henry. Both Clark County honorees are members of the Clever Clovers 4-H Club.

Fifteen tractors and three large trucks were driven to school last Friday by Clark FFA members to celebrate the last day of National FFA Week. Clark Chapter president Lexie Foster and fellow senior Kyle Nelson helped

organize the tractor-cade.

40 years ago-March 5, 1985

Karen Clausen was planning to open her new business, Karen's Boutique, on Monday in the former Edna's Dress Shop building. However, Mother Nature had different plans. Last weekend's storm and large amounts of snow caused the roof on the building to dip, and there is danger of more extensive damage to the roof. Clausen was busily moving her merchandise next door this week to what used to be Neal's Furniture Store. Clausen says that she plans to open her shop at Neal's Furniture Store in a week or less.

The Albert Merkel Benefit Dance held recently was highly successful according to members of the sponsoring organizations, the Crocker Saddle Club and Bradley American Legion Auxiliary. The Nashville Neighbors donated music for the benefit. Merkel underwent heart surgery at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis in early February.

50 years ago-March 5, 1975

The annual meeting of the Clark County Livestock Improvement Association was held Friday night in Clark. Approximately 200 people attended the meeting and heard Jim Woster, director of public relations for the Sioux Falls Stockyards, tell them to sell their livestock when it is ready because the extra tonage is killing the market. New officers elected at the meeting included Marlin Fjelland, vice president; Bob Harding, poultry director; and David Finstad, treasurer.

There will be no Adult Agriculture Class on Monday next week, according to ag instructor Gail Smith. A welding representative who was scheduled to be here was

unable to come and as a result has been rescheduled to March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

75 years ago-March 5, 1950

The Reverend W.H. Zickuhr, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Willow Lake and the Hague Bethlehem Church has accepted a call to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyd, Minn. and will deliver his farewell service on March 19. Reverend Zickuhr has been in Willow Lake nine years, first preaching at Willow Lake and Clark, then late changing to Willow Lake and Hague Lutheran in Bryant. The pulpit will be supplied by Pastor H. Rertz of Grover, S.D.

Here to attend the Young Republican meeting held at the Clark County Courthouse on Wednesday evening, Sigurd Anderson was the principal speaker, and A.L. "Art" Coleman of Redfield announced his intention of becoming a candidate on the Republican ticket for reelection as State Senator for the 17th district comprised of Clark and Spink counties.

100 years ago-March 5, 1925

It was announced this week that Whitmer Implement Company will be established on South Commercial Street in Clark located in the S.N. Brown old stand. R.A. Whitmer of Clark will be in charge of the business, and he states that a complete stock of Deere & Webber farm machinery and implements will be offered.

C.F. Griffie returned home Monday from his trip to Illinois where he took a car load of draft horses and reports having sold them at good prices. Griffie and Emmett have bought up a number of other horses and are in the market for more which they will ship later.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT "HANNAH HEIMAN"



By Charlee Peterson

Hannah is the daughter of Heath and Erin Heiman. She has an older brother, Cole, who's attending LATC. Her hometown is Conde, but her family moved closer to Clark for school and work purposes.

Some of the activities Hannah participates in include volleyball, softball, NHS, SADD, student council, Tri-M music society, FCCLA and

Girls State.

Hannah enjoys hanging out with friends, taking pictures, public speaking and sleeping in.

"I will miss seeing people that I've spent my whole childhood with, connecting with new people, the high school experience, dances, sports and games," she said.

After graduation, her plan is to attend law school.



Karli's Corner

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Welcome to my corner! Last week, I shared my thoughts on the film *Cat Ballou*. This week, I'm sharing my thoughts on the films *Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Defiant Ones*.

As I've said before, for the month of February, the TCM TV channel is paying homage to the Academy Awards, with their 31 Days of Oscar. All of the movies played from February 1 to March 3 will either be Oscar nominees or winners.

Enjoy!

Driving Miss Daisy

Driving Miss Daisy is a 1989 American comedy drama film directed by Bruce Beresford and written by Alfred Uhry, based on his 1987 play. The film stars Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman and Dan Aykroyd. Freeman reprised his role from the original Off-Broadway production.

The story defines Daisy and her point of view through a network of relationships and emotions by focusing on her home life, synagogue, friends, family, fears and concerns over a 25-year period.

Driving Miss Daisy was a critical and commercial success upon its release and at the 62nd Academy Awards received nine nominations, winning four: Best Picture, Best Actress (for Tandy), Best Makeup and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Plot: Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy), an elderly Jewish widow living in Atlanta, is determined to maintain her independence. However, when she crashes her car, her son, Boolie (Dan Aykroyd), arranges for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn (Morgan

Freeman). Daisy and Hoke's relationship gets off to a rocky start, but they gradually form a close friendship over the years, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions.

Acting: Jessica Tandy played



DRIVING MISS DAISY

Daisy Werthan. I've seen two other movies that Tandy is in, those being *The Birds* (1963) and *Fried Green Tomatoes* (1991). I didn't even realize she was in *The Birds* - I didn't recognize her. I watched *The Birds* for the first time around Halloween this year. I love *Fried Green Tomatoes*; Tandy does a fantastic job playing a crotchety but lovable old lady in both *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

Morgan Freeman played Hoke Colburn. I wouldn't have enough space in my column to name all of the movies I've seen Freeman in. I don't know of anyone who doesn't love Morgan Freeman, and frankly, I don't want to either. He seems to master any role he plays, including this one.

Themes: *Driving Miss Dai-*

sy explores themes of friendship, racism and aging. Daisy does not appreciate her son hiring Hoke as her personal driver. However, over time, they bond and create a beautiful friendship. By the end of the movie, Daisy and Hoke have spent 25 years of their lives together. Daisy is in a retirement home, slowly losing pieces of her memory, and Hoke is no longer able to drive himself, but visits Daisy when he can. Daisy calls Hoke her best friend. That was probably one of the most heartwarming scenes I've ever seen in a movie.

The movie is set between 1948 and 1973. During this time, the relationship between black and white people in America was in a gray area. African Americans were slowly but surely working toward more freedoms for themselves. This is showcased in the background and time change of the movie. Daisy doesn't seem to show any prejudice towards any of her workers, which are all African Americans.

Final Thoughts: I enjoyed *Driving Miss Daisy*. It was a nice, comfortable watch, a feel good movie - a movie perfect for weekend viewing. Seeing a friendship blossom and bloom was no doubt the best part of *Driving Miss Daisy*.

The Defiant Ones

The Defiant Ones is a 1958 American drama film produced and directed by Stanley Kramer. The film was adapted by Harold Jacob Smith from the story by Nedrick Young, originally credited as Nathan E. Douglas. It stars Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier as two escaped prisoners, one white and one black, who are shackled together and who must co-operate in order to survive.

Upon its release in the U.S. on September 27, the film was highly regarded by film critics. It won Academy Awards for Cinematography (Black-and-White) and Original Screenplay and was nominated for seven others, including Best Picture and Best Actor for both Poitier and Curtis.



Plot: In 1950s America, members of a chain gang are being transported through the South when their truck crashes. Two of the convicts, John "Joker" Jackson (Tony Curtis) and Noah Cullen (Sidney Poitier), who are chained together, find an opportunity to escape. Jackson is white, Cullen is black, and at first, the men appear to be opposites in every way. But as they flee across the country, the two form a deep bond.

Acting: Sidney Poitier played Noah Cullen. I've decided that I really enjoy Poitier movies. He's a great actor. Tony Curtis played John "Joker" Jackson. I haven't seen many of Curtis' movies yet, but I have yet to be disappointed by him.

Technical Aspects: The director wanted Poitier to play Cullen. Marlon Brando was originally set to play Joker, but by the time they got to filming, he was no longer available, and so Curtis was cast. He fought for both his and Poitier's names to be above the movie title; a first in Poitier's career.

Final Thoughts: *The Defiant Ones* was an interesting watch and I enjoyed it. The actors were great!

That's it for this week! What were your thoughts? Feel free to share them with us! You can call us, email us, visit us at the office, leave us a comment or message on Facebook, or even mail us something. Keep the comments, suggestions, questions, submissions, etc. coming our way! We'd love to hear from you!

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March 5: Ash Wednesday

March 8: CCAC presents Friendly Feud @ 5:30 p.m.; Willow Lake FFA Pancake Feed @ 7:00-12:30 p.m.

March 9: Daylight Savings (Start)

March 10: School Board meetings; Willow Lake City Council meeting

March 13: Vienna Town Board meeting

March 14: No School @ Clark, Teacher In-service

March 15: St Patrick's Day Parade in Vienna @ 2:00 p.m.

- **One AA Meeting each week,** Sunday @ 2:00 p.m. at 606 N. Commercial St. in Clark
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Florence School announces Reed teacher of the year for 2024-2025

By Carolynn Olson

Shari Reed, the second grade teacher at Florence School received the Teacher of the Year award for the Florence School District on Tuesday, February 25.

Reed grew up in Aberdeen near Mellette. She attended Northwestern School in Mellette from preschool through 12th grade. She later attended college at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where she earned a degree in elementary education.

Reed living in Watertown with her husband Mitch and their three children Kendall, Emmy and Finn.

Shari was nominated for Teacher of the Year anonymously and chosen by a committee of community members. "I am truly honored to have been chosen; I work with so many deserving teachers and wonderful families that every success at our school really feels like a collaborative effort," Reed said, "I just wish I could share the award with everyone!"



Shari's favorite part about teaching is working with the kids. "They keep every day interesting and entertaining." She also loves watching them learn and grow all year, as "it makes the end of each year bittersweet."

Flisrand named classified staff member of the year at Florence

By Carolynn Olson

Sue Flisrand, secretary at Florence School, was awarded the Classified Staff Member of the Year for the Florence School District on Thursday, February 27. The Florence School staff voted, and Flisrand was selected for the award for the 2024-2025 school year.

Flisrand was born and raised in Watertown. Sue lives in Florence with her husband Don Flisrand. They have three children: Andy, Brian and Laurie. She also has six grandsons and four granddaughters with one more arriving in May.

Sue has worked at the Florence School for 26 years. "I started here in the library, helped accompany in the music department, and then I moved into the secretary position," Flisrand explained.

What she enjoys most is talking to everyone and getting to know the



parents and their children. "I especially enjoy the staff and working in the office; every day is different!" Flisrand added.

When Florence Superintendent Mr. Reed congratulated Flisrand, she exclaimed, "I was shocked! And, I asked, 'For what?' With a chuckle, he then told me I had been selected as the Classified Staff Member of the Year. It is a great honor."

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David Lewis, Clerk
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Scott Campbell, Clerk
Eden Township

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Barbara Dalton, Clerk
Elrod Township

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FORDHAM TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Linda Helkenn, Clerk
Fordham Township

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FOXTON TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Jory Maynard, Clerk
Foxton Township

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GARFIELD TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Todd Fjelland, Clerk
Garfield Township

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HAGUE TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Pam Cole, Clerk
Hague Township

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LAKE TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Don Pommer, Clerk
Lake Township

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LINCOLN TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Greg Janisch, Clerk
Lincoln Township

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LOGAN TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Jackie Schlagel, Treasurer
Logan Township

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MAYDELL TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Terry Carson, Clerk
Maydell Township

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MERTON TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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David Paulson, Clerk
Merton Township

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MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Michaela Flora, Clerk
Mt. Pleasant Township

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Tara Vig, Clerk
Pleasant Township

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Stephanie Meisel, Clerk
Raymond Township

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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Richard Glanzer, Clerk
Richland Township

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ROSEDALE TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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James LaMont, Clerk
Rosedale Township

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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Cathy Bjerke, Clerk
Spring Valley Township

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Alissa Reidburn, Clerk
Thorp Township

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WARREN TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Melissa Dunlavy, Clerk
Warren Township

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Aaron Ek, Clerk
Washington Township

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WOODLAND TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

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Chris Stromsness, Clerk
Woodland Township

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HENRY TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION NOTICE

The Township Board members of the Township of Henry in Codington County are meeting as a Board of Equalization on the third Monday of the month, March 17, 2025 at the Henry Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to appeal must notify the clerk in writing of intent to appeal by Thursday, March 13. Appeals will be heard by the board members the week of March 17 by appointment only. The books will also be open for inspection by appointment at the home of the clerk that week.

Myron Eidsness
Henry Township

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Church News

Assembly of God Church, Clark, Pastor Mark Cronauer-
 March 9, 9:30 a.m. PreK-Adult Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. High Point and Meetin' in the Middle, 6:00 p.m. Youth Group.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clark, Preacher Jody Peterson-
 March 9, 9:00 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Plymouth Congregational-(UCC) Church, Clark, Pastor Fawn Lamb
 March 9, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School.

United Methodist Church, Clark, Rev. Rob Salmonson -
 March 9, 10:15 a.m. Worship.

First Baptist Church, Clark, Guest Speaker -
 March 9, 10:30 a.m. Worship.

First Presbyterian Church, Raymond, Pulpit Supply -
 March 9, Worship at Legion Hall.

He Lives Church, Bradley, Bobby Postal
 March 8, 5:30 p.m. Worship.

Henry United Methodist Church, Henry, Pastor Bobby Postal -
 March 9, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Note * Check announcements on the church website for on line services.

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Clark, Father Shaun Haggerty -
 March 9, 11:00 a.m. Mass. Confessions 30 minutes prior to Mass.

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clark, Rev. Randy Bader -
 March 9, 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Raymond, Rev. Randy Bader -
 March 9, 9:30 a.m. Worship at Peace.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henry, Rev. Randy Bader -
 March 9, 11:15 a.m. Worship.

Crocker Lutheran Church, Crocker-
 March 9, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation, 10:00 a.m. Worship.

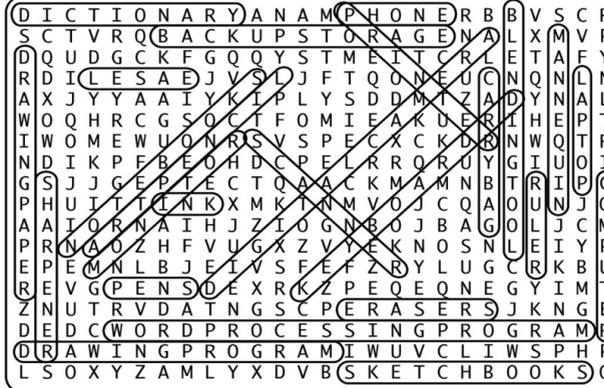
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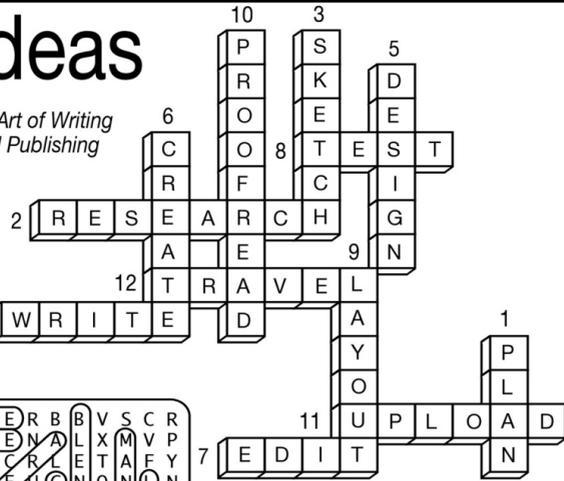
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2. cards

Obituary

Sylvia Larson

Sylvia Larson, 87, formerly of Clark, passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at Avantara Watertown. Memorial services will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Furness Funeral Home in Clark at 4:30 p.m. Visitation will precede the service from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. Furness Funeral Home has been entrusted with arranging services.



Sylvia Arloween was born in Watertown, S.D. on August 14, 1937 to parents Melvin and Velva (Froke) Reinhart. She grew up in the Vienna area and attended Vienna High School.

Sylvia married Orland (Chink) Larson on November 25, 1963 in Clark, South Dakota. Chink and Syl worked and farmed in Clark, Vienna, Watertown, Lake Norden and Lake Poinsette. After Chink's passing, Sylvia moved to Watertown.

She enjoyed spending winters in Florida and Arizona, gardening, bowling, playing cards and coffee with friends. Sylvia realized her passion for genealogy writing two books detailing the lineage of her

family.

Sylvia is survived by sister Sharon Simpson, brother-in-law Merlin Hovde and daughter-in-law Pamela (Larson) Larson and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents Melvin and Velva, brother Vernon, sisters Melva, Dolores, Claryce and Phyllis, husband Orland (Chink), and son Alan.

The Prairie Doc Perspective

By Christina Young, Director of Center for Prevention of Child Maltreatment



Businesses for Babies

When businesses support working parents, they're not just boosting their bottom line – they're helping prevent child abuse and neglect. In South Dakota, 72.5 percent of all children under age six have all available parents in the workforce, making family-friendly workplace policies crucial for our state's families.

Research shows that workplace policies like flexible scheduling, paid family leave and childcare assistance significantly reduce major risk factors for child maltreatment by decreasing parental stress and providing essential economic stability. When parents have the flexibility to attend school events, care for sick children or work from home when appropriate, it strengthens family bonds and creates more nurturing environments. Access to quality childcare and living wages helps ensure families can meet basic needs without the overwhelming stress that can lead to crisis.

Prevention is far better – and far less costly – than intervention after abuse occurs. Studies show that every dollar invested in prevention can save up to seven dollars in future costs related to child welfare services, healthcare and criminal justice. By creating supportive work environments, businesses play a crucial role in building the safe, stable, nurturing relationships children need to thrive. These investments in families today help develop healthier communities and a stronger workforce for tomorrow.

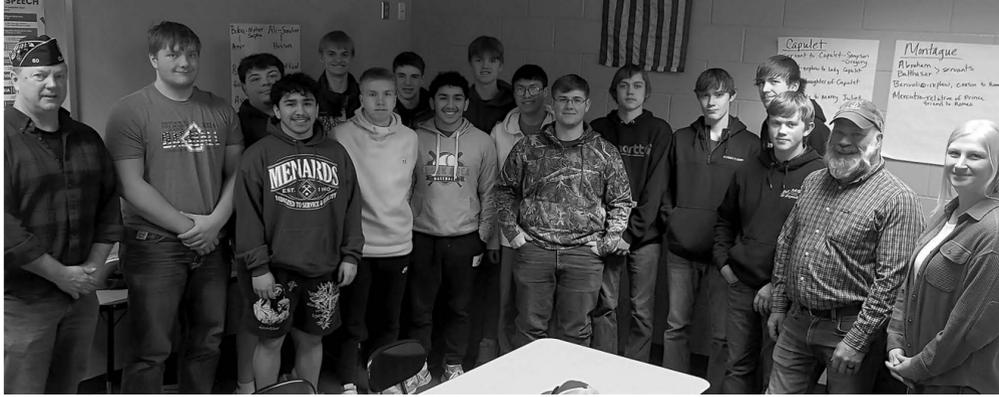
The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's "Businesses for Babies" campaign highlights South Dakota companies that have adopted family-friendly policies. By showcasing businesses that prioritize family wellbeing through flexible schedules, parental leave and childcare support, the campaign aims to inspire more companies to implement similar policies. Together, we can create a business culture that strengthens families and protects our most vulnerable citizens – our children.

Christina Young has been an influential figure in the child welfare field for over a decade, dedicating her career to the well-being of children and families. She directed an in-home family services program covering 30 western counties in Iowa, demonstrating her commitment to community-based support. Christina has a Bachelor's degree in psychology and a Master's in human services administration. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on SDPB) or streaming on Facebook, two podcasts and a radio program (on SDPB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CLARK COUNTY AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	5,065,539.01	1,256,493.22	663,879.74	6,985,911.97
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):				
Taxes:				
Current Property Taxes	3,335,892.24	1,053,872.74	256,375.39	4,646,140.37
Delinquent Property Taxes	14,434.85	4,607.24	0.00	19,042.09
Penalties and Interest	7,884.64	2,517.16	0.00	10,401.80
Telephone Tax (Outside)	28.96	0.00	0.00	28.96
Mobile Home Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wheel Tax	0.00	170,078.68	0.00	170,078.68
Tax Deed Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits	31,195.65	8,720.00	460.00	40,375.65
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
Federal Grants	122,339.19	0.00	43,041.08	165,380.27
Federal Shared Revenue	4,897.34	0.00	0.00	4,897.34
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Grants	6,746.43	641,256.11	0.00	648,002.54
State Shared Revenue	333,970.07	1,174,607.05	177,819.02	1,686,396.14
State Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	1,571.50	0.00	0.00	1,571.50
Charges for Goods and Services:				
General Government	151,240.24	0.00	6,826.49	158,066.73
Public Safety	3,161.13	0.00	2,182.00	5,343.13
Public Works	0.00	12,021.15	0.00	12,021.15
Health and Welfare	211,705.18	0.00	0.00	211,705.18
Culture and Recreation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban and Economic Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation of Natural Resources	8,458.43	0.00	0.00	8,458.43
Other Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines and Forfeits:				
Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs	1,986.99	0.00	50.00	2,036.99
Forfeits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:				
Investment Earnings	232,969.47	29,698.46	2,447.27	265,115.20
Rent	29,018.00	0.00	0.00	29,018.00
Special Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions and Donations	11,600.00	214.39	0.00	11,814.39
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	3,328,079.72	0.00	0.00	3,328,079.72
General Long Term Debt Issued	0.00	6,613,315.08	0.00	6,613,315.08
Insurance Proceeds	41,643.22	8,343.64	0.00	49,986.86
Sale of County Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue and Other Sources	7,878,823.25	9,719,251.70	489,201.25	18,087,276.20
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction level):				
Legislative	216,038.36	0.00	0.00	216,038.36
Elections	38,950.86	0.00	0.00	38,950.86
Judicial System	2,075.30	0.00	0.00	2,075.30
Financial Administration	312,527.12	0.00	0.00	312,527.12
Legal Services	164,148.74	0.00	0.00	164,148.74
Other General Government	411,924.05	0.00	5,820.00	417,744.05
Law Enforcement	423,245.96	0.00	2,126.50	425,372.46
Protective and Emergency Services	8,980.00	0.00	166,003.27	174,983.27
Highways and Bridges	0.00	13,816,329.87	117,484.66	13,933,814.53
Sanitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation	128,881.45	0.00	0.00	128,881.45
Water System	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Public Works	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Economic Assistance	6,322.88	0.00	0.00	6,322.88
Health Assistance	797,005.93	0.00	0.00	797,005.93
Social Services	25,131.96	0.00	654.75	25,786.71
Mental Health Services	14,489.19	0.00	0.00	14,489.19
Culture	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Recreation	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Soil Conservation	140,981.30	0.00	0.00	140,981.30
Water Conservation	0.00	59,396.92	0.00	59,396.92
Urban Development	47,135.42	0.00	0.00	47,135.42
Economic Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Expenditures	0.00	16,832.85	0.00	16,832.85
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments to Local Education Agencies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discount on Bonds Issued	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments to Refunded Debt Escrow Agent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	2,745,838.52	13,892,559.64	292,089.18	16,930,487.34
Transfers In (Out)	(2,500,422.10)	2,529,698.46	30,120.55	59,396.91
Special Items (specify)	0.00	1,368,454.00	0.00	1,368,454.00
Extraordinary Items (specify)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	2,632,562.63	(275,155.48)	227,232.62	2,584,639.77
Ending Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted	2,283,126.35	0.00	926,006.41	3,209,132.76
Committed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assigned	267,499.00	981,337.74	(34,894.05)	1,213,942.69
Unassigned	5,147,476.29	0.00	0.00	5,147,476.29
Total Ending Fund Balance	7,698,101.64	981,337.74	891,112.36	9,570,551.74
Governmental Long-term Debt				6,613,315.08



Legion members talk Boys State with CHS juniors

On Thursday 27 February, the local American Legion members met with the Clark High School junior class boys to talk about Boys State. This year, the American Legion Boys State will be held at Northern State University in Aberdeen June 2-6. Students will gain an understanding of the American system of government, appreciate the responsibilities of citizenship and learn fundamental principles of leadership. The local American Legion organizations fully fund this program. Clark County American Legion Commander Darin Lewis commented, "Boys State is a great opportunity for students to learn about government, build leader-

ship skills, network with other future leaders and be introduced to South Dakota Leaders while experiencing a university campus lifestyle." Information and applications can be found at southdakotaboystate.com/sdlegion.org/programs/boys-state, or contact your local American Legion Post. Applications must be submitted by May 1. Pictured with several juniors from the Clark High School junior class are Clark American Legion member David Adam (far left) and Raymond American Legion member David Lewis (far right), along with Felicia Hofman, guidance counselor at Clark High School. *Photo Courtesy of Darin Lewis*

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Third grade girls hoopsters take second place at Milbank tourney

The Clark-Willow Lake third grade girls' basketball team finished their season at the Milbank Girls Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Milbank. The team finished in second place, as they were victorious over Watertown and Castlewood and lost to host team Milbank. The girls were coached this season by Denae Stern, assisted by Angie Graves. Team members pictured in the back row, left to right: Isabella Villages Reyes, Larkyn Madsen, Raegan Knutson, Everleigh Weber and Coach Denae Stern. Front row, left to right: Alicyn Knock, Lily Tellinghuisen, Gentry Stern and Ella Morehouse. *Submitted photo*

Local News Trudi Gaikowski, Correspondent 532-3654

Last Monday, Lynda Stern of Garden City drove Dawn Brush to Aberdeen, where she spent the week catching up with friends. Walt and Marilyn Steiger, Ivan and Lorentina Schlenker and Kathy Aman of Eureka and Julie Johnson and Helen Steiger of Sioux Falls met last Monday for dinner and visiting in Watertown. Brian and Ann Temple of

Mitchell and Brad Temple spent Saturday at the Joyce Temple home visiting and helping Joyce with some home projects.

Saturday morning, Becky, Everett and Mayzie Kuhns of Roscoe, Brenda and Todd Jenkins, Rod Steiger and Walt and Marilyn Steiger got together for brunch at a local cafe.

Raymond News Gloria Leetch, Correspondent 532-3740

March came in like a lamb, so we will have to wait to see if it goes out like a lion. The forecast for Tuesday sounds like it could be like a lion. We are to have strong winds with snow so it will be coming down horizontal. Batten down the hatches and stay in if possible. The only good things are the temps aren't to be very cold, and it is a fast moving storm. By the weekend, it is to be in the 50s to 60s again. Approximately 40 people gathered at the Raymond Legion Hall on Saturday evening to help Darrin Leetch celebrate his 50th birthday. Weekend guests of Gloria and Darrin Leetch were Penney Leetch, Jaycee Gehring and Nate Thompson, Axle and Baylor and Josh

Leetch. Todd Battest was a Sunday caller before returning to Rapid City.

Todd Battest was a Saturday overnight guest of Mary Lou Melhberg. He came to help his cousin, Darrin Leetch celebrate his birthday.

A son was born to Fiona Kohrs and Montana Sprong of Watertown on February 26, 2025. He weighed 7.53 lbs. and was named Archer Hayes Sprong. He joins a brother, Liam at home. Grandparents include David Kohrs of Raymond and Laura McCoy of Garden City, Rodney Sprong and Shasta Moran of Watertown. Great-grandmother is Florence Hink of Raymond.

Henry News Joan Boehnke, Correspondent 532-5514

We'd like to extend our deepest sympathy to Kurt Gassman and family on the loss of his mother this past week. Thursday, Audrey Rider took three middle school girls to the SDSU Women's basketball game. On Friday, Joan Boehnke brought supper to the Dave and Annette Boehnke home and had a nice visit. Friday, Jackie McNeil of Aberdeen and Cindy Wientjes made supper for their mother, Donna Kittelson. Jackie was then an overnight guest of her mother's. Saturday, Joan Boehnke visited Margaret Neal in her Edgewood apartment. On Saturday, Donna Kittel-

son treated Jackie McNeil, Bryan, Cindy and Spencer Wientjes, Rick and Vickie Burchatz and Lillian Wientjes of Mobridge to lunch out in Watertown. Donna, all five of her daughters and Lillian then attended the last Watertown Arrows basketball game in which they beat Pierre. Lowell and Barb Dalton visited Connie and Steve Lundholm Sunday afternoon. Joan Boehnke brought supper on Sunday to the Kurt and Dory Gassman home and stayed for a short visit. On Sunday, Johnny and Ada Rider worked at the Eastside Equipment booth at the Big Boy Toy Show.

Roetell Senior Housing

108 S. Smith St., Clark, S.D. 57225 It was another busy week at Roetell's. There was a surprise visit from Donnie and Jim Miller, and everyone enjoyed some fun piano music. Staff and residents cheered on the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones in Rapid City for the South Dakota State High School Wrestling Tournament. On Saturday, we "traveled" to Burke County stops in Gregory and Burke. On our way out to Rapid City. He had a good fan group at Roetell's cheering on Kaden Woockey.

Grandma Sandy Syvertson and Grandpa Harv Spieker came over and watched the tournament. Sunday, Mary McGillvery brought communion for the Catholic residents. Pastor Mark Cronauer led worship. Sharon Stormo came to play piano, which the residents always look forward to. Our facility is starting to look like Mardi Gras. Tuesday evening, we hosted some friends for Shrove Tuesday and ate a lot of pancakes.

Clark School Board to meet on Monday

The Clark School Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. Along with routine business the board will discuss: district policy update: KG - Community Use of School Facilities; board goals for the school district; Legislative update; Hear reports from: superintendent/A.D., business manager, MS/HS principal/SPED director, elementary principal, NESC, other; Will require a motion to go into executive session for discussion of personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Consider and propose any motions coming out of executive session. Will require a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2025 regular board meeting.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Municipal Election to be held on April 8, 2025 will close on March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Clark County auditor's office at (605) 532-5921. Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, Secretary of State's office and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov. Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration. Andrea Helkenn City of Garden City Finance Officer Published twice at the approximate cost of \$29.46 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com 3-5-2t

Crocker News

Karyl Maas, Correspondent 881-7872 Wednesday afternoon, Tara Huber was a visitor at the John and Karyl Maas home. Bonnie Headley visited Marlys Clausen in Webster on Wednesday. Patty Peterson, Tara Huber, Carrie Reppe and Serena Thompson enjoyed lunch out together in Watertown on Tuesday. Shawn Witt visited at the John and Karyl Maas home on Friday afternoon.

CITY OF CLARK NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Clark American Legion has applied for a special events liquor license (Disco Gala) starting April 5, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Pursuant to SDCL 35-2-5, a public hearing will be held on March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. during the city council meeting held at Clark City Hall located at 120 N. Commercial Street. Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

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Bowling Results

Town & Country League	Farmers and Merchants
Clark Family Dental.....24-8	Dacotah Bank.....20-8
Farmer's Daughter.....23-9	Elevator.....18-10
Furness Funeral Home.....16-16	Beck Seeds.....18-10
Dekker Farms.....16-16	American Agronomics.....17-11
Sundvold Bros.....16-16	Clark Lanes.....14-14
	Regulators.....11-17
	Spink County Farmers.....10-8
High Team Series: Farmer's Daughter, 2663; High Team Game: Farmer's Daughter, 926; High Ind. Series: Bryce DesLauriers, 682, Cole Kirchberg, 608, James Pickrel, 586; High Ind. Game: Bryce DesLauriers, 241, 225, 216, Cole Kirchberg, 234, 235, James Pickrel, 204.	High Team Series: Elevator, 2712; High Team Game: Beck Seeds, 994; High Ind. Series: Bryce DesLauriers, 693, Todd Sundvold, 598, Todd Vandersnick, 569; High Ind. Game: Bryce DesLauriers, 267, 220, Todd Sundvold, 246, 228, Mitch Prouty, 222.

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For every purchase, sign your receipt and enter it into the drawing for a chance to win a \$10 gift card back to that business. One winner from each location, each month. Roughly \$500 in gift cards will be awarded.

Quote of the week:

“Maturity is only a short break in adolescence.”
— Jules Feiffer

CLARK COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON A VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Clark County Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clark County Courthouse to consider in full or in part the following variance request by Larry McHenry on his property described as: the Southwest Quarter, of Section 13, Township 115 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M. Darlington Township), Clark County, South Dakota.

- A Variance to Section 2.04.05.2: Area Regulations: Front Yard [Agricultural District]. The applicant requests an eleven (11) foot variance to construct a home addition eighty-nine (89') feet from the 181st Street right-of-way.

The physical location of this meeting is the Clark County Courthouse, 200 N. Commercial Street, Clark. Since it may be easier to remotely participate, this meeting will also be held virtually over a tele-conference platform. All persons interested in this matter may register to be heard before the Board of Adjustment during said hearing. Instructions on how to listen, view and/or participate in the hearing online or telephonically may

be found at <http://association.1stdistrict.org/clark-county-board-of-adjustment/>. If it is your intent to participate in the public hearing remotely, please contact the Clark County Zoning Officer by noon on Friday, March 14, 2025 to make arrangements.

The application and other associated written materials are available for public review at the following website: <http://association.1stdistrict.org/clark-county-board-of-adjustment/>

Written comments may be filed with the Clark County Zoning Officer by noon on Friday, March 14, 2025. Please contact the Clark County Zoning Officer at 605-532-3751 to make arrangements to submit written materials before then. No materials will be placed on the above website after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025.

Jarvis Reidburn
Clark County Zoning Officer

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2025 Township Call for Bid Notices

ASH TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Ash Township will accept bids for road blading by the hour and by the mile, snow removal and mowing. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David Lewis, Clerk
Ash Township

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BLAINE TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Blaine Township will accept bids for the following: road grading, blading, snow plowing, dirt work and spot graveling by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Randy Raymer, Treasurer
Blaine Township

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COLLINS TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Collins Township will accept bids for the following: road grading, blading, snow plowing by the mile or hour and graveling by the yard. Will also accept bids for mowing. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Trey Hendrickson, Clerk
Collins Township

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COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Cottonwood Township will accept bids for the following: road grading, blading, snow plowing by the mile or hour and graveling by the yard. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Clint Matthews
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Cottonwood Township

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DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Darlington Township will accept bids for the following: snow removal by the hour, blading, graveling of roads, to include hauling, loading, screening and leveling of gravel, dirt work and mowing of roadsides by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding.

Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Gail Temple, Clerk
Darlington Township

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DAY TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Day Township will accept bids for the following: snow removal by the hour, blading, graveling of roads, to include hauling, loading, screening and leveling of gravel, dirt work and mowing of roadsides by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Doug Seefeldt, Clerk
Day Township

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EDEN TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Eden Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal by the hour; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; and dirt work. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Scott Campbell, Clerk
16662 S.D. Hwy 25
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Eden Township

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FORDHAM TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Fordham Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal by hour; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; road ditch mowing. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Linda Helkenn, Clerk
Fordham Township

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FOXTON TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Foxton Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; dirt work; and road ditch mowing. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by noon on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jory Maynard, Clerk
Foxton Township

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HAGUE TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Hague Township will accept bids for the following: road grading, blading, snow plowing, graveling and spot graveling by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Pam Cole, Clerk
Hague Township

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LAKE TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Lake Township will accept bids for the following: road grading, blading, snow plowing, graveling, and spot graveling by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Don Pommer, Clerk
Lake Township

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LINCOLN TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Lincoln Township will accept bids for graveling roads. Bids are to be by the yard and mile and include loading, screening and leveling; blading by the hour or by the mile; and snow removal by the hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Greg Janisch, Clerk
Lincoln Township

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LOGAN TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Logan Township will accept bids for the following: mowing and blading by the mile; dirt work and snow removal by the hour; gravel by the ton - delivered and to include royalty. All bids to be in the hands of the Treasurer by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jackie Schlagel, Treasurer
Logan Township

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MAYDELL TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Maydell Township will accept bids for the following: snow removal by the hour, blading, graveling, screening and leveling of gravel and dirt work. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the Garden City Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Terry Carson, Clerk
Maydell Township

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MERTON TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Merton Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal by the hour; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; road ditch mowing. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David Paulson, Clerk
Merton Township

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MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Mt. Pleasant Township will accept bids for snow removal by the mile or hour, blading, graveling of roads to include hauling, loading, screening and leveling gravel, dirt work and mowing of roadsides by mile or hour. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by Wednesday, March 5, 2025 by 8:00 p.m. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Michaela Flora, Clerk
Mt. Pleasant Township

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PLEASANT TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Pleasant Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal by the hour; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; road ditch mowing. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Tara Vig, Clerk
Pleasant Township

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RAYMOND TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Raymond Township will accept bids for the following: maintaining roads, blading, snow plowing, gravel hauling for loading,

screening and leveling, dirt work and spot graveling by the mile and the hour; also for mowing roadsides. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Stephanie Meisel, Clerk
Raymond Township

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RICHLAND TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors for Richland Township will accept bids for spot graveling, snow removal, two passes of rotary mowing of roadside and blading. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Richard Glanzer, Clerk
Richland Township

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ROSEDALE TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors for Rosedale Township will accept bids for road grading, blading, snow plowing, dirt work and spot graveling by the mile or hour. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Supervisors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

James LaMont, Clerk
Rosedale Township

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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Spring Valley Township will accept bids for the following: dirt work by the hour, graveling by the hour or by the yard, for hauling oversize and dumping by the hour or by the yard and for blading and snow plowing by the mile or by the hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Cathy Bjerke, Clerk
Spring Valley Township

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THORP TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Thorp Township will accept bids for snow removal by the mile or hour, blading, graveling of roads, to include hauling, loading, screening and leveling gravel, dirt work and mowing of roadsides by the mile or hour. Bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Alissa Reidburn, Clerk
Thorp Township

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WARREN TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Warren Township will accept bids for gravel, road maintenance and snow removal as required by township board. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Melissa Dunlavy, Clerk
Warren Township

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Washington Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal; mowing of ditches; dirt work; front end loader, graveling, loading and hauling of gravel by the yard. Include which gravel pit you will be hauling out of in bid. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. A certificate of insurance must accompany the bids of each party bidding. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Aaron Ek, Clerk
Washington Township

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WOODLAND TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Woodland Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bid to be by the mile or hour; snow removal by hour; gravel, hauling for loading, screening and leveling; road ditch mowing. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Chris Stromsness, Clerk
Woodland Township

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HENRY TOWNSHIP CALL FOR BIDS

Supervisors of Henry Township will accept bids for the following: blading of roads, bids to be by the mile or hour; snow removal; gravel hauling for loading, screening and leveling; dirt work; and road ditch mowing. All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by noon on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Henry Township
Myron Eidsness

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Lana Greenfield



be one in a series of do-overs.

The pipeline bills, meant to protect the landowner, have been sitting untouched a long time now and will be voted on next week. We will see what happens to HB1149, HB1052 and HB1085. On the Senate side, another landowner bill was set to also be turned loose at that time. It is certain to be lively in the Capitol come Monday!

We found out that the library funding, while being somewhat cut, did not involve the normal activities in which our libraries are currently engaging. The cuts will involve the elimination of the state library building and the board, reducing 3.5 FTE. The Appropriations committee has worked very hard to honor our wishes. It also sounds as if most of SDPB will remain intact also.

I had a request to support new and needed equipment for technical schools. While a worthy idea, I stated I could not do this on the backs of the Board of Regents who stand to lose nine million dollars for maintenance and repair. It just is not fair. The Appropriations committee amended the tech schools down to 100 dollars FOR NOW and will work on trying to reduce a portion of the nine million dollar loss to our state colleges. This is how the bantering goes back and forth as session nears to a close in a couple of weeks.

Now to the prison... We learned of Governor's creation of a new task force to reset the prison discussion. He has chosen a group of legislators and non-legislators to be a part of the work group. They will meet once every four weeks and decide on the a location, size and cost, etc. I hope that we can have the facility built at a reduced cost because we have our old architect plans, dirt work and other labor to pay even if they are no longer possibly a part of the project. In addition, the new task force will be meeting every four weeks, and a special session on July 22 are added expenses.

The property tax talk continues in the form of some individual pieces of legislation. We need to, once again, be fair and not do a property tax shift. This only creates division among our patrons.

I hope that as the session forges ahead we make good, wholesome decisions for our state. Thank you for the past Crackerbarrel discussions at Clark, Redfield and Huron. We have our last one on March 8 at 9:00 a.m. also in Huron. Hope to see you there.

Greetings to all. It was another busy week in the Capitol. We are starting to see fewer bills now that Crossover Day is at an end. Many 'good ideas for legislation' were met with defeat, and others have been thrown a lifeline!

So far, my harvesters' lien bill survived the process. Did you know that South Dakota had harvester (threshing) liens since the inception of statehood? Debtors paid the custom harvesters with either part of the crop and/or with money from a bank loan. In 1995, the liens were moved to the Register of Deeds in the county where the debtor lived. Harvesters would then contact the counties to see if there were liens against a potential customer before beginning work for them.

Since then, we have seen a growth in farming. So, instead of now going to the Register of Deeds in each county where potential customers have farm ground, I am trying to streamline the process by having any harvester liens placed on the Secretary of State's website. This website will be upgraded in the 2026-2027 time period, so I have placed that as a start date. This, should it pass the Senate, will give the website builder time to get it ready.

Our Education committee listened to SB208 on Wednesday. This bill calls for two-thirds of the school board members to favor an opt out and for 60 percent of the voters to approve before it would go to a vote. This makes it harder for schools to get money to opt out. While it may be a decent accountability element, I voted no. I told the committee that I would never want our administrators and school boards to think that I as a legislator would mistrust their abilities to lead and make wise, fiscally sound decisions. One thing I will mention is that some small schools are suffering financially as the legislature tied them to a locked-in beginning teacher base pay a couple of years ago. Now, it is not a wonder that some schools around the state are needing money.

This bill went onto the floor, was defeated, and there was an intent to reconsider. We will vote on it next week again. This may

Dylan C. Jordan



Week 7 and Crossover Day is complete. Tuesday was Crossover Day. We were told this year it wouldn't be late, as other years it has gone until 2:00 a.m. I came to the Capitol with two liters of Mountain Dew and extra cash for the pop machine ready to go. We ended up leaving around 6:00 p.m. and was told a lot of that could be credited to how our leadership has handled the bill load. I thank them for that. They have handled the session well. Most of us wore black to honor all the bills that have died.

On Crossover Day, we had multiple vehicle bills. To address things 'we didn't have time to address,' I proudly voted NO on all of them. To me, why would I vote for them? Those bills literally don't have ANYTHING in them. When I vote FOR or AGAINST a bill, I am putting my name on it as your representative that I (or D4) is for or against it. How can I do that and represent you when there is literally nothing in the bill? I stand by my voting record. I am doing my best to represent you and your values.

We dealt with a lot of bills this week. Here are a couple of highlights: We established the crime of unauthorized distribution of fentanyl. We passed a bill to encourage merit pay as a component of teacher compensation. We made an appropriation for purchasing, storing and distributing sexual assault kits. We passed a bill requiring the acceptance of a cash payment for admission to a school-affiliated event. We passed HCR 6013 "Supporting the Electoral College, denouncing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and inviting interested states to form the Electoral College Interstate Compact." I was excited to vote for that one. We also passed HB 1249 "to protect landowners from the use of deception, fraud, harassment, intimidation, misrepresentation or threat, in acquiring easements or easement options." These are all good bills.

There were a few disappointments, too, in some bills that passed. SB 116: revised and repealed provisions related to street racing prohibitions and to provide a penalty therefor. This bill made street racing and the organizers of street racing "felons." I am not encouraging racing; I just feel it is an overstep. Think back to

your high school days: Did you ever race? Now, with this bill, you will be a felon. You will not be able to own a gun and practice your rights to defend yourself simply because you raced or organized others to race. We also established certain criminal offenses for boat operators and to provide penalties therefor. I agree with some of this bill, but it was vague. I am worried about the unintended consequences of the bill. I also don't know why we need to create more felonies. That is becoming a pattern this year. I also was against reducing the state's contribution to a subsidized high school dual credit program. That is a good program which saves students and parents money.

One bill I voted against, that I wasn't a fan of having to vote the way I did, was the bill to make an appropriation for the purchasing of equipment to support the South Dakota Board of Technical Education. I voted NO because this bill allowed for the purchase of NEW equipment. They still have their funding; this was extra. We are in a tight budget year, and I hope next year is better so I can vote YEA.

We had a very rare occurrence happen; we had all 70 House members vote NO. The bill was to repeal provisions regarding the state payment for burial of Veterans. I am glad to say that in S.D., one thing we all have in common is that we want to help our Veterans.

We have property tax bills coming up. That is the Number One issue I heard about in my campaign. I am glad we are working on it. I will vote YES on any property tax cut bill that will cut taxes but won't just create a tax shift. One thing we need to address with property taxes relates to the education funding formula. Education is half of our budget. If we can't address half the budget, how can we cut it? I am not saying cut education; I am saying to address property taxes, we must address spending. We had one bill I thought was an easy thing to help: to stop public dollars from lobbying for education. HB1185 said "provide that public monies for education may not be used for lobbying purposes." Sadly, the House voted that down. I hope we can address this issue in the future.

We are winding down, but there is plenty still going on, and I want you to be informed. As always, I am going to continue to do my best to represent you. Please keep all of us in your prayers. Always remember to keep the American spirit alive and well!

Sauder in Session

Comments from Dist. 4 Sen. Stephanie Sauder

Stephanie Sauder



It was an honor to recognize Barry and Eli Little of the Blioux River Ranch of Castlewood this past week as the 2024 Leopold Conservation Award recipients. The Leopold Conservation Award recognizes farm and ranch families who demonstrate outstanding conservation leadership and a commitment to the health of South Dakota's natural resources. Congratulations to the Blioux River Ranch for this well deserved award.

We are entering the second to the last week of the 100th Legislative session. Since Crossover Day, the Senate is hearing House bills and vice versa. Some of the bills on the agendas, committee and possibly the floor, include the "Librarian" bill (Senate judiciary committee), teacher merit pay (Senate education committee) and prohibiting eminent domain to be used on carbon pipeline projects (Senate state affairs). One House Concurrent Resolution to be heard in Senate Ag this week is one that pertains to severely restricting government-sponsored economic development activities, mineral and mining extractive industries

and residential development taking place within the Black Hills of South Dakota, basically hindering economic and residential growth which may greatly interfere with tourism. I don't know the purpose or intention of this resolution but find it puzzling, especially when the bill sponsor is from the Black Hills.

Many of the bills left to be acted upon are dealing with appropriations. Many legislators are working hard to protect the state library and South Dakota Public Broadcasting from harsh if any, budget cuts. It is still undetermined how much of an increase schools will receive. There are other programs and services that deserve as much money as possible; unfortunately, with a tight budget year as this is, certain funding will not be available, and some projects will not be going forward at this time. As far as the prison funding goes, Governor Rhoden has instructed that the current money saved up for the prison should remain intact and not spent on other projects. He has organized a prison task force to work out a solution, and we will find out what that will be sometime in July. Bills regarding property tax relief are still alive. It will be interesting to see which ones make it through to the end.

As always, thank you for reaching out to me with your views and opinions. I appreciate it very much.

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Roe in the Know

Comments from Dist. 4 Rep. Kent Roe

Kent Roe



voted for the bill HB 1114.

Day 28 was crossover day when we started taking up Senate bills in earnest. These are the bills that made it out of the Senate and now will be considered in the House. This was a welcome change of pace as the 'easy' Senate bills are moved through first.

Day 29, Thursday, was more Senate bills. Of interest, on day 29 was SB 83. This law changed the penalty for ingestion of narcotics. Several law enforcement officers from District 4 reached out to me about this urging a no vote. I voted no; the bill passed.

In light of the prison not being funded, the Governor created an incarceration task force. They will meet over the summer, and we will have a special session this summer to vote on the findings of the task force.

Good news from the week: Barry and Eli Little of Castlewood won the Leopold Conservation Award for the year. Their work on their Blioux River Ranch outshined the competition. It was my honor to recognize them in the House Ag committee and also on the House floor. Congratulations to them and their families.

As always, reach out when you're so moved. It's your district, state and nation. Please get involved.

Greetings District 4 constituents. Another week wrapped up in Pierre for the 100th session. We have two weeks left. This week included legislative days 26 through 29. The big news from this week:

On Monday, day 26, the House rejected funding the new prison. The opponents were well organized. I voted for the funding; we need a prison. I toured it last summer, and, like every building built in the 1800's, it's obsolete. This is not a new idea. We've been working on plans for over three years now and have a solid and good plan for the new prison. The opponents offered nothing but a no vote.

We also passed a bill funding student teacher stipends. On Tuesday, the 27th legislative day, an attempt was made to defund the "Build Dakota" scholarship fund. I voted against it, HB1186, and it failed. This is a great program that keeps our local kids learning and working in our state; thankfully, it was defeated.

Also, on the 27th day, a bill passed to fund equipment purchases for our tech schools; I

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The Board of Clark County Commissioners will receive bids for chemical for use by the Clark County Weed Board. Bids must be filed at the Clark County Auditor's office on or before 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and quoted bids must be good until November 1, 2025. The Extension office and the Weed and Pest Supervisor will open the bids and read them aloud on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. during the regular meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners in the Commissioner meeting room at the Clark County Courthouse. Envelopes must be clearly marked "CHEMICAL BID".

For a complete list, contact the Clark County Auditor or Clark County Extension.

Brian Jenkins, Weed and Pest Supervisor
Clark County, South Dakota

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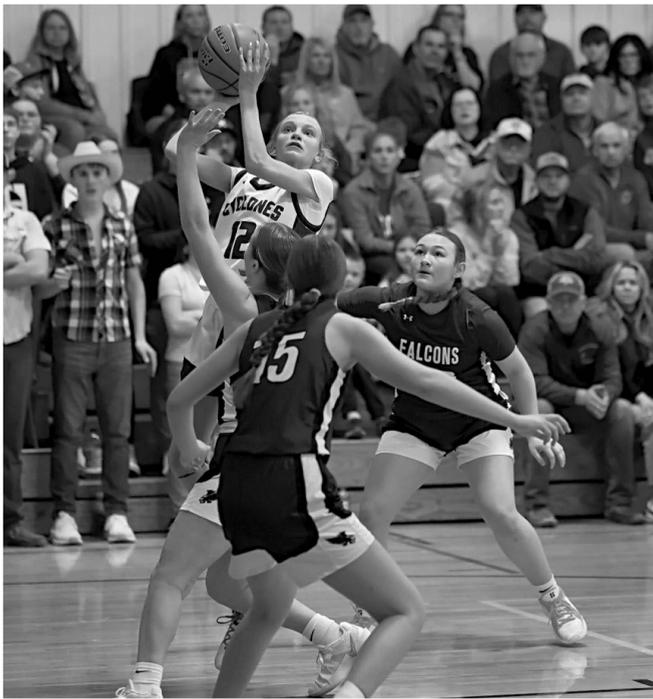
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Above, Cyclone Shelby Begeman moves down the court with the ball, doing her best to avoid Charger opponents in the process at the second round game of Region 2A play in at Hamlin on February 27.

Right, Cyclone Kamryn Nesheim looks to shoot, surrounded by Falcons Brooke Hlavacek #15, Ashelyn Klitzke #12 and Avari Gusso #32 at the February 25 quarterfinal Region 2A game hosted in Willow Lake.

Left photo by Kandice Schlagel
Right photo by Heather Jordan



Lady Cyclones handle Falcons in round one of Region2A, halted by Chargers

By Heather Jordan

The Clark-Willow Lake girls' basketball team took care of business on Tuesday, February 25 in their first game of the postseason, as the Cyclones defeated Florence-Henry 71-32 in the quarterfinals of the Region 2A Playoffs in Willow Lake.

Florence-Henry came out with an aggressive defensive stance with the goal of disrupting the Cyclone ball handlers to force turnovers and kept the Cyclones within striking distance in the opening stanza.

"Our girls love playing defense and love to get energy on offense from our defense," noted Florence-Henry Assistant Coach Brooklyn Schulte. "One thing you can always count on and control is your defense, and that becomes even more important around post-season play. Our mindset coming into playoffs was to leave all we had on the court and play every game coming up as if it could be our last - for not only our team, but our five seniors."

The Cyclones adapted to the Falcon pressure overcoming their defensive presence.

According to Cyclone Head Coach Andrea Begeman, "We had worked on breaking this press by passing to the middle or down court, and our preparation paid off."

No. 4 seeded Clark-Willow Lake used a late run in the first quarter to lead 15-8 heading into the second. The No. 5 seeded Falcons attempted to cut into the lead in the second quarter, but the Cyclones ended the quarter strong and led 30-14 heading into halftime.

With a 16-point advantage at the half that seemed closer than what was shown in the rearview mirror, the Cyclones were able to stay calm and in control in a high stress situation with the season on the line. The Cyclones used the

positive momentum from the first half to assemble a strong third quarter to put the game away.

"We really work on playing against physical defense and try to be as physical as possible in practice," added Coach Begeman. "Then, we hope that we aren't surprised by it when it comes to be game time. I think we wanted to use our size inside because that is one area where we had a little advantage. We also wanted to stop their dribble drive and keep them out of the lane."

The challenge of playing a conference team more than once in a season played a factor in the contest and surfaced in the matchup. Familiarity with each other, the proximity between communities was palpable from tipoff.

One side of the Willow Lake gymnasium was filled to the brim with blue and black with an occasional pink cowboy hat, while the other side sported hunter green and various assorted grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts to support both teams.

"Our Falcon fan support this year was great, and we are so grateful for our Falcon community," shared Coach Schulte. "We really appreciate all the miles they put on to cheer for us this year. I definitely think their energy lent a hand in our success, especially with how many games we played back-to-back this year. They helped bring the energy when the team needed it most."

The Cyclones claimed the win at the end, but it was a competitive game, and each team gave their all. With the Falcons now approaching the end of 2024-25 season, they have already put together a plan to continue the development and success shown this season.

"With the group we have, we never have to worry about our girls working hard which is a big reason why they are so fun to coach. We

have a really young group, so we will work on learning how to highlight each other's strengths on the court while working together. We have a very dedicated and motivated group that truly loves the game of basketball and each other, so I am excited to get to work!" noted Coach Schulte.

CLARK-WILLOW LAKE (12-9): Johanna Vandersnick 1 2-4 4, Tehya Vig 4 1-4 10, Kamryn Nesheim 2 0-0 5, Shelby Begeman 6 1-2 14, Brynn Roehrich 6 5-8 17, Lexie Schmidt 0 1-2-1, Shay Michalski 1 1-2 3, Eliza Larson 0-0-2 0, Maddie Brenden 2 0-0 5, Calla Larson 1 0-0 3. Totals 23 15-24 63

FLORENCE-HENRY (9-8): Ashelyn Klitzke 1 0-0 2, Andie Rislov 3 1-3 7, Brooke Hlavacek 2 1-3 5, Lucy Bloom 1 0-0 3, Addison Byer 1 0-0 2, Ashlynn Vavruska 3 2-2 9, Mylee Sumner 0-2-8 2, Avari Gusso 2 0-0 5, Jayda Orthaus 1 0-0 2 Totals 14 5-13 37.

Clark-Willow Lake 15 30 43 63
Florence-Henry 8 14 26 37

3-point field goals- Vig, Nesheim; Begeman, M. Brenden, C. Larson, Rislov, Bloom, Vavruska, Gusso. Fouled out - Florence-Henry, Griffyn Mueller. Total fouls - Clark-Willow Lake 18; Florence-Henry 20.

CWL vs. Hamlin 41-60

In round two of region 2A play-off action, No. 1 seeded Hamlin defeated No. 4 seeded Clark-Willow Lake 60-41 to advance to the SoDak 16.

The Cyclones put together another hot start against the Chargers trailing by merely one point 13-14 to end the first quarter of play. Hamlin proved to be disruptive as the game progressed, and the Chargers extended the margin to 28-20 at the half.

"By the second half, we were without two of our top guards in Jenny (concussion) and Tehya (knee injury), so we were just a little out of sorts with rotations

and missing those two on defense against Hamlin's guard play," noted Head Coach Andrea Begeman.

The Chargers continued to build momentum doubling the deficit from eight to 16 by the end of the third period and solidified their presence to take charge of the game 60-41 for the win.

Kamryn Nesheim led the Cyclones with 12 points, followed by Johanna Vandersnick with 10 and Brynn Roehrich with eight.

For Clark-Willow Lake, it was the end of the road for the 2024-2025 campaign, but the Cyclones have a young and hungry group of underclassmen who are ready to put in the work to win next year.

"Some of our struggles this year were breaking a press against aggressive teams and playing four full quarters of a game because of our youth and inexperience," added Coach Begeman. "If we can work on those things, we should be very competitive in all games in the future. Strength will be a focus along with just natural maturity. We were very young overall this season, and the experience gained will be so valuable next season."

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HAMLIN (18-3): Addie Steffensen 4 2-4 11, Addie Neuendorf 7 4-5 21, Isse Steffensen 1 0-0 3, Jo Steffensen 5 0-0 11, Addie Jensen 5 2-3 12, Paxton Neuendorf 0 2-2 2. Totals 22 10-14 60.

Clark-Willow Lake 13 20 30 41
Hamlin 14 28 46 60

3-point field goals- Vandersnick 2, Nesheim; A. Steffensen, A. Neuendorf 3, I. Steffensen, J. Steffensen. Fouled out - Clark-Willow Lake, Sami Brenden. Total fouls - Clark-Willow Lake 16; Hamlin 15.

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF CITY OF RAYMOND LOCAL REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body of Raymond Municipality, Clark County, South Dakota, will meet at the city hall in said taxing jurisdiction on Monday, the 17th day of March 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (being the third Monday in March) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments are required to submit written notice to the Finance Officer of the local

board no later than Thursday, March 13, 2025 at PO Box 116, Raymond, S.D. 57258.

Carrie Reis
Finance Officer

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Fifth grade wax museum presented in Willow Lake

The fifth grade class at Willow Lake School recently presented their annual presidential wax museum to the Willow Lake community. Students researched, created a report, painted their president and shared interesting facts about each. Lori Hovde is the fifth grade teacher at Willow Lake School.

Pictured above, in the back row, from left to right, are: Aubrey Madsen, Caroline Glanzer, Jace Bohek,

Charlee Wirtjes, Reagan Waldow, John Sowell, Glen Koskiniemi, Sawyer Hervi, Justin Rivas, Addelynne Konechne, Ansley Knock, Laurel Kangas and Bristol Homola. In the front row, from left to right are Heath Homola, Marleigh Henrickson, Brynlee Fox, Torger Gjerde, Emmery Mertins, Lucy Lamb, Natalie Roberts, Ayla Tulowetzke and Samara Meneses.

Photo Courtesy of Lori Hovde

Willow Lake Church News

Lake Gospel Church, Willow Lake, Pastor Steven Johnson - March 9, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.

Grace Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, Student Pastor Colin Beveridge - March 9, 10:30 a.m. Worship. Check parish website for online services.

Good Hope Lutheran Church, Guest Pastor - March 9, 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Vienna, Student Pastor Colin Beveridge - March 9, 8:30 a.m. Worship. Check parish website for online services.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, Guest Pastor - March 9, 8:30 a.m. Worship.

Carpenter United Methodist Church, Carpenter, Pastor Tia Felberg -

Worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays with the exception of a 5:00 p.m. Supper Service the third Sunday of each month.

Gospel of Fire Ministry, Bryant, Pastor Michael Sanchez - March 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship and English Bible Study; March 9, 11:30 a.m. Worship.

Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, Rev. Randy Bader -

March 6, Willow Lake Lutheran Worship Service TV Broadcast on ITC Cable channel 156, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on demand any time; March 9, 7:45 a.m. Communion Worship.

Willow Lake School Board to meet on Monday

The Willow Lake School Board District #12-3 will meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

Along with routine business, the board will discuss: Cash flows as February 28, 2025; Health Insurance Pool Meeting, March 12, Huron, S.D.; Buildings and grounds updates;

Hear reports from superintendent/principal/curriculum director: Legislative updates, kindergarten screening, approve the updated school to

work agreement, curriculum and testing information, summertime custodial help; Activity Director and NESC Coop updates;

Executive session to discuss Personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1) and Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2(4));

Possible action items after executive session.

The next regular meeting of the Willow Lake School Board will be April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CITY OF WILLOW LAKE LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of the City of Willow Lake, Clark County, South Dakota, will meet in the Community Center in said taxing jurisdiction on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

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Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer
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Market Report
Tuesday, March 4

	Market Price	Govt. PCP
Spring Wheat	5.44	4.91
Winter Wheat	4.86	4.99
Durum		6.80
Oats	3.32	3.20
Corn	3.96	4.40
Flax		27.14
Soybeans	9.48	9.58
Flowers, oil		25.95
Barley		3.15
Sorghum		7.06

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Clark County February 18, 2025 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 18, 2025 APPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the Commissioner Room of the Clark County Courthouse. Chairman Knock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present at the Courthouse: Chris Sass, Wallace Knock, Francis Hass, Sara Gjerde and Terry Schlagenel. Deputy Auditor Warkentien also present.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: None.

AGENDA: Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to approve the February 18, 2025 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Schlagenel, second by Hass to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

WEED: Motion by Hass, second by Schlagenel to allow Weed Supervisor Jenkins to call for bids for products for 2025. Bids will be received and opened on March 18, 2025. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent (HS) Eggleston met with the board to inform them the engine in a 772GP Motor grader needs repair. No action taken.

SURPLUS AUCTION: At 8:30 a.m. time specified, three items were sold at public auction at the Courthouse.

Item #1: John Deere lawn mower/snow blower - Motion by Gjerde, second by Knock to approve sale to Aaron Hemmingson. Purchase price: \$500.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Item #2: 2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor - Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve sale of Ford Explorer to Roy Townsend. Purchase price \$2,900.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Item #3: Baker Fork Lift - Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve sale of Baker Fork Lift to Aaron Hemmingson. Purchase price \$1,250.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Motion by Gjerde second by Sass to recess as the County Commission

and convene as the Board of Adjustment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Knock called the Board of Adjustment meeting to order. He informed the public that the meeting is being held via teleconference with Luke Muller present at the Courthouse and serving as staff and parliamentary support.

Next item on the agenda is items to be added to the Agenda by Board members or staff. Luke added he would be updating the board on current legislation. Chairman Knock then extended an invitation to citizens to schedule time on the Board of Adjustment agenda. There were none. Chairman Knock then asked if any board members had any Ex parte Communications or potential conflicts of interest that the rest of the Board or public may want to be aware of. There were none.

AGENDA: Motion by Schlagenel, second by Hass to approve the Board of Adjustment agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The only request on agenda today is a request for an amendment to a permit issued last October. Chairman Knock requested a motion to amend Mr. Arthur's permit to allow up to five trucks or trailers for sale, to be parked outside at any time. Motion by Sass, second by Hass to allow. Luke informed the board that Chris Arthur seeks to amend a permit issued on October 1, 2024 to allow five or more vehicles or trailers for sale to be parked outside (currently limited to three). Muller discussed current restrictions and changes needed to allow Mr. Arthur's request. Chairman Knock opened the public hearing; no one present. The hearing was then opened to further public testimony. No further testimony. The public hearing was closed. The board discussed the item. Muller informed the board since this is an amendment to conditions the original findings will still hold up. States Attorney (SA) Fjelland confirmed that all we are doing is re-iterating the finding that this use is categorized as "implement sales" (which was the determination last time) and that the intent to prohibit Mr. Arthur from obtaining his license, but to establish a limit to the number of vehicles parked outside for

sale. Muller specified the motion is to amend the condition limiting the applicant to three trucks or trailers stored outside as follows:

- Primary retail sales are limited to operable trucks or trailers as described by the applicant. Applicant is authorized to improve a display area immediately adjoining the accessory building that is large enough to display up to five (5) trucks or trailers which may be visible from the right-of-way at any given time.

There was no further Board discussion. Voting aye: Knock, Schlagenel, Hass, Gjerde and Sass. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: Muller updated the board on House Bill 1261. Which is an act to provide the board of commissioners with the authority over certain intra county land uses and construction projects. Commissioner Gjerde noted her opposition to this bill.

There was no further Board discussion. Voting aye: Knock, Schlagenel, Hass, Gjerde and Sass. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to adjourn the Board of Adjustment and continue as County Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE: Greg Richter with Connecting Point met with the board to discuss "Full Connect Care" a service which provides 24 x 7 x 365 remote monitoring of the computer systems. Cost for the premium managed services is \$1,422.00 per month. They also offer a coverage plan that would provide monitoring of Network infrastructure and services, cost \$510.00 per month. No action taken.

MILEAGE: Deputy Auditor Warkentien informed the board that mileage rate has been raised to \$0.70 effective January 1, 2025. No action required.

LOST CHECK: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to replace check for Bradley American Legion in the amount of \$166.39. Original check was not cashed. All voting aye. Motion carried.

VALUATION: The board reviewed valuation of buildings and deductibles for County coverage with South Dakota Public Insurance Alliance. Current stated insured valuations and deductibles will remain the same for 2025. No action taken.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Gjerde,

second by Sass to approve and allow Chairman to sign the agreement between West Contracting, LLC and Clark County for County Road 46 culvert replacement project. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CORRECTIVE DEED: Motion by Schlagenel, second by Gjerde to issue a corrective deed for Saboe deed as to the legal description. This change was presented by SA Fjelland. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Schlagenel, second by Gjerde to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. Claims Denied: Kim McGraw and South Dakota Department of Health. Other listed vouchers were approved. All voting aye. Motion carried. JUDICIAL SYSTEM: Dawn Russell, court reporter 38.25; AUDITOR: Cardmember Services, supplies, 109.98; Clark County Treasurer, postage 4.85; ITC, service 150.50; PMB-0112, user fee/access fees 108.25; TREASURER: Cardmember Services, supplies, 260.09; ITC, service 97.00; Office Peeps, staples 11.17; STATES ATTORNEY: Thomson Reuters-West Publishing, online software subscription 493.11; COURT: S.D. Assn of County Commissioners, assessment, 6,557.00; PUBLIC BUILDINGS: C&R Fire Suppression, fire extinguisher inspection, 593.70; City of Clark, water, 156.30; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage, 46.50; ITC, service, 41.13; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 3,072.91; Star Laundry, rugs, 111.54; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Cardmember Service, supplies, 2,678.15; ITC, service, 55.80; Office Peeps, paper/cartridges, 920.75; REGISTER OF DEEDS: ITC, service, 39.75; Quill Corporation, cartridges 63.97; VETERAN OFFICER: ITC, service, 27.45; SHERIFF: Clark County Treasurer, postage 85.50; Clark Community Oil, gas, 995.01; ITC, service 127.83; JB's Repair, replace battery 188.50; PRISONER CARE: Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 5,590.00; AIRPORT: C&R Fire Suppression, fire extinguisher inspection 3.95; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 252.84 AMBULANCE: Cardmember Services, supplies,

79.88; City of Clark, water 95.40; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 177.18; Colleen Hohm, lodging/registration, \$390.06; ITC, service 107.75; Ken's Fairway, supplies 136.34; McKesson Medical, supplies, 624.46; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 742.13; Office Peeps, storage box 65.08; Two Way Solutions, batteries 131.98; SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Comm Action, comm service/February, 2,019.17; MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Yankton County Treasurer, mental illness hearing, 156.50; MEMORIAL DAY EXP: Bradley American Legion, replace lost check, 166.39; EXTENSION: ITC, service 52.15; Ken's Fairway, supplies, 9.79; Star Laundry, rugs 45.60; WEED: C&R Fire Suppression, fire extinguisher inspection 443.20; Clark County Treasurer, license plate fee 26.70; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 503.06; Division of Agricultural service, registration/renewal, 145.00; ITC, service, 104.00; ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck and Trailer Repairs, repairs/oil, 260.60; Agwrx Coop, supplies 608.00; Banner Associates, engineer CR 46, 818.00; C&R Fire Suppression, fire extinguisher inspection, 1,622.60; Cardmember Services, supplies/gas, 387.62; City of Clark, water, 166.40; Clark County Treasurer, postage 2.04; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, garbage, 123.00; Fleetpride, parts 848.10; I-State Truck Center, parts, 393.54; ITC, service, 102.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 3,188.22; Office Peeps, supplies 102.42; Overhead Door, repair 382.60; Safety Service, parts, 318.00; SDACHS, conference, 150.00; Star Laundry, laundry 97.37; Titan Machinery, parts, 380.25; Two Trees Technologies, service, 60.00; 911 SERVICE: City of Watertown, 911 surcharge, 5,163.03; ITC, service 145.23; CIVIL DEFENSE: ITC, service, 27.59; TOTAL: 44,460.21.

PAYROLL: AUDITOR: 6,138.32; TREASURER: 5,785.56; STATES ATTORNEY: 4,995.71; COURTHOUSE: 3,098.50; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6,090.92; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 4,048.65; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 434.02; SHERIFF: 7,567.18; AMBULANCE: 10,762.06; WEED: 1,487.03; ROAD & BRIDGE: 46,763.35; EMERGENCY &

DISASTER: 1,088.79. TOTAL: \$98,260.09.

REPORTS: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the following reports. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER

Cash on hand.....2,032,665.13
Money Market.....7,507,957.91
CD's.....800,000.00
Checking Account.....41,777.24
TOTAL.....10,382,400.28

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund: \$7,654,560.67; Road & Bridge: \$1,346,319.20; 911 Service Fund: \$70,467.73; ED: \$-31,953.41; Domestic Abuse: 25.00; 24/7: \$19,363.44; ROD Mod/Pres: \$10,539.79; Rural Access Infrastructure fund: 335,762.11; County TIF: 482,796.90; **Trust & Agency Funds, which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts - \$494,518.85. TOTAL: \$10,382,400.28.**

ROD Fees: January recording fees 2,205.00; Transfer fees: 6,173.00; Births: 70.00; Deaths: 260.00; Marriages: 15.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc.: 230.00; TOTAL: 9,020.00. Sheriff: Mileage: \$12.39; Civil fees: \$150.00.

ADJOURN: Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Wallace Knock, Chairman
Clark County
Board of Commissioners

Carol Warkentien,
Clark County Deputy Auditor

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT "KAYLYN HOFER"



By Charlee Peterson

Kaylyn Hofer is the daughter of Derick and Cheri Hofer of Carpenter. She has three younger siblings, Kelsey (sophomore), Westyn (sixth grade) and Wyatt (second grade).

Her activities include volleyball, track, FFA, NHS, softball, FCA, Carpenter church youth group, student council secretary, class secretary/treasurer and yearbook. "My

hobbies are helping my dad and grandpa on the farm, spending time with my friends and family, singing, reading, baking cookies and playing Sudoku," she stated.

After Kaylyn graduates, she says she'll miss seeing her friends every day the most and being part of the Willow Lake School.

Kaylyn plans to attend Lake Area Technical College to pursue a nursing degree.



Happy birthday to! When you "publish" something, you are sharing your ideas with others in a "public way." This year, Newspaper Fun is celebrating 20 years of publishing our weekly educational activity page. That may seem like a long time, but some newspapers have been in print for a century or more. Humans have been publishing in one form or another for thousands of years. Cave drawings were the earliest way for people to put their ideas on display for others.

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- _____ the puzzles: crosswords, dot-to-dots, mazes, word searches
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- _____ the writing (copy), puzzles and illustrations to make an attractive presentation
- _____ to look for any errors: spelling, facts, names
- _____ the final product to a web site so others can print and enjoy it
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The Art of Writing and Publishing

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of the City of Garden City, Clark County, South Dakota, will meet at the Fire Hall in said taxing jurisdiction on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

local board not later than March 14, 2025.

Andrea Helkenn, Finance Officer
City of Garden City

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Minimum qualifications include a Two (2) year mechanic experience/and or a combination of education and experience many be acceptable, valid S.D. Commercial Drivers License, proficient in welding and operation of shop equipment. Must

be able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather, must be able to lift heavy objects, reaching up to and over 85 pounds, use hand tools, be able to work without a supervisor and have the ability to work well with others and get along with the general public.

Applications may be picked up at the Clark County Highway Office located at 200 N. Commercial St., Clark, S.D. This position is open until filled. Clark County is an equal opportunity employer. 2-2-tf

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12-4-tf

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11-13-tf

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Thanks - We'd like to say thank you to anyone who helped during our fire and afterward. Words cannot express our gratitude enough.

- Stacey and Nancy Steffen 3-5-1tp

Thanks - The family of Erlene Hanson would like to thank those who sent a card, gave us a call or a hug during this time. We appreciate your kindness. A special thanks to Avantara - Clark staff for taking such good care of our mom and grandma. Also, thank you to Furness Funeral Home for all the special care. Pastor Rob, thank you for the nice tribute to our mom. Wanda and Pat, the music was awesome. Methodist Ladies, we can always count on you. God bless,

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The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones wrestling team had 11 grapplers battling for a spot on the placing podium at the South Dakota Class B State Wrestling Tournament in Rapid City that was held February 27 - March 1, 2025. Six of the 11 Cyclones brought home placing awards, including Josh Kannegieter, Elliot Bratland, Cooper Pommer, Cade Gaikowski,



ki, Kaden Wookey and Hadley Gjerde. The other Cyclones who gave it their all, but fell short were Isaac Johnson (above left), Mia Holmstrom (above center), Benny Pommer (above right), Kadee Frankfurth (right) and Chyanne Guerdet.

Photos by Christina Kannegieter

Cyclones place ninth at State B wrestling tourney

▲ Hadley Gjerde places eighth to lead girls' team

By Heather Jordan

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone boys' wrestling team qualified seven wrestlers for the South Dakota Class B State Tournament and had five placemen stand on the podium by the time the dust settled. As a team, the Cyclones placed ninth overall for the tournament.

Freshman Cade Gaikowski led the Cyclones in the standings with a phenomenal tournament placing third overall in the 106 lb. weight class. Gaikowski started off strong and then met a challenge in the semifinal round to land in the consolation bracket where he showed determination and fight, wrestling for his life in sudden victory with an ultimate rideout match.

Head Coach Greg Marx explained the fine details for the terminology stating, "A 'sudden victory in an ultimate rideout match' means Cade was in one of the most intense and pressure-packed situations wrestling can offer." Let's break it down:

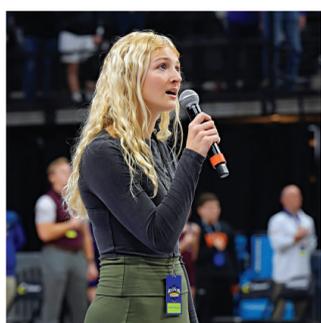
Sudden Victory: This happens when a match is tied at the end of regulation. The wrestlers go into a one-minute overtime where the first takedown wins. If no one scores, the match continues into ultimate tiebreaker criteria.

Ultimate Rideout: If the match is still tied after all other overtime periods, one wrestler gets the choice to be on top or bottom for a final 30-second period. If the top wrestler holds the bottom wrestler down, they win. If the bottom wrestler escapes, they win.

"For Cade, surviving sudden victory and then winning in an ultimate rideout means he stayed composed, dug deep and executed under extreme pressure. It's a mental and physical test, and he clearly rose to the occasion," added Coach Marx.

How stressful is it? Very. Every second counts, and the margin for error is razor-thin. "Cade flipped that stress into opportunity, likely using his strength, conditioning and mat awareness to control the final rideout securing third place. It takes resilience to rebound from a semifinal loss, and Cade proved his toughness," noted Coach Marx.

The Cyclones experienced a positive state competition, with Kaden Wookey placing fourth at 113 lbs., Cooper Pommer taking fourth place in a volatile and unpredictable 120 lb. division and seniors Elliot Bratland placing seventh at 165 lbs. on



Kaylyn Hofer, a senior at Willow Lake School, performed the National Anthem at the State Wrestling Tournament in Rapid City during both the morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday.

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the mat adjacent to Josh Kannegieter, who finished in fifth place at 190 lbs. Newcomers Benny Pommer and Isaac Johnson gained valuable wrestling experience at the state level and will help to lead the Cyclone squad in 2026.

The 2025 state tournament had a bittersweet ending with the departure of senior leaders who have wrestled in a Cyclone uniform for the past 10-12 years.

"This state tournament was undoubtedly bittersweet—a moment of pride and celebration, but also a realization that it's time to let go of a group of seniors who have been part of this journey for over a decade. Watching these young men and women grow from wide-eyed kids just learning how to wrestle into not only top-tier competitors but also incredible young adults is one of the most rewarding aspects of coaching," Coach Marx shared.

"Wrestling is about so much more than wins and losses. It teaches discipline, resilience and accountability—qualities that shape who these athletes become long after they step off the mat for the last time," added Coach Marx. "Seeing them develop into confident, hardworking individuals ready to take on life's next challenges is what makes all the years of training, early mornings and tough moments worthwhile."

Wrestling is in fact a family and not just an extracurricular activity as shown by the unwavering support from fans, families and former wrestlers. "The fact that former

wrestlers like Caleb Orris and Lucas Kannegieter are still involved in the program speaks volumes. It means that wrestling gave them something meaningful—something they want to pass on to the next generation. That's how a legacy is built. It is not just about the medals and trophies; it's about creating a culture where athletes want to give back, mentor and continue to be part of something bigger than themselves."

"As tough as it is to say goodbye to Josh and Elliot, there is no greater reward than knowing these seniors are leaving not just as better wrestlers, but as better people. And, that's what this program is all about," noted Coach Marx.

In addition to multiple cardiac moments that transpired during the state tournament, Coach Marx reflects on a moment that stood out to him. "My proudest moment was of course Josh and Elliot finishing the tournament with wins. Those two embody what CWL wrestling stands for, and they will be severely missed in the wrestling room."

BOYS RESULTS

B106 Cade Gaikowski (44-6) placed third with wins over Sean King (Tri-Valley) by major decision 13-3 and Maddon Odland (Redfield) by a 9-3 decision before falling in sudden victory to Ryvr Larson (Bon Homme/Avon) in the semifinals. Gaikowski rebounded in the consolation semifinals to win with a 5-2 decision over Frank Krcil (Wagner) and placed third in an ultimate tie breaker 3-3 over Cannin Snyder (Philip/Kadoka Area/Wall).

B113 Kaden Wookey (47-9) placed fourth with wins over Kiptyn Schaefer (Parkston) by technical fall 16-1 and by a 14-3 major decision over Michael Branaugh (Bon Homme/Avon). Wookey fell in the semifinals to Landon Walker (Canton) by a 4-0 decision before regrouping to win his consolation semifinal over Shay Weber (Philip/Kadoka Area/Wall) by major decision 13-2. In the third-place match, Kayden Tchida (Sisseton) defeated Wookey by a 4-1 decision.

B120 Cooper Pommer (47-7) placed fourth with an opening round win over Evan Folk (Sisseton) by a 5-4 decision before falling in the quarterfinals to Landon Flogstad (McCook Central/Montrose) in sudden victory. Pommer rebounded to win consolation matches over

John Ryder Weiss (Hot Springs) by technical fall 15-0, DeVonne Sessler (Bon Homme/Avon) with a 12-9 decision and defeated Cash Edgar (Faulkton Area) in a 12-7 decision. In the third-place match, Rylan Robbins (Winner) defeated Pommer with a 7-1 decision.

B126 Benny Pommer (37-15) was defeated by Zach Bartels (Canton) by fall in 3:27 in round one and fell to Drew Janke (Lead-Deadwood) by technical fall 16-1 in consolation round one.

B132 Isaac Johnson (37-20) fell to Jackson Carter (Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington) by fall in 1:16 and was defeated in consolation round one by Blake Steiner (Sisseton) by a 7-1 decision.

B165 Elliot Bratland (44-7) placed seventh with a first-round win over Caleb Heuertz (Elk Point-Jefferson) by a 12-0 major decision before falling in the quarterfinal to Wyatt Anderson (Parkston) 41-6 won by fall in 1:58. Bratland rebounded to win consolation round two over Kolton Vlcek (Bon Homme/Avon) in a 4-0 decision before succumbing to Hayden Roggow (Stanley County) by a 7-3 decision. In the seventh place match, Bratland won by decision over Caleb Johnson (Kingsbury County) 7-2.

B190 Josh Kannegieter (46-5) placed fifth with wins over Marshall Holz (Kingsbury County) by fall in 1:52 and Garret Westendorf (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) by fall in 1:35 before falling to undefeated Teague Granum (Canton) by major decision 12-2. Legend Benedict (Winner) defeated Kannegieter in the consolation semifinal by a 11-5 decision, and in the fifth place match, Kannegieter won by fall over Garret Westendorf (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) by fall in 2:20.

Girls

Clark-Willow Lake qualified four female wrestlers for the first time in program history, and one made the podium to cap off a brilliant season.

Kadee Frankfurth, Hadley Gjerde, Mia Holmstrom and



Chyanne Guerdet all faced the ultimate competition in South Dakota girls' wrestling in Rapid City over the weekend. Gjerde emerged in the top eight placing eighth in the 114 lb. weight class.

In a season filled with physical and emotional highs and lows, Gjerde faced a crossroads at the state tournament, where she decided to put it all on the line and go for it.

According to Head Coach Greg Marx, "Hadley's turning point at state likely came in a match where she was facing elimination. It was the moment when she decided to wrestle fearlessly, commit to her shots and trust in all the training she had put in."

The Cyclone girls' wrestling program has made enormous strides in a short amount of time, and things have intensified quickly over the past couple of years with six girls on the roster and four state qualifiers.

Where do you see girls' wrestling take off from here and what are you most excited about for the future? "Girls' wrestling is exploding in popularity, and CWL's rapid success is proof of how much talent and passion are fueling the sport. With four state qualifiers already, the foundation is strong, and it is only going to grow," explained Coach Marx.

"From here, I see the program continuing to build—more girls stepping onto the mat, more state qualifiers and eventually champions. As participation rises, so will the level of competition, and CWL could establish itself as a powerhouse program," noted Coach Marx.

"The most exciting part of the future? The opportunities opening

up for these young athletes. More colleges are offering women's wrestling scholarships, the level of competition is skyrocketing, and the sport is gaining the respect it deserves. Seeing girls push past limits, develop confidence and create a lasting legacy is what makes it all worth it," adds Coach Marx.

GIRLS RESULTS

G100 Kadee Frankfurth (19-15) wrestled in the girls' 100 lb. division. In round one, Kyra Vandenberg (Belle Fourche) won by major decision 16-3, and Chloe Caton (Yankton) won by fall over Frankfurth in 2:59.

G114 Hadley Gjerde (16-23) placed eighth. In round one, Alexis Bryant (McCook Central/Montrose) won by fall in 0:38. Gjerde rebounded and won consolation rounds one and two over Gemma Stangeland (Pierre T.F. Riggs) by fall in 2:37 and Payton Raastad (Sioux Falls Washington) by major decision 14-0. In consolation round three, Jasmine Rueles-Hertz (Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon) won by fall in 2:32. In the seventh place match, Aubrey Jensen (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda) won by fall in 2:12.

G126 Mia Holmstrom (13-13) competed in the 126 lb. division and was defeated in round one by Candice Matsuda (Spearfish) won by fall in 1:01. In consolation round one, Marin Rhode (Canton) won by fall in 2:12.

G132 Chyanne Guerdet (6-16) wrestled in the 132 lb. division and was defeated in round one by Lainey Haines (Tea Area) by fall in 1:15. In consolation round one, Teagan Vining (St. Thomas More) won by fall in 1:15.

South Dakota State Spelling Bee to take place March 29

Thirty-one elementary and middle school students will compete March 29 in the South Dakota State Spelling Bee, with the winner advancing to the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington where they will vie for the Scripps Cup.

South Dakota News Watch and Dakota Wesleyan University are the official regional partners and will sponsor the state bee at DWU in Mitchell. This is the 100th anniversary year of America's longest-running educational competition.

"Spelling forms the foundation of good communication, so it's vital to encourage students to hone that skill. The state bee builds their confidence, rewards their hard work and ensures South Dakota is represented at the national competition," said Carson Walker, CEO of South Dakota News Watch.

Each year, the bee reaches millions of students across the coun-

try and around the world with the classroom materials it provides to schools enrolled in the yearlong program. Participation in regional bees also provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in public speaking, develop confidence and inspire a love of learning and connection with their peers.

The 31 schools taking part chose a winner for the state competition and the chance to represent South Dakota at the national bee in May.

Schools sending a student to the state bee include: Aberdeen - Holgate Middle School; Brandon - Brandon Valley Intermediate School and Robert Bennis Elementary School; Brookings - George S. Mickelson Middle School; Clear Lake - Deuel Middle School; Estelline - Estelline Junior High; Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School; Ethan - Ethan School; Florence - Florence School; Garretson - Garretson School; Hot Springs - Hot Springs Elementary School and Hot

Springs Middle School; Milbank - Milbank Middle School; North Sioux City - Dakota Valley Upper Elementary Middle School; Piedmont - Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Platte - Platte-Geddes Elementary School; Rapid City - Calvary Christian School, Saint Elizabeth Seton Central School, Saint Thomas More Middle School and Saints in the Making Homeschool; Scotland - Scotland Middle Senior High School; Sioux Falls - Challenge Center Elementary School, Cornerstone School and Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Spearfish - Black Hills Christian Academy; Sturgis - Sturgis Elementary School; Summerset - Stagebarn Middle School; Vermillion - Vermillion Middle School; Watertown - Saint Martin Lutheran School; Waverly - Waverly South Shore School; and Yankton - Webster Elementary School.

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