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Here we are at the end of another month with March coming in today.

Will it come in like a lamb or a lion?



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★ TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 21	60	36	.03
Feb. 22	47	25	0
Feb. 23	28	18	0
Feb. 24	26	12	0
Feb. 25	35	12	tr
Feb. 26	36	19	0
Feb. 27	41	18	tr
2017 precipitation to date	.42		
2016 precipitation to date	1.32		

Wind Farm hearing is Tuesday

A Clark County Board of Commissioners hearing concerning the Crocker Wind Farm, will take place Tuesday, March 7, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the Clark American Legion Hall, at 103 N. Commercial St., in Clark.

World Day of Prayer will be Friday, Mar. 3

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 3 and area churches will be celebrating the special day.

In Clark, St. Paul Lutheran Church will host area women with registration at 9:00 a.m., brunch at 9:30 a.m. and a program to follow.

Everyone in the community is welcome to come and share in this service.

Ten years ago a blizzard raged

Ten years ago this week, the headline in the *Clark County Courier* read, "Area digs out from blizzard of the decade".

March came in like a lion, in 2007, shutting down the eastern part of the state from Wednesday through the weekend.

Ten inches of snow fell Wednesday into Thursday, bringing snow depth in the county to two and a half feet deep.

The blizzard affected 28 counties for four days.

Ada is 'going in the right direction'

Ada Mohr, daughter of Shawn and Claire Mohr, Clark, was born January 9, 2017. Ada started her journey in life on a tough note, as her intestines were located outside her body. She was sent home after three weeks, but then acquired RSV, pneumonia and influenza.

According to the family, she is now 'going in the right direction'. She is off the ventilator and off most medications and on Monday of this week her mom got to hold her all morning, the first time in quite a while.

Sweet 16 replaces region finals

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone boys basketball team will host a Region 2A semifinal game this Thursday, March 2, at the Clark High School gym. The opponent will be the winner of the Hamlin versus Great Plains Lutheran game. That game was Tuesday, too late for press release.

If the Cyclones are victorious on Thursday, they will advance to the 'Sweet 16'. There no longer are Class A region finals. All 16 teams are seeded and number one will play 16, number two plays 15 and so on, all in neutral sites, on Tuesday, March 7.

Sweet 16 winners advance to the State A, March 16-18, in Sioux Falls.

Valuation assessments are in your mailbox

Today is March 1 and as your *Clark County Courier* arrives, so will the 2017 Clark County valuations. The value of your property is dependent upon what type of property you own and where it is located.

Agricultural land had a small increase of 3.89 percent this year and non-ag also had a small increase of 3.01 percent, said Clark County Director of Equalization Jarvis Reidburn. "Plus, small acreages and community property saw an increase this year.

Reidburn stated that he looks at his position as assessor to assign a value (to a property) that is no higher than what it would sell for.

"There is a slight increase this year, as we're getting close to productivity," he said.

"For those who believe their property is over assessed, there are appeal provisions," he said. Reidburn explained that any appeals would have to be made to the applicable town/township board in writing by March 16, 2017 unless you live in a different jurisdiction than where the property is located. If that is the situation you can appeal directly to the Clark County board by April 4, 2017.

Property owners with any questions should contact the assessor's office at 532-3751.

Ash Wednesday services begin the Easter Lenten Season

Today, March 1, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, with many churches hosting services.

In Clark, an ecumenical service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Clark. A soup supper will begin at 5:32 p.m. followed by the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.

St. Michael's 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 8:30 a.m.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church in

Bradley will combine with Crocker Lutheran Church for a service to be held in Crocker at Crocker Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. with lunch to follow.

Willow Lake Evangelical Church will have their Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. with communion and a lunch to follow.

Also in Willow Lake, the Lenten season starts with an Ash Wednesday service at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna, the service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Lake Gospel Church will have their Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March

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Photo by Renae Burke

Jess Karber caps high school career finishing second at State

▲ Four Cyclones are placewinners

Senior Cyclone wrestler Jess Karber had a great season and career, finishing second at 145 in the South Dakota State B Wrestling Tournament.

Dakota Galt, of Beresford-Alcester-Hudson defeated Karber in the state championship match. He is pictured in an earlier round.

"Jess is just a great kid and you couldn't ask for a better team leader," said Clark-Willow Lake

coach Ryan Larsen.

Also placing for the Cyclones were Gage Burke, 106, seventh place; Wyatt Burke, 152, sixth place and Caleb Orris, 170, seventh place. Clark-Willow Lake scored 48.5 points, finishing 14th.

For more on the State B wrestling tournament, turn to page 14.

Have you ever wondered why things are called what they are?

The names of places in Clark County - where did they all come from?

Through research in *Clark County Courier* archives, the following, quite interesting information has been ferreted out.

There is a great deal of history, biography and geography intertwined with the naming of places and is very interesting from a historic standpoint.

"A Study of Place-Names in Clark County, SD" was a 96 page type

written masters thesis done by Joseph Molumby at the University of South Dakota in the year 1939. He interviewed 59 people in the county along with his research delving in county records, newspapers, atlases and local histories.

The other source for names in the *Courier* article was a Works Progress Administration project in 1941 at USD sponsored by the head of the English department, Ed Ehrensperger.

In 1939, Molumby found 544

place-names in Clark County. Of these, 208 were schools, 41 farms, 30 lakes, 29 townships, 24 cemeteries, 18 churches, nine sloughs, eight groves, eight hills, seven ranches, seven valleys, six views, five creeks, five gulches, six dams, three center, two cities, two springs, two wells and 15 (others).

Fourteen place-names came from non-English origin and of these, six came from the Bible and religion while seven came from European cities.

The study of names (from Molumby's point of view) was that the county names displayed very little foreign influence as Clark County was settled largely by people from other states of the Union.

Clark County was created in 1873 and named for Newton Clark, a member of the legislature at the time.

In alphabetical order below - we are going to start with the towns to be followed later with the townships and lakes in additional stories

in the *Clark County Courier*.

Bradley - was named for E. R. Bradley, a visitor who saved a railroad worker from a group of outraged fellow workers in 1887. This was at the time when the railroad came through the area. The rescued worker named the place in Bradley's honor. The worker was the chief engineer in charge of construction and had gotten into difficulties with excited laborers.

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Tire roll part of Clark FFA week

These young students at the Clark Elementary School had their turn seeing whose tire would roll the farthest in the tire roll contest put on by the Clark FFA members last Friday.

Celebrating FFA week, members put on an Ag Olympics event in the elementary gym with plinko, ladder ball and a bean bag toss with SDSU ice cream

served as an extra treat for the participants.

Shown above right after giving their tires the send off roll are, left to right, Julian McElhone, Keren Morales, Lincoln Reidburn, Tye McGraw, Leah Nelson, Abdiel Morales and FFA members Matt Streff and Audrey Hanson.

Election to be held for Mayor in Clark

▲ Trustee position up for election in Garden City

There will be an election for the Mayor of Clark on April 11, 2017. Also an election will be held in Garden City that day for the three-year trustee position between incumbent Doug Loomis and challenger Jacob Leibke.

In Clark, several council positions became available, but only incumbents filed petitions, leaving the ballot to only one contest, that of mayor.

For Clark Mayor, incumbent Larry Dreher is being challenged by John Pollock. As far as council positions in Clark, no elections will be necessary. In Ward I, Belinda Hanson filed for the three-year position. No one filed for the one-year term in Ward I, so the council will need to appoint an individual to fill that seat.

In Ward II, Kerry Kline, the incumbent was the only one to file, as was the case in Ward III, where

Dennis Larson filed. No contests will be needed in Willow Lake, Bradley, Raymond, Vienna or the Henry School.

In Willow Lake, no election will be needed, but the council incumbents chose not to file. The new two-year councilmen will be Scott Borg, in Ward I and James O'Hara in Ward II.

In Vienna, incumbent James Lewandowski will serve another three-year term as trustee.

In Raymond, incumbent Larry Brannan was the only filer for a three-year trustee term.

Incumbent Eric Caulfield will serve another three years on the Bradley town council.

At Henry School, no election will be necessary as incumbents Adam Hartley and Paula Blue were the only ones to file for a three-year seat on the Henry School Board.

Municipal elections set for April 11.

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