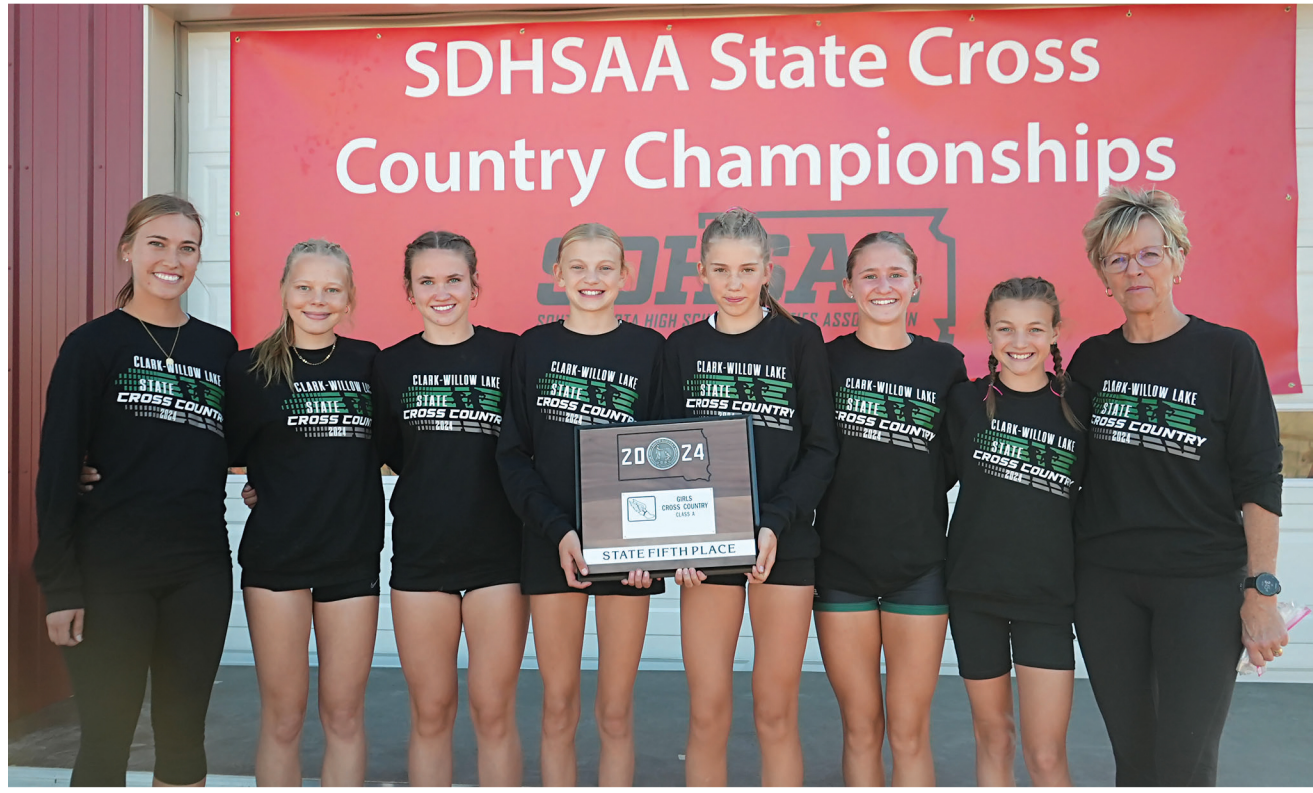




Above left, Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Will Hovde is pictured in the back center during the 5,000 meter run at the S.D. Class A State Cross Country meet on Saturday in Rapid City. Hovde placed 106th at 20:56.52. Florence-Henry Falcon Austin Keller is pictured in the front right. Keller placed 108th with 20:59.20. Above right, Florence-Henry Falcon Carson Vavruska is pictured on the right. He placed 77th in the 5,000 meter run with 19:39.38.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones girls varsity team placed fifth with 110. The team and their coaches are pictured on the right. From left to right are assistant coach Alicia Turnquist, Hadley Gjerde, Cadence Bochek, Kamryn Nesheim, Jennifer Bevers, Emma Bochek, Faith Roehrich and head coach Tammie Paulson.

Photos Courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2024 SDPB | Jaxon Thorson



## Cyclones place fifth at State cross country meet

By Heather Jordan

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones placed three runners in the top 40 to place fifth as a team at the Class A State Cross Country Meet at Hart Ranch Camping Resort in Rapid City on October 26.

Sioux Falls Christian coasted to first as a team in the girls' varsity division with four runners in the top six, totaling 16 points to repeat as team champion. Lennox took second with 82 points. West Central was fourth at 87 points.

Flandreau scored 100 team points to place fourth. The Cyclones tied with Dakota Valley at 110 points for fifth place, with Clark-Willow Lake's fourth place runner Cadence Bochek finishing higher, earning the tie breaker and a podium finish.

With three runners in the top 40 led by freshman Kamryn Nesheim, the Cyclones could sense the urgency to move up in the pack to increase their team standing. Nesheim was the first Cyclone runner to cross the finish line, earning All-State honors, finishing 22nd in 20:11.55.

According to Cyclone Head Coach Tammie Paulson, "With our goal of be-

ing on the podium, we knew we had to work through the pain and just keep moving forward."

The Class A race for both boys and girls is always a highly competitive endeavor, and the Cyclones encountered individual and team battles to fight for position. According to Coach Paulson, "This sport is such a mind game. We tried to instill in each runner that the goal was to take that person in front of you. In the last 400 meters of the race, look ahead and pick them off one by one."

The Cyclones are no strangers to state level competition, as many runners on the roster are now in their third or fourth season under Coach Paulson, and the confidence showed with their experience.

With Paulson's mix of youth and experience, the recipe was a successful one for meeting team goals and expectations. Although the newcomers to the team had some nerves, by the time the starting gun went off, it was business as usual for CWL.

"Our new runners were very nervous coming into the state meet," added Coach Paulson. "It is always good to get that first state meet behind you. I

feel that they saw what they could do, and they will use that to push even harder next year."

One such rookie was junior Will Hovde. Hovde got his first taste of state level competition in the highly competitive Class A boys' race in Rapid City. As the Cyclones' lone boys' varsity qualifier, Hovde navigated the race without the assurance of five other teammates to help push and pull him along. "Will shows very little emotion when he competes," added Coach Paulson. "As a lone runner in a large field, he did an awesome job of representing Clark-Willow Lake. We can only hope that he has a larger goal of competing at the state meet again next year as a senior."

For the Florence-Henry Falcons, Coach Stacey Busskohl delivered a seasoned veteran in three-time state qualifier Carson Vavruska and three newcomers including Austin Keller, Sierra Keller and Emma Caufield.

Vavruska had an outstanding senior season in both cross country and football, and his experience and leadership helped to shape a fledgling group.

According to Coach Busskohl, "This meet was Carson's third state meet in a row. He is a leader, and his experience showed by keeping his nerves in check, leading the team to get prepared for the race and reminding his teammates to enjoy the time they had there."

With every new experience, there is much to learn and absorb, and the Falcons were prepared and ready to take it on.

"The athletes all met their expectations by qualifying for state," added Coach Busskohl. "Running at the state meet this year was an excellent experience because the competition was amazing. The weather was incredible to run in. Their last week of practice prepared their minds to push themselves no matter how they would finish at state because they had already made it. Sierra and Carson ran their best times all year at state. My returning runners are excited for our next season and excited for track season!"

Class A State Cross Country Meet

Oct. 26 at Hart Ranch Camping Resort, Rapid City

Boys

**Team Results (top 5):** 1. Sioux Falls Christian 33, 2. Custer 65, 3. Dakota Valley 70, 4. West Central 80, 5. Hill City 93.

**Individual results (top 5 and area runners):** 1. Tate Grabow, HC, 16:17.50; 2. Gage Beverly, V, 16:33.34; 3. Jack Brown, DV, 16:36.29; 4. Josh Fletcher, SFC, 16:44.01; 5. Sean Shipp, Custer, 77. Carson Vavruska, Florence-Henry, 19:39.38; 106. Will Hovde, CWL, 20:56.52; Austin Keller, Florence-Henry, 20:59.20.

Girls

**Team Results:** 1. Sioux Falls Christian 15, 2. Lennox 82, 3. West Central 87, 4. Flandreau 100, 5. Clark/Willow Lake 110, 6. Dakota Valley 110, 7. Hill City 116, 8. Sioux Valley 129, 9. Milbank 130, 10. Chamberlain 141, 11. Vermillion 157, 12. Belle Fourche 183, 13. Deuel 221, 14. Platte-Geddes 235, 15. Custer 237, 16. Miller 275.

**Individual results (top 5 and area runners):** 1. Faith Wiese, FI, 18:27.59; 2. Ellie Maddox, SFC, 18:40.31; 3. Sadie Pettengill, 18:47.01; 4. Jerica Glasser, SFC, 18:48.80; 5. Sophia Redler, DV, 18:49.11; 22. Kamryn Nesheim, CWL, 20:11.55; 30. Jennifer Bevers, CWL, 20:40.58; 34. Emma Bochek, CWL, 20:55.12; 45. Sierra Keller, Florence-Henry, 21:21.59; 51. Faith Roehrich, CWL, 21:28.16; 58. Cadence Bochek, CWL, 21:37.77; 97. Emma Caufield, Florence-Henry 23:14.19; 117. Hadley Gjerde, CWL, 24:50.98.

### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
October 22.....	76	51	0
October 23.....	68	31	0
October 24.....	60	33	0
October 25.....	56	32	0.02
October 26.....	54	32	0
October 27.....	57	42	0
October 28.....	66	49	0
2024 precipitation to date	18.65"		
2023 precipitation to date	18.32"		

## CRP field, pasture blaze occurred Saturday northwest of Raymond

By Carolyn Olson

Ten local fire departments and two airplane sprayers fought to get a fire under control on Saturday northwest of Raymond. The blaze spanned one mile in width and three miles in length.

The fire started in a corner of a CRP field owned by Brian and Todd

Jenkins and spread west due to the wind affecting several pasturelands owned by Randy Hausvik, Nicholas Huber, Dwight Lyron, Rory Troske and Bob Meier.

There is still an ongoing investigation in this matter. Look for more information in next week's edition of the Clark County Courier.



## TRICK OR TREAT...IT'S HALLOWEEN!

All Hallows' Eve, better known as Halloween, is Thursday, October 31. Ghosts and goblins, spooks and all sorts of costumes, some even not so spooky, will be out in full force. The weather is forecasted to be cold and dry for trick-or-treating.

In the photo above, all dressed and excited for Halloween, are the children of Ty and Liza Linneman.

From left to right, seven-year-old Trigg is dressed as an anglerfish, four-year-old Rowdy is a Dillophosaurus dinosaur, and eight-year-old Stella is Bridget from Disney's Descendants: The Rise of Red. Stella chose her costume be-

cause she loves the movie for its music and thought it would be really fun to have pink hair. Trigg chose his costume because he loves and knows so many facts about the ocean. Rowdy loves all dinosaurs, and he knew he wanted to be a dinosaur, but had a hard time deciding which one to be. All three of the Linneman kids say their favorite things about Halloween are getting to dress up in cool costumes, usually getting to ride in their dad's combine in their costumes and of course all the sweet treats!

Photo Courtesy of Liza Linneman



Pictured above are the students from Clark High School and Henry High School who will be performing in All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Denny Premier Center in Sioux Falls this Saturday, November 2. In the left photo are Clark High School students, from left to right: Macy Ingraham, Jarrett Maynard, Leah Nelson and Waylan Olson. The right photo includes Henry High School students, from left to right: Ada Rider, Carson Kelly, Anya Fuller and Braeden Schoepp.

Submitted photos

## All State Choir is Saturday

By Carolyn Olson

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual All State Chorus and Orchestra Concert is Saturday, November 2 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. South Dakota Public Broadcasting will air the event live on their channel as well as on their website.

This year's chorus will be directed by Dr. Michael Hanawalt, the Associate Professor of Choral Conducting and Music Education at Florida State University. The orchestra will be conducted by Luis Viquez, Assistant Professor of Orchestral Studies and Instructor in Clarinet at the University of Rhode Island. Both the chorus and orchestra will spend two full days in rehearsals preparing for Saturday night's grand concert.

Students from both Clark and Henry High School are attending. There will be no students from Willow Lake attending this year. From Clark High School are soprano Macy Ingraham, alto Leah Nelson, tenor Waylan Olson and bass Jarrett Maynard. "Music is challenging again this year, but we are ready and excited to get to Sioux Falls," said Amy Nelsen, band and vocal director at Clark High School.

From Henry High School are soprano Ada Rider, alto Anya Fuller, tenor Braeden Schoepp and bass Carson Kelly. "The kids have been working hard this year to learn the music, and some are in a foreign language," said Carrie Kwasniewski, band and vocal director at Henry High School. "They are feeling pretty confident about most of them!"



## Hagstrom home festively decorated for Halloween

All ready for ghouls and goblins! Pictured above is Shane and Stephanie Hagstrom's home located at 306 North Smith Street in Clark all decked out for the Halloween holiday. Several festive elements are shown above, including a purple spider on the house's roof, pumpkins placed on their porch, blow up decorations in their yard and a tall scary witch near the front steps of their home, ready to greet trick or treaters tomorrow evening.

The Hagstrom family have lived in their home for 13 years raising their three daughters, Chloe, Hannah and Nora. Shane works at NorthWestern Energy, and Stephanie is a kindergarten teacher at Clark Elementary School. Halloween is Shane's favorite time of year.

Says Stephanie, "Each year, I invite my students to come trick or treat at my house. It's been kind of a tradition." Trick or treaters are encouraged to make the Hagstrom house a must stop when they are out and about on Halloween.

Photo by Carolyn Olson