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Good luck Cyclone boys basketball team at the State B Tournament in Aberdeen

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Saturday is St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day 2018 occurs on Saturday, March 17, in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a religious feast day in the 17th century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.

Here are a few fun facts to help celebrate this Irish holiday.

- There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.

- Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, ranking behind German.

- Across the country, 11 percent of residents lay claim to Irish ancestry. That number more than doubles to 23 percent in the state of Massachusetts.

- Irish is the most common ancestry in 54 U.S. counties, of which 44 are in the Northeast. Middlesex County in Massachusetts tops the list with 348,978 Irish Americans, followed by Norfolk County, Mass., which has 203,285.

- Irish ranks among the top five ancestries in every state except Hawaii and New Mexico. It is the leading ancestry group in Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland.

- Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.

- Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.

- Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day

parades and celebrations.

- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States on March 17, 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City.

- More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States. New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.

- At the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day parade, participants march up 5th Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street. Each year, between 150,000 and 250,000 marchers take part in the parade, which does not allow automobiles or floats.

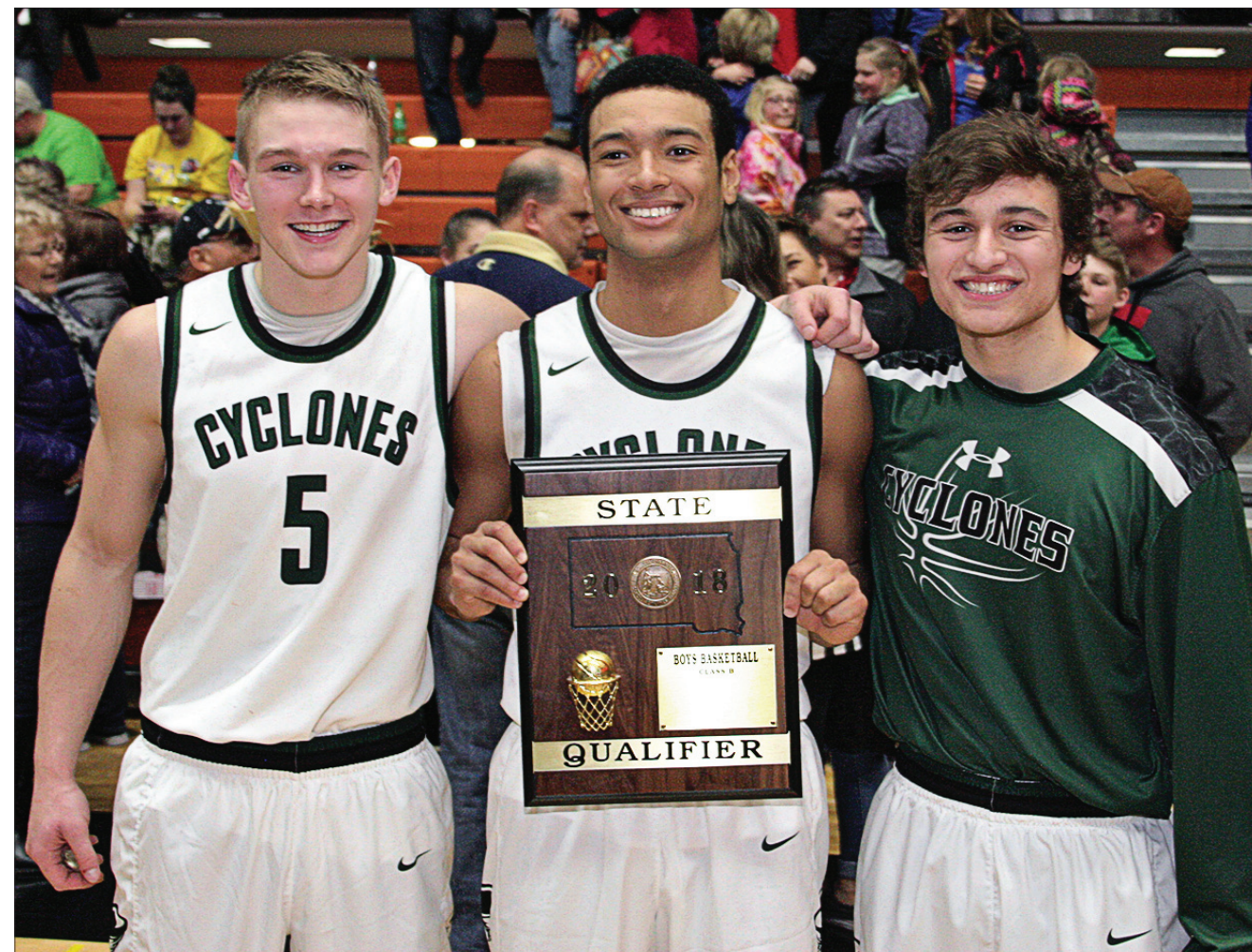
- New York may have more manpower, but Chicago has a spectacle all its own. The city has been celebrating Saint Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tons of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

- There are seven places in the United States named after the shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland including Mount Gay-Shamrock, W. Va.; Shamrock, Texas; Shamrock Lakes, Ind. and Shamrock, Okla.

- Sixteen U.S. places share the name of Ireland's capital, Dublin. With 44,541 residents, Dublin, Calif., is the largest of the nice, followed by Dublin, Ohio, with 39,310. Other towns with the luck of the Irish include Emerald Isle, N.C. and Irishtown, Ill.

- How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

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The battle was won, but not the war. Eight teams are advancing to the South Dakota Class B Boys Basketball Tournament in Aberdeen, March 15-17. All eight schools attending have dreams of being the 2018 State Champion!

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones will be one of the eight teams at state, playing Canistota in the first round on Thursday, at 1:45 p.m.

Seniors showing off the 'State Qualifier' trophy are, left to right, Ntai Stevens, Bradyn Rusher and Mekel Sanchez.

Clark-Willow Lake defeated Sanborn Central - Woonsocket, 54-37, in the Round of 16 state qualifying game, Thursday, at Huron. The Cyclones are 18-5 heading to the Class B.

Clark-Willow Lake cagers State B tournament bound

Aberdeen is the site of the South Dakota Class B High School Boys Basketball Tournament to be held March 15-17 at the Barnett Center.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones punched their ticket to the state tourney in a big way, knocking off the Sanborn Central - Woonsocket Blackhawks in the Round of 16 game, Thursday, at the Huron Arena. The game was supposed to have

been played on Tuesday but was postponed due to a two-day winter storm.

The Clark-Willow Lake team is 18-5 on the season, seeded fourth in this year's Class B tourney. Canistota, the fifth seed, will be the opening round opponent. Game time is slated for 1:45 p.m., on Thursday.

"State B's will be a somewhat new territory for us. With the im-

plementation of the Round of 16, there are eight very good teams left," said a very proud and pleased head coach, Jerome Nesheim. "We will be going in as a fourth seed and will play against Canistota. They are a very athletic team with very good guard play out front. We are going to try to control their dribble

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Clark School Board discusses opt out and calendar

The Clark School Board is moving forward with the renewal of the \$300,000 opt out (of the tax freeze). At the March meeting of the Clark School Board, the \$300,000 opt out resolution for five years was approved unanimously (and the Resolution for Opt Out appears on page 6 of this week's *Clark County Courier*).

In 2013, the Clark School Board initially passed a \$300,000 opt out resolution and as the five years have now run out, the board felt it had to make the decision to again opt out for the \$300,000.

Superintendent Luanne Warren led the opt out discussion, commenting, "We have not increased the opt out asking amount. We are

asking for the same amount even though everything has gone up, some things significantly," she said.

The superintendent said that this money is necessary to maintain adequate fund balances in the general fund. She then explained that many school monies are to be phased out such as gross receipt taxes on utilities, local revenue in lieu of taxes, county appointment of traffic fines, wind farm tax and bank franchise tax. The whole purpose of the opt out is so that the school district would not have to deficit spend and this would be a probability, said the superintendent, without an opt out in place. Warren and business manager Mary Nelson have been revisiting the various fund balances

the past three years and have been keeping the board up to date on all the fund balances.

Board members Robert Steffen, Todd Fjelland, Trudi Gaiowski, Shannon Huber and Nathan Luvaas voted in favor of the \$300,000 opt out resolution.

The next topic was the amending of the 2018-19 school calendar which was passed at last month's meeting. Slight changes were made in February and March and the school year will end May 17, 2019.

Later in the meeting the board discussed what should be done later this week, as the Cyclones play at 1:45 p.m. this Thursday in the S.D. State B Boys Basketball Tournament, in Aberdeen.

There will be no school in Clark this Thursday or Friday. May 17 and 18 were added to the calendar and May 21 will be an inservice date.

In other business:

- An executive session for personnel matters and negotiations discussion lasted an hour and 50 minutes with no motions forthcoming following the closed session.

- The meeting began with Elizabeth Wookey's environmental science class presenting a half hour demonstration of water filters. Students Emil Melballe, Janae Kolden, Sho Sunagawa and Paige Rahm, detailed an experimental water filter that they made, similar to water filters being used in third world

countries such as India and Kenya.

The second group of students, Landon Werdel, Kaelig Manach and Tavie Guzman explained the 'Design It Clean' project from an engineering standpoint, confronting real-world problems, such as water filters.

- Superintendent Warren announced that the 2017-18 Clark School Teacher of the year is Tammy Paulson.

- Warren shared with the board that she is interviewing an elementary teacher position candidate and an ag teacher candidate this week.

- Second grade teacher Ryan Larsen will teach fourth grade in

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Used 2B New is in danger of closing



Used 2B New has been given an ultimatum to increase sales by the end of May or the store will be forced to close. "Sales, good quality donations and volunteers are needed to help us or the store (and its income) will no longer exist and programs will be lost and cut back," noted Clark's ICAP community service worker Nichole DesLauriers, shown in the store.

Clark's Used 2B New store got some bad news in January.

Company officials from the Madison office visited the store in January and gave the Used 2B New store the ultimatum of bringing in \$2,500 per month for the next three months or they will have to close!

"Not only will the unique store be history, the food pantry hours and local programs will have to be cut back as well," said Nichole DesLauriers who's been at her job since October of 2016.

"It's hard to pay expenses on second hand prices," noted ICAP's community service worker.

"We need the community to help with foot traffic coming through the door helping in our sales. We need good donations and we need volunteer help," continued DesLauriers.

The store was closed last Friday - due to a lack of volunteer help. Their mainstay 'Frannie', Frances

Heeren, could not work that day. "She's been the heart of our store - for sure," stated DesLauriers who also counts on Kate Clausen and Linda Jansen as the regular volunteers. "I have appointments to keep in my office, so I can't be at the counter too," noted DesLauriers.

The Used 2B New store is a second hand store originally started to help fund the local ICAP and its programs and to also provide a service to those in need with less expensive prices.

"It's like a treasure hunt in here with items you can't find anywhere else. Items from personal collections and travels, old VHS movies, or books or even older Tupperware like your grandma used to have," said DesLauriers.

Jewelry, clothing, boots, shoes, toys, kitchenware, houseware, decor such as picture frames and seasonal items are among the many

items available in the store and the collection is always changing.

"Just because you don't need an item anymore, doesn't mean it's useless - maybe someone else can use it or wear it. It's recycling and helping others at the same time," added DesLauriers.

DesLauriers also helps out when the school calls with a student who may be dressed inappropriately or inadequately and will bring down what is needed at no charge to them.

Currently the store is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and DesLauriers' office is busy everyday taking appointments and referrals.

If the store closes, DesLauriers' office hours will be cut in half and local programs will suffer. The Food Pantry will be cut down from

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TOP of the Week

WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

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Mar. 10.....	33	22	Tr
Mar. 11.....	29	17	0
Mar. 12.....	34	14	0
2018 precipitation to date			0.53
2017 precipitation to date			0.88
Last Week			
Feb. 27.....	35	5	0
2018 precipitation to date			0.53
2017 precipitation to date			0.42

City council to meet Monday

Many municipalities have two meetings in March, the regular meeting on the first Monday and then the equalization meeting on the third Monday.

The Clark City Council will be having the equalization meeting this coming Monday, March 19, at the Ulyot Building.

The April meeting will be on Thursday, April 5.

Clark musicians heading to Florida

On Thursday, March 22, sixty-one Clark School music students, 21 chaperones and two music instructors will be leaving for Disney World, etc. It is a week-long trip.

The Clark High School band and seventh and eighth grade and high school choir members will be performing at Disney Springs.

Legion Government Day is March 26

Clark County American Legion will be coordinating the Clark County Government Day for all senior county government students.

Willow Lake and Clark High School government seniors will check in Monday, March 26, around 9:00 a.m. The morning will consist of observing the circuit court in action. The Clark County Board of Commissioners will be meeting on Monday rather than the usual Tuesday, so students may observe county government first hand.

Clark and Raymond American Legions will be in charge of lunch at the Clark American Legion Hall.

Legion members from all of the Clark county posts will be participating.

Four musicians receive superiors

The Region Music Contest was held recently in Watertown.

The following Clark High School students received superior ratings: Sydnie Fjelland, vocal solo; Katlyn Maynard, alto saxophone solo and Alexandria Thomas and Ryan Thomas, trumpet duet.

Cyclone State B week-in a nutshell

The Clark-Willow Lake boys basketball Cyclones will be playing Canistota, Thursday, March 15, at 1:45 p.m. in the Barnett Center on the Northern State University campus, in the opening round of the SD State B boys basketball tourney.

A pep fest was held Tuesday, at Willow Lake School. On Wednesday, at 8:00 a.m. a huge send off is taking place.

Neither Clark or Willow Lake is having school this Thursday or Friday.

A Welcome Home event is planned for Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. at Clark High School.