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Clark School opt-out public meeting to be Monday, March 4

The Clark School Board is scheduling a public meeting for Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform the residents of Clark School District 12-2 that plans are going forward with an opt-out to the tax freeze for 2013-2014.

opt-out public meeting scheduled for March 4. Superintendent Brian Heupel and business manager Heidi Sigdestad had a Power Point presentation for the school board at the Monday meeting regarding facts and figures which have led to this point, requesting an opt-out.

stated Heupel, as he wants to be very clear and precise with his numbers and presentation at the upcoming public meeting. Anytime an opt-out is called for, Heupel noted that one and all must realize that it is the general fund of the school budget that needs assistance, and 85 percent of the general fund deals with salaries and benefits.

the committee included Michelle, Mehlberg, Supt. Heupel, Mr. Hartley, Heidi Sigdestad, Kim Seefeldt, Bob Bauman, Julie Foster, John Arthur, Greg Janisch, Luanne Warren, Andy Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Mike Waldner and Bruce Paulson.

John Arthur and Julie Foster, past board members at this committee meeting, stated that these cuts of \$500,000 in a ten-year period are really a savings of \$500,000 each year, as the savings in one year from current cuts is savings in future years, as well.

committee meeting, he expressed to the school board his desire of board input. "We have many tough questions that need answers and the success of this meeting (March 4) and the eventual outcome will be determined by our united ability and our presentation of this opt-out."

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Project-based geometry students Cory Lowrie, Blaze Fischer and Brady Atherton work on smoothing out the rough edges of a project that just came off the plasma cutting table. This table and the computer-aided design (CAD) computers that operate it are new

to the class, which was added to Clark High School's curriculum this school year. Paul Streff teaches this class at his P-4 Manufacturing business in the industrial park, east of Clark.

Plasma cutter enhances classroom activities

Students at Clark High School who take Paul Streff's project-based geometry class now get to work with a HyperTherm plasma cutter. New to the class this year, projects are going a lot faster with the new plasma cutter and table set-up which is all run by computer.

is step one. Then, learning on the CAD (computer-aided design) computers is essential, as the computers tell the machine what to do in cutting and designing the parts," said Streff. The plasma cutter was obtained in July and a grant helped in the purchase of the CAD computers and a storage unit that holds them.

taught by Streff with ten students in the class and four of them also take the geometry course. This is the first year for the project-based geometry class. Sophomores make up the majority of this class. Students have the option to take this class or a geometry class taught by Miss Sprouse.

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Ag land valuations continue to be on the rise in Clark County

The 2013 Clark County assessment valuations will be mailed out by March 1, 2013 and the value of your property is dependent upon what type of property you own and where it is located.

The Director of Equalization office's total valuation for 2013 is \$730,000,000, up from \$631,000,000 in 2012. "Our average assessed value will go from \$875.00 per acre in 2012 to approximately \$1,050.00 per acre in 2013," said Paulson, and he noted that ag land in Clark County is still only being assessed at 25 percent of the average sales price.

example, mean increasing ag land values about three to four times," he said. "The amount of increase in valuation does not mean the tax will increase that same percentage. Factors such as levies, budgets, current level of assessments all enter in to the valuation equation."

Ag land valuations (continued on page 3)

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 12	27	13	0
Feb. 13	34	20	0
Feb. 14	27	4	0
Feb. 15	17	2	0
Feb. 16	23	13	0
Feb. 17	34	18	0
Feb. 18	27	-11	tr
2013 precipitation to date	1.15"		
2012 precipitation to date	0.59"		



The three legislators from District 2 - left to right, Rep. Burt Tulson, Rep. Brock Greenfield and Sen. Chuck Welke - were in Clark Monday to meet with their local constituents. Jim Kopriva, left, of Clark County Farm Bureau made introductions, starting with Sen. Welke.

Voters discuss legislative issues at Cracker Barrel

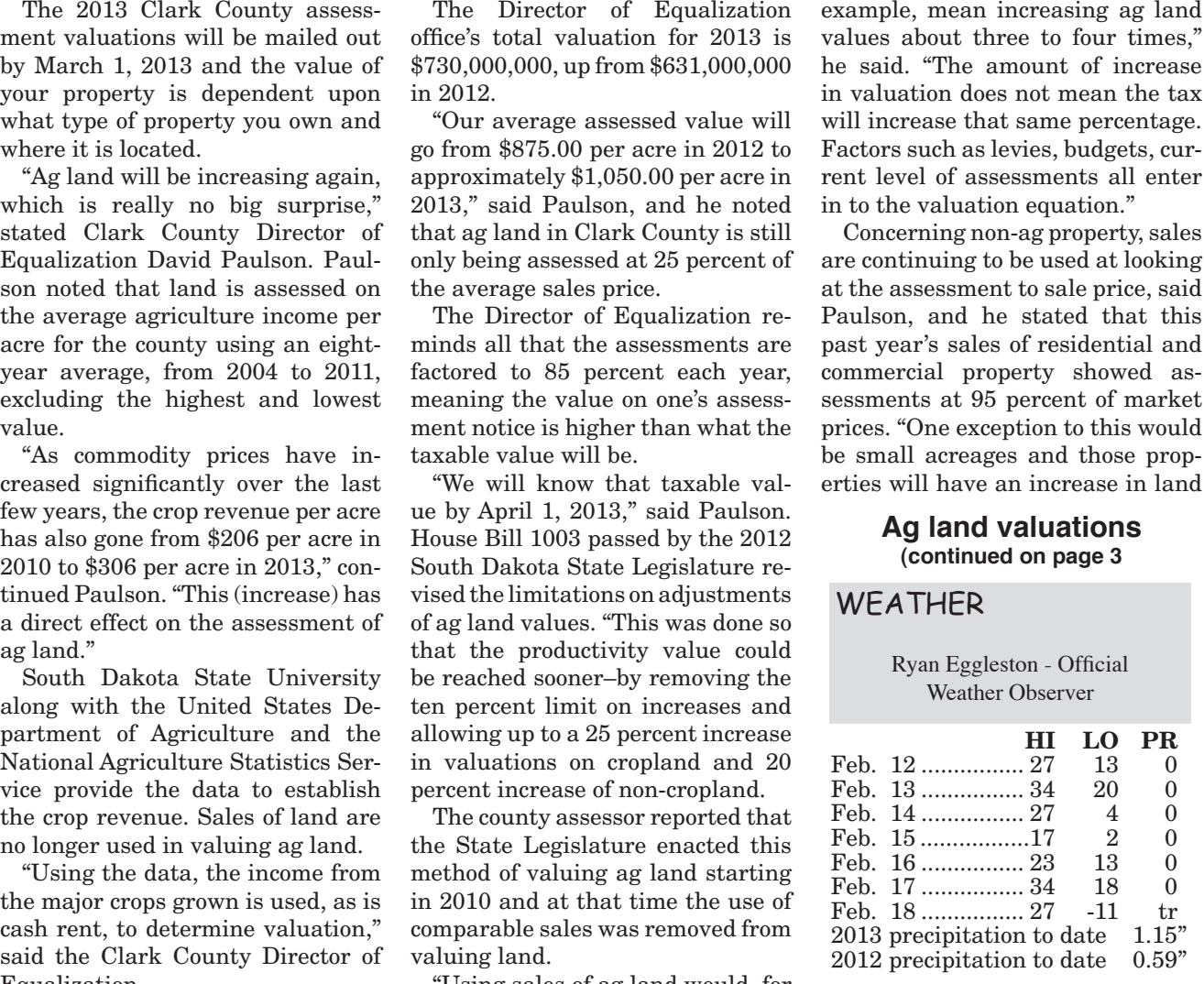
The Clark Area 2013 Legislative Cracker Barrel was held Monday, President's Day, at the Ulylot Building. The crowd wasn't huge, with probably thirty or so in attendance, but there was a great deal of discussion of substantive issues and the group was informed of the goings on in Pierre this session.

1135, a bill dealing with drainage and public/private flooding. "I spent 10 hours researching, planning testimony and after three amendments it passed with 37 votes in the House and now goes to the Senate." Water access and drainage discussion monopolized much of the Cracker Barrel with several proposed bills talked about including SB 179, a bill to create a "uniform county drainage permit application form".

School Sentinel The school sentinel bill, HB 1087, proposes armed 'sentinels' at schools in the state, if the local boards so choose. The bill has passed the House and now has gone to the Senate. "I don't think most school people are in favor of this," said Sen. Welke, a retired educator. "It would be up to the local boards."

Drainage Rep. Greenfield brought up HB

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Six wrestling Cyclones State 'B' bound!

These Cyclones and their coaches will represent Clark-Willow Lake at the South Dakota State 'B' Wrestling Tournament this Friday and Saturday, at Aberdeen. In order to qualify for the State 'B', the wrestler had to place in the top four in his division at Region 1 B, at Redfield, Saturday.

The Cyclones had two Region 1 B champions, Jakob Weisbrod, left and Logan Tonak, right, in the back row. They both pinned their way to the championship! In the third row are, left to right, Kane LaPlante

(4th) and Kevin Schuelke (4th). In the second row are, left, Wyatt Burke (3rd) and Jess Karber (4th). (For more on Region 1 B finishes, turn to page 9.) In the front row are the cheerleaders and managers, including left to right, Megan Schuelke, Nicolette Schmidt, Hannah Knack, Sioux Schuelke, Michaela Johnson, Jennifer Tonak and Megan Warkenthien. Clark-Willow Lake co-head wrestling coaches are Cord Glanzer and Chad Smidt. Rory Burke is the assistant. Marlene Schuelke is the cheer coach. Photo by Renae Burke