



Junior Caleb Orris is undefeated, at 47-0 on the year and is the 170 lb. Class B State Champion! Orris defeated Nathan Bauer of Mobridge-Pollock in the state finals at the state tournament in Sioux Falls.

Senior Josh Weisbrod celebrates his 138 lb. State B Championship with Cyclone head coach Ryan Larsen, with sister Sarah waiting to congratulate him.

Photos by Renaee Burke



Cyclones finish sixth at State B Wrestling

▲ Undefeated Orris and Weisbrod win state titles; W. Burke is second

It was a great weekend for Clark-Willow Lake wrestling! The Cyclones finished sixth as a team, bringing home the sixth place plaque, along with two individual champions, a second place finish, a fifth place finish and an eighth place finish.

"Proud would be an understatement," said a very pleased and satisfied Ryan Larsen, head coach of the Cyclone wrestling program.

Larsen was quick to pass credit around, of course to the stand out wrestlers, his assistants Greg Marx and Chase Lettau, and the parents. "I really rely on those guys (Marx and Lettau) and when a plan comes together like it did Saturday, it's a wonderful team effort feeling," said Larsen.

The Cyclones had two individual state champions - senior Josh Weisbrod at 138 pounds and junior Ca-

leb Orris at 170 - and nearly had a third when senior Wyatt Burke fell to top-seeded and unbeaten Cooper Baloun of Redfield Area 2-1 in the 195-pound title match.

In the end, the Cyclones got on the podium for a sixth-place finish with 83 points.

"Bringing home this sixth place hardware and two champions and a second place is a really big deal," said Larsen. "It's a first time for us

medaling at state as a team." Larsen said last week that he knew the Cyclones, who finished third in Region IB behind Redfield-Doland and Sisseton, would finish higher at state than those two teams.

"Caleb, Josh and Wyatt are getting all the ink and deservedly so," said Larsen and he went on to praise the fifth place finish by Gage Burke and the eighth place finish

by Landon Werdel. "Gage and Landon were both knocking off seeded wrestlers who had beat them earlier in the year. I think Gage had ice in his veins as every match at state he was trailing heading into the third period and he wrestled like a seasoned veteran.

"Landon upset the fifth seed in the opening round and he wrestled as well as I've seen him wrestle in the three years I've been involved in

the program." When talking about the two state champions, Orris, at 170 and Weisbrod, at 138, Larsen stated, "Caleb's win gave us the sixth place medal and Josh's win was just icing on the cake," as the Class B finals started at 152 lbs. and ended with the 145 match, voted on for the finale by the fans, so Orris was the first

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Unique procedure uses gas bubble to save eyesight



One would never know to look at her, that Kathy Weber went through an eye surgery. Looking back and thankful that she acted timely, Weber woke up one morning this summer with blurry center vision which turned out to be a macular hole in her eye - much different than macular degeneration. An inserted gas bubble in the eye was the healing process - the procedure done in Sioux Falls at Ophthalmology LTD.

"It was like someone put oil on my eyeglasses - right in the center of my vision." This was the condition that Kathy Weber 'just woke up with' one summer day this past July. "I thought maybe the light was bad or my glasses were dirty. I'd close one eye and then the other to

compare and nothing would make it better. "I've always had good vision over the years and have just needed glasses to read since I've gotten older, so this was different and a bit scary. One's eyesight is so important," continued Weber. It turned out to be a macular hole - in her eye she found out.

"I was told if I had gotten this 10 years ago, I would have lost my sight in my right eye," stated Weber.

"There's nothing that you did to cause it and there's nothing you can do to make it better but surgery" her eye specialist told her.

Having macular degeneration in the family history as her mother Marjorie Seefeldt suffered from that in her later years, Weber knew that it was important to tend to eye changes as soon as possible.

She went from her local eye doctor to an eye specialist and then ended up in Sioux Falls at Ophthalmology LTD with Dr. Ryan Geraets doing a procedure to fix the hole in the back of her eye.

She was first told it was a cataract and the next step was to see a specialist at a later date.

"I just felt that there was something wrong - more than a cataract. And with the family history I have, I called to see if I could get in earlier," stated Weber regarding the eye specialist - which she was able to do.

From there she was referred to

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Sixty-one Clark musicians heading to Florida for nine days, leaving March 22

In the music room at the Clark High School, a countdown sign with Mickey Mouse heads notes how many days are left before March 22, 2018. This is the date when 61 students, 21 chaperones and two music directors will leave for their much anticipated music trip to Disney World, Universal Studios, Daytona Speedway and Cocoa Beach, Fla. where some may get their first view of the Atlantic Ocean.

"The closer it gets, the more excited we are for the trip," noted Lola Bartels, music director. This will be her fourth time on the music trip which began back in 2006. Since then Clark music students have taken this trip to perform in 2010 and 2014. Every four years was the original plan so that every high school student in music will get a chance to go. Currently seventh and eighth grade choir members are being included as well to



Seniors Alexandria Thomas and Keith Myrvoid are very much so looking forward to their upcoming music trip to Orlando, Fla. Disney World, Cocoa Beach, Universal Studios, Daytona Speedway and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Mo. are on the itinerary for 61 students, 21 chaperones and two music directors.

The Clark High School band and seventh and eighth grade and high school choir members will perform on Monday, March 26 at Disney Springs.

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Jerry Hartley named Region 1 Principal of the Year for 2018

Clark High School principal Jerry Hartley has been named the Region 1 Principal of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. Region 1 is the northeast region.

Hartley's release reads: Hartley received his bachelor's degree from Northern State University. Thirteen years later he completed his master's degree from South Dakota State University and four years ago, his specialist degree from the University of Sioux Falls.

His career in education started at Waverly High School where he



Jerry Hartley

National Read Across America Week

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, February 26 through March 2 is designated as National Read Across America Week. The National Education Association is calling America's children, both young and old alike, to reward their learning by celebrating by reading.

During this week of school, the Clark School will celebrate reading with fun dress up days. Each day has been paired with a famous Dr. Seuss book.

Monday was Crazy Socks day with the books being "Sleep Book" and "Fox and Socks". Tuesday was Hat Day and the book was "500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins".

The fun continues on Wednesday, Shirt with a Place day and the book is "Oh, The Places You Can Go".

Thursday, March 1, is Twins day with the book being "The Cat in the Hat".

Friday, March 2 is Funny Food Friday and Wear Green and the book is "The Cat in the Hat".

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Feb. 20	8	-13	0
Feb. 21	14	-12	0
Feb. 22	25	1	.14
Feb. 23	17	-11	0
Feb. 24	21	-3	.18
Feb. 25	23	2	0
Feb. 26	32	8	0
2018 precipitation to date			0.53
2017 precipitation to date			0.42

Election to be held for Henry School Board

▲ Clark, Willow Lake do not need elections

April 10, 2018, is Municipal Election Day in South Dakota. Last Friday, February 23 was the last day to file a petition. Thus far the only election in the area will be at Henry School, where three people will be vying for two, three-year terms on the school board. Incumbent David Fuller, James Owen and Paul Johnson will be on the ballot in April. Board president Neil Jensen chose not to run for re-election.

In Willow Lake an election will not be needed. Mayor Del Bratland, Matt Kadinger, councilman in Ward

I and Steve Johnson in Ward II, all filed a petition. Ward II incumbent Duane Seefeldt chose not to file.

In the city of Clark no election will be necessary. In Ward I, Brian Cook filed his petition; in Ward II, no one filed and in Ward III, Andrew Zemlicka filed. Cook and Zemlicka are both currently on the city council. In Ward II, the Mayor will need to appoint someone to fill Louann Streff's position. Streff chose to not file after more than a decade on the council.