

## Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday services

Next Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday begins the Easter Lenten Season with most churches in the area starting the first of a season of worship services.

In Clark, a community service with communion will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 6:30 p.m. for the Ash Wednesday service with a meal being served starting at 5:30 p.m. prior to worship.

Saint Michael Catholic Church in Clark will hold their Mass with distribution of Ashes at 7:00 p.m. In Henry, at St. Henry's Catholic Church, the Ash Wednesday service will be at 4:00 p.m.

The Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.

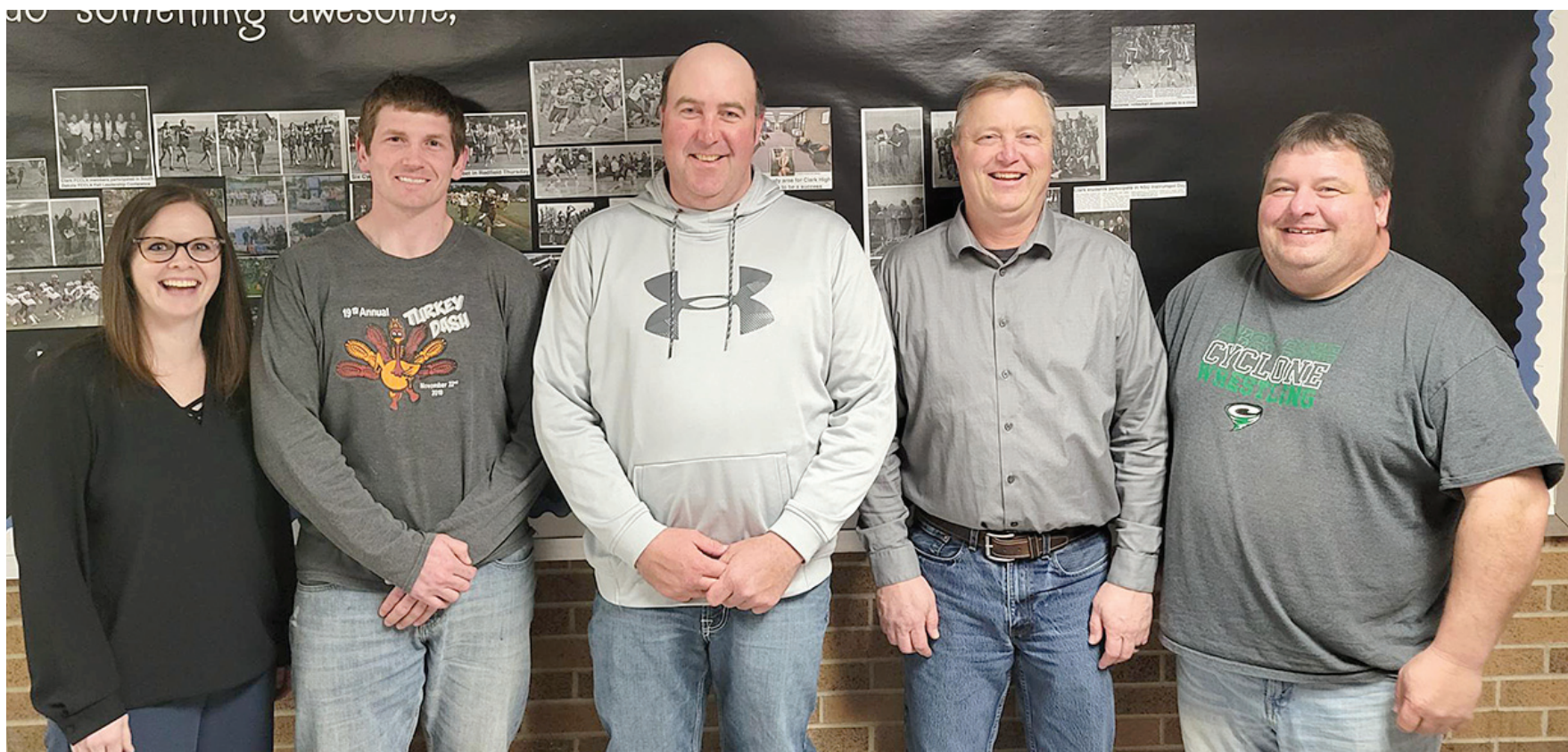
In Carpenter, the United Methodist Church will have services at 7:00 p.m.

There will be an Ash Wednesday service held at 7:00 p.m. on February 22 at Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake.

Moving forward with the Clark Ecumenical Lenten series, the first Wednesday Lenten service will be held on March 1 with a 6:30 p.m. service at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. A 5:30 p.m. meal will be served prior to worship.

A 6:30 p.m. worship for the remainder of Lenten season, along with a 5:30 p.m. meal being served prior to services, will be held with the dates and locations being: March 8 at the United Methodist Church; March 15 at Plymouth UCC; March 22 at St. Paul Lutheran and March 29 at the United Methodist Church.

Holy Week morning devotions have been planned for the week of April 3-7 at the Plymouth UCC church at 7:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday services will be held at the Plymouth UCC Church on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Good Friday worship will be April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Assembly of God Church.



Pictured above from left to right are Malory McIntire, Greg Marx, Nathan Luvaas, Todd Fjelland and Bob Steffen. The above mentioned individuals make up the Clark School Board.

The week of February 20 to 24 has been dedicated by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota as School Board Recognition Week, honoring locally elected education leadership.

The members were presented with the honor at the February school board meeting.

## School Board Recognition Week is February 20-24

In addition to recognizing the school board members for their educational leadership, the February school board meeting revisited some of the recent months topics.

Board members discussed the Capitol Outlay budget for the 2023-24 school year. There are plans to replace carpeting and flooring in

some of the school rooms including the library and the old IT room. The carpeting work is slated to be completed this summer.

The board approved the new district policy on Student Restraint and Seclusion that was discussed at the previous school board meeting. There was no policy in place previously.

An update on the Public Solicitation policy to include new guidelines was approved. The new verbiage to be included in the policy is specifically in regards to prohibiting public solicitations at school including bingo, lotteries and advertising.

The field house recently received new exercise equipment, and the board added a list of items needed to be surplussed from the previous equipment.

The next Clark School Board Meeting will be held March 6 at 6:30 p.m.



## Three Clark High School students earn spots in the SDSU Honor Band

Three Clark High School students submitted auditions and earned spots in the SDSU Honor Band for Saturday, February 25. Waylan Olson, left, will play bass clarinet in the Honor Wind Ensemble. He is the son of Casey and Melissa Olson and a sophomore at Clark High School. Leah Nelson, center, will be first chair alto saxophone in the Festival Band. She is a freshman at Clark High School and the daughter of Bruce and Amy Nelson. Jarrett Maynard, right, will play bass trombone in the Festival Band as well. He is the son of Jory and Shawna Maynard and a freshman at Clark High School. The Clark High School band director is Amy Nelson.

The SDSU concert is Saturday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the Oscar Larson Performance Hall on the campus at SDSU. Admission is free.

## Clark High School Pops Concert is Monday night

The annual Clark School Pops Concert, featuring the Clark School bands and choirs, will be next Monday, February 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Clark High School gym. Amy Nelson is the band and choral director.

The program will include: the sixth grade band playing *La Bambina* and *Mamma Mia*.

The 7-12 band will be performing *Never Enough*, *Game of Thrones* and *Baba Yetu*.

For the vocal presentations, the sixth grade choir will be singing *Brave* and *Try Everything*. The seventh and eighth grade choir will sing *You'll Be in My Heart* from *Tarzan* and *Breakaway*. The 9-12 choir will sing *Stitches*, *Someone You Loved* and *A Thousand Years*.

## Annual Legislative Cracker Barrel held on President's Day

In keeping with tradition, a Legislative Cracker Barrel hosted by Clark Farm Bureau and Clark County Farmers Union was held at the Clark Golf Club at 10:00 a.m. on President's Day.

Seven legislators were present, and over 20 people attended. Participating were Senators David Wheeler, District 22 – Huron and John Wiik, District 4 – Big Stone City, along with Representatives Hugh Bartels, District 5 – Watertown, Roger Chase, District 22 – Huron, Steph Sauder, District 4 – Bryant, Fred Deutsch, District 4 – Watertown.

With Clark County now divided

into separate districts, more representatives speak for our area. Issues being considered by this legislative session include preventing China and other foreign investors from owning agricultural land in South Dakota, especially near Ellsworth Air Force Base. It seems most people agree that something must be done to prevent enemies from owning pieces of South Dakota; how to go about it brings some debate. As our allies and enemies may be different down the road, how do we specifically limit enemies from buying land? Buyer's disclosure statements were suggested as a possible solution.

Another hot-button issue this session has been the CO2 pipeline. Concern was raised about eminent domain taking farmland to build a CO2 pipeline through the state. The pipeline is important to the ethanol industry. According to South Dakota Corn Utilization Council and South Dakota Corn Growers Association, ethanol production consumes more than half of the corn that is harvested in South Dakota. A concern from the landowners' standpoint is that when eminent domain is exercised, they don't undervalue the land.

Senator Wheeler stated, "Whether you believe climate change...is

not really relevant to what we're

**Cracker Barrel**  
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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
February 14	40	18	0
February 15	39	5	0.30
February 16	11	2	0
February 17	18	1	0
February 18	27	6	0
February 19	38	16	0
February 20	27	22	0
2023 precipitation to date	0.83		
2022 precipitation to date	0.30		



## Six Cyclone wrestlers are State bound

These six Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestlers qualified for the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament, this Thursday through Saturday in Rapid City.

Pictured left to right are Danielle Batchelor, Chase Chambers, Josh Kannegieter, Elliot Bratland, Cooper Pommer and Austin Vig.

Photo by Christina Kannegieter