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## Oscar's celebrates 25 years under Buster Altfillisch



Oscar's Machine Shop hit the 25 year mark, under the management of Buster Altfillisch in Clark. From left to right, Buster, Todd Altfillisch, Mike Wilson and Mike Geise, make up the crew that is up to the task of making, fixing or assembling whatever job

comes in to the metal shop. Sever, Oscar and Bob Forest were the predecessors in the machine shop business in Clark County, starting first in Raymond in 1917, then moving to Clark in 1946.

"I promise to keep the high standards of quality and cleanliness that have made this shop what it is today. We will continue the fine tradition set by the Forests in the 70 years since the shop was founded," stated Buster Altfillisch, 25 years ago in March of 1988 when he went in partnership with Willie Collins and bought Oscar's Machine Shop.

Bob Forest is who sold his part of the business to Altfillisch and he stayed on a couple weeks to show Buster his experience in welding and how to run the lathe and milling machine. Formerly Buster was farming south of Clark and only welded on his own equipment.

"Bob hand picked me to come in here. He just about made me buy it, it was such a good offer," noted Altfillisch.

Oscar Forest, Bob's father, built the machine shop (which is currently their warehouse location) back in 1945 and relocated from Raymond the next year. He worked with his son Bob for a while until Bob took over in 1959. Bob's grandfather Sever Forest opened a 100 x 40 blacksmith shop and garage in Raymond in 1917. He taught his son Oscar the art of metal working and blacksmithing and in turn

Oscar taught Bob. Then in 1988, Bob taught Buster and keeping in tradition eight years ago, Buster brought his son Todd into the business, showing him all he has learned. "That's been a really good thing, bringing Todd into the business. He can do more than I can do. He's busy all the time," says Buster with a grin.

### Early years

Buster started in partnership with Willie Collins and worked with him for several years. Collins had become a partner with Bob Forest in 1964. Following Collins, Terry Kaufman was a partner for six years. Around this time, Leonard Kaufman also helped out for a few years in the shop.

A year and a half after buying into the business, the Big A Auto Store next door came up for sale. The building had also been Brekke Chevrolet and Peterson Motors previously. Buster and Willie purchased the building and renovated it to make it more compatible to what they needed. Their former building is now used as a warehouse and also houses a big saw and iron cutter.

In the early years of Altfillisch's business, the potato industry gen-

erated a lot of income. "Potato harvesting equipment is high maintenance. I used to raise potatoes myself when I farmed. McCains potato processing plant and the spin-off that they generated with all of the potato growers brought a lot of business to our shop. Whiskey River Cattle which used their by-products were also good customers. When McCains closed, then Whiskey River, we lost two really great customers that year," commented Altfillisch. "After that we bought a CNC plasma cutter machine and started making parts and doing artwork. Custom retail has been a good thing for us. They will give us an idea and we'll sit down and work with them. We've accumulated a nice big inventory now of different designs over the years. We're on our second plasma cutter, wore the last one out."

Continued Altfillisch, "Technology used to be more expensive but over the years it's become more affordable and has really made life easier around here. What used to take an hour with a machine and lathe now takes only minutes.

"I had to learn more about com-

### Oscar's

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## City holds public hearing on wastewater treatment project

The second city council meeting held in March is for equalization purposes, but the big story of the March 18 meeting of the Clark City Council dealt with ongoing plans of the city's wastewater treatment project.

As Clark Mayor Larry Dreher began discussion during the public hearing scheduled for the wastewater treatment project, he talked of

the first hurdle the city needs to get over for the project - the acquiring of land for a total retention pond.

"The state is talking that we need 240 acres and I'd be happy with 160 acres," Dreher said, and he continued how this is a huge key in going forward with the project. "The big thing here is finding someone willing to sell property to the city," said Dreher.

Eminent Domain is the ability of a government entity to acquire property for projects, such as this, but Mayor Dreher stated that he would much rather have a land owner consent to selling before he would force someone to sell land to the city so a lagoon could be built on

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## Holy Week Lenten morning services at UCC in Clark

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. The traditional morning worship Lenten services will begin on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Clark. To start off the week, Pastor Fawn Lamb will be giving the devotions on Monday morning. On Tuesday, Pastor Donna Nickels will be giving the

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## 28th annual Pro Pheasant banquet is Friday, April 5

The Clark County Pro Pheasant 28th annual banquet is Friday, April 5 at the Clark American Legion Hall.

The Pro Pheasant Banquet annually is held the last Friday in March, except when Easter falls on that Sunday. Such is the case in 2013, and that is why the Clark County Pro Pheasant Banquet will be held Friday, April 5.

Clark County Pro Pheasants

Club president Bob Steffen said that the organization is committed to working with their members to increase the pheasant population in Clark County.

In 2012 the organization enrolled 347 acres in the food plot program in Clark County. They also helped members in releasing 1,500 fertile hens in Clark County

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## Cyclones claim consolation championship at State 'A'

Heading into the South Dakota State 'A' Boys Basketball Tournament the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones were the number one seed with an unblemished 21-0 record to that point. So, expectations were extremely high as the number one seed played the eighth seeded Platte-Geddes Black Panthers in the State 'A' Tournament opener.

The Black Panthers squashed all dreams of a Cyclone state championship run, downing Clark-Willow Lake, 66-51.

It would be interesting to see how Clark-Willow Lake would bounce back and true to form, the Cyclones did, defeating Spearfish 61-53, in the first consolation round game and then defeating Aberdeen

Roncalli, 58-56 to claim the State 'A' consolation championship.

"Ending the year 23-1 is still pretty impressive," stated Cyclone head coach Jerome Nesheim after the state tournament. "Even though we didn't come home with a state championship, we still had a very successful season. These boys gave everything they had for

24 games and 54 practices, playing through injuries, bumps and bruises. They competed every day to make themselves better. A true definition of a team that would refuse to lose. They never panicked in close games, they worked every day at doing things right. You can't control winning or losing but you can control your effort and attitude. When you give a good effort with a good attitude, winning is a by-product.

"We say goodbye to a great group of seniors, Torrey Kolden, Skyler Flatten, Lane Hovde, Andrew Wegner, Rhett Florey and Keagan Swanhorst. They provided great leadership and showed the younger kids how hard you have to work in order to have a lot of success. Hard work always pays off, it may not pay off tomorrow or even next year, but eventually it always pays off. These guys have shown that. They started working at doing things right as freshmen and it paid off when they were seniors."

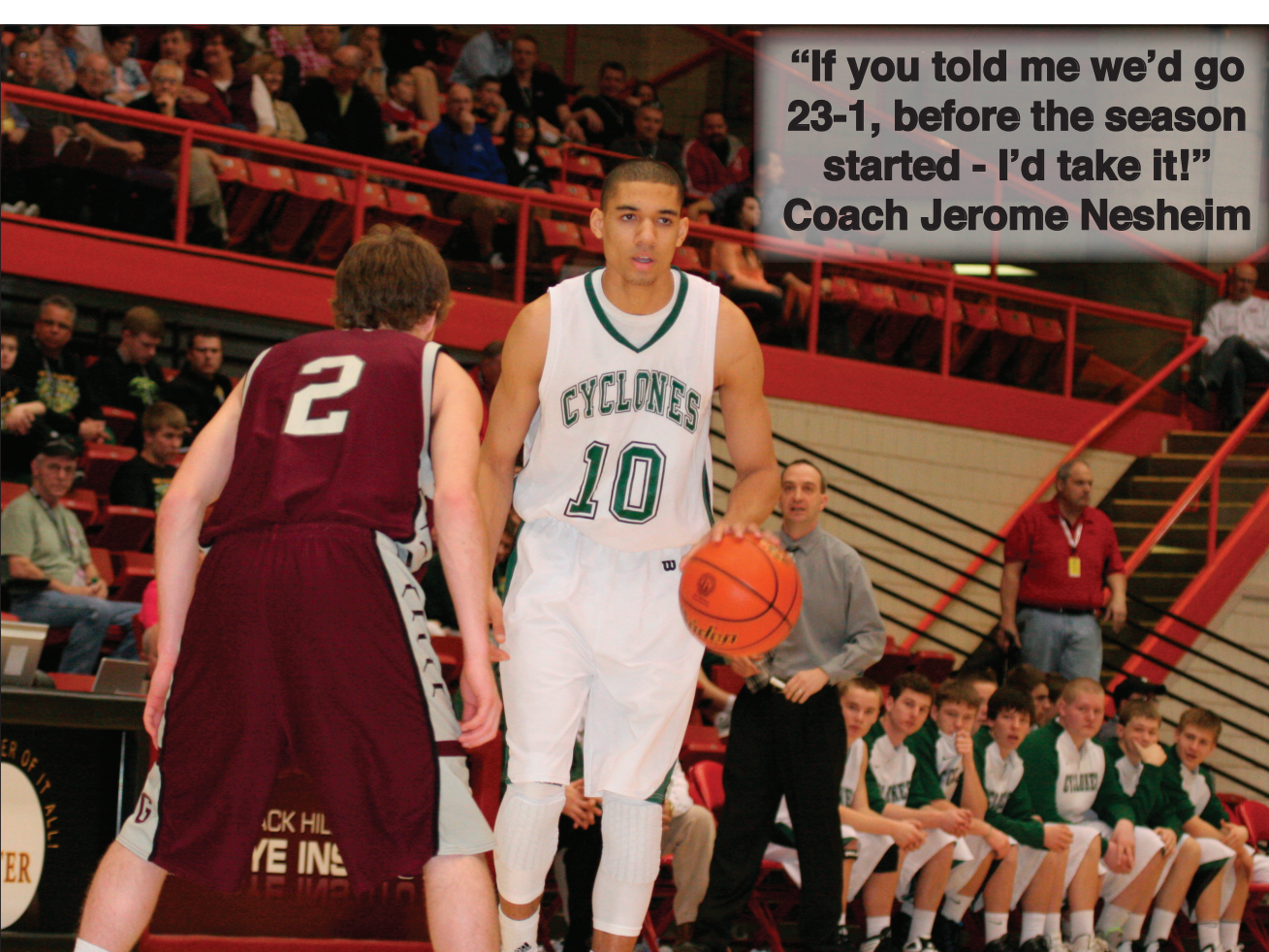
Coach Nesheim then emphasized that opportunities are what it is all about and why the team works as hard as it does 12 months out of the year.

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 12.....	25	12	0
Mar. 13.....	28	1	0
Mar. 14.....	34	21	0
Mar. 15.....	28	5	0
Mar. 16.....	14	1	0
Mar. 17.....	31	4	.05
Mar. 18.....	14	-1	0
2013 precipitation to date			1.82"
2012 precipitation to date			1.93"



"If you told me we'd go 23-1, before the season started - I'd take it!"  
Coach Jerome Nesheim

The 2013 South Dakota State 'A' Boys Basketball Tournament is now "in the books". The only loss on the entire season, suffered by the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones, was in the opening round game against the Platte-Geddes Black Panthers.

This photo from that opening round game shows Skyler Flatten looking for an opening, with Cyclone

head coach Jerome Nesheim and the Clark-Willow Lake bench in the background. Flatten was named to the All-Tournament team.

Platte-Geddes won the game, 66-51, with Clark-Willow Lake eventually claiming the State 'A' consolation championship with victories over Spearfish and Aberdeen Roncalli.



Brenda Yost of Raymond shows her family's items are organized in the entryway of her home. Soon to have labels, the boxes come out of the cubbies, so one can see everything that's inside.

Golfing items are in the box she is holding in her hands. Organization has been an ongoing hobby of Yost's.

## Brenda Yost is one 'organized' woman

When one is stuck in the house due to the snowy weather, thoughts turn to inside projects such as organizing and closet cleaning for example. Re-organizing is one inside task and using containers and baskets, maybe even a few of those extra Easter baskets with the handles removed, is a way to tighten up closets and cupboards.

One local resident has made it her goal to become organized in every room of her home and has even shared her expertise with others.

Brenda Yost of Raymond has a lot of good ideas on organizing and has put them into practice in her home.

"Once you get your organizing in place, it's easy to maintain. The harder part is getting there, but once you have a system set, it's easy to keep. Once an item has a home, it always has a home. Put it in that same spot," advises Yost.

"When we moved to the Walt and Valois Danekas house near Ray-

mond in 2003, we moved from a three story house in Parkersburg, Iowa to a smaller ranch home and everything had its own spot with being organized," stated Yost. "It's an ongoing process.

"What inspired me were books by Emile Barnes, a Christian author who writes organizing books. I've read three of them. Her books and selling Tupperware for seven years got me started in the organization of my home. Tupperware really encouraged kitchen organization with boxed products to be put in their modular containers. I was told the glue in cardboard also attracts mice, so I started by putting everything in boxes into containers.

"From there I've found that by adding containers within closets helps to keep like things together. Baskets or small tubs for similar products help to keep things neat

### Yost

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