



**Good luck Cyclone athletes in post season tournaments.**

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## Clark County Development Corporation is up and running and looking for an Executive Director

Economic Development. A vital organization to a community of any size. The Clark County Development Corporation (CCDC) has been created with a board of directors, advisory directors, a mission statement and bylaws.

According to the mission statement: The Clark County Development Corporation is committed to improving our economy by promoting business growth, increasing housing opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. To get to this point has been a roughly six-month process.

The initial Board of Directors has been established and officers elected. Greg Janisch is the president, Warren Brandlee is vice president, Kristin Vandernick, secretary and Brandon Herr, treasurer.

Board of Directors members are: Warren Brandlee, Brandon Herr, Chad Jager, Greg Janisch, Jared Knock, Kristin Vandernick, and Luanne Warren. With Chad Jager's move to Mobridge, the group has asked Kathy McHenry of Clark to take his seat on the board.

Advisory board members include Clark Mayor John Pollock, Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell, Clark County Commissioner Bob Bjerke and Clark Industrial Development

chairman Kyle Gaikowski.

Board president Janisch stated that the newly formed CCDC has been meeting twice a month to get organized.

"It's quite a learning curve for all of us, but I feel we have a good plan as well as a very good group of volunteers and we feel we have the community (ies) behind us. A lot of good can come out of this," said the board president.

The bylaws are being drafted, the federal employee identification number application is in progress, the 501 (c) 3 application is in progress and Articles of Incorporation

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#### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 12 .....	18	4	.16
Feb. 13.....	4	-9	0
Feb. 14.....	20	-5	0
Feb. 15.....	5	-15	.02
Feb. 16.....	6	-15	0
Feb. 17.....	17	4	.05
Feb. 18.....	17	-3	0
2019 precipitation to date	1.69		
2018 precipitation to date	0.21		



## The first to close is the last to be honored

The first school to close and come to Clark, more than a half century ago, is the last school to be honored at halftime of a basketball game. Logan School District No. 13 has records going back to 1891 then known as the Stenning School. The actual Logan School began in 1914-1915.

Last Friday, during halftime of the Cyclones versus Redfield-Doland,

Logan School was honored.

Honorees include, left to right, Dale Helkenn, Lavonne Helkenn, Lorraine Logan, Gene Bethke, John Foiles, Joyce Helkenn, Lonnie Reidburn, Shirley Brenden, Wayne Schlagel, Carla Cornelius, Lynette Flint, Terry Schlagel and Charlie Cornelius.

## 2019 South Dakota State Legislature has a little bit of everything

As the 2019 South Dakota State Legislature has 15 days left in the session, the three District 2 legislators held the Clark Cracker Barrel, Monday, at the Ulyot Building.

The two-hour informative question and answer session began with Clark County Farm Bureau representative Lee Kopriva introducing Rep. Kaleb Weis, Rep. Lana Greenfield and Sen. Brock Greenfield to the 20 in attendance.

Weis is a freshman legislator, Greenfield is in her second term, Sen. Greenfield, is in his 10th term, starting his 19th year and is the President Pro Tempore of the SD Senate.

Sen. Greenfield, who has been in the legislature, either the house or the senate since 2000, showed his experience and knowledge expertise, going into detail on each

and every topic brought up at the Cracker Barrel.

Roy Gjerde, Vienna, brought up the first topic, that the Senate is looking at tighter restrictions on young drivers. He is in favor of leaving the licensing policies as is.

In South Dakota, 14-year olds can obtain an instruction permit that allows them to drive from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Because more fatalities to younger drivers have happened in recent years, the Senate Transportation Committee is taking a closer look at raising the driving age.

This basically is a rural versus urban question in the state and with almost half of the state's legislators living in urban areas, it could become a safety issue and be raised, much to the dismay of rural South Dakotans.



The 2019 District 2 Legislative Cracker Barrel was held Monday, President's Day, at the Ulyot Building, in Clark. Introducing the lawmakers is Farm Bureau president Lee Kopriva. The three District 2 legislators are, left to right, Rep. Kaleb Weis, Sen. Brock Greenfield and Rep. Lana Greenfield.

As the three legislators were on their smart phones trying to track this licensing legislation, it brought up another bill of interest, texting

while driving. Said Rep. Greenfield, "This bill is not what you can't do, rather what you can do."

Whether or not students in South Dakota should have to pass a civics test in order to graduate is also making the rounds in Pierre.

Gov. Kristi Noem made increasing civics education one of her campaign themes and several senators are trying to carry out this mandate. The department of education is on board with a civics education test, but as the legislators explained, it may take a bit of 'tweaking' to make it workable.

Rep. Weis then commented on how he has observed the excitement and intensity of education committees. He is a member of commerce and industry committees.

Nursing homes are facing a tough time in South Dakota, especially

rural nursing homes.

All three legislators felt urgency to do something above and beyond the normal in state aid. South Dakota, it was said, has the lowest paid Medicaid reimbursement in the country and that is the root of the problem.

"It is a real concern," said Deb Waples, head nurse at the Clark Care and Rehab Center. She also told the District 2 legislators, "In our small community it is so important." She surmised that in the future more individuals will stay in assisted living centers that in reality need nursing home care. Waples speculated that 60 percent of those in all South Dakota nursing homes are Medicaid recipients. The legis-

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## Kolden nets 2,000 points!!

▲ Six-year varsity player; Three-time All-Stater

2,000 points. Most athletes only dream about an accomplishment such as this, but last Friday night against Aberdeen Roncalli, Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone senior Janae Kolden made two first quarter free throws, giving her 2,000 points for her illustrious varsity career.

Playing varsity basketball since seventh grade, Kolden is a three-time All-Stater and now a 2,000-point scorer. She is the daughter of Gary and Betsy Kolden. She is the one holding the basketball. For players' names and more, turn to page 7.



## Seven wrestling Cyclones State B bound

These seven Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestlers qualified for the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament this weekend in Rapid City.

In order to wrestle this coming weekend, at State, the wrestler had to place in the top four of his weight class at Region 1B, in Redfield.

Three Cyclones won the Region 1B championships: Brandan Gehrke at 160; Landon Werdel at 170 and Caleb Orris at 182. Gage Burke was second at

152. Placing third were Gunnar Kvistad at 106, Lucas Kannegieter at 120 and Chase Chambers at 132.

The Clark-Willow Lake wrestlers who will be wrestling at the Class B this weekend include, front row, left to right, Chase Chambers, Lucas Kannegieter and Gunnar Kvistad. Back row, left to right, Caleb Orris, Landon Werdel, Gage Burke and Brandan Gehrke.