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## Clark-Willow Lake claims State B Championship

▲ Prouty, M. Burke, S. Burke named All-Tournament

A STATE BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP!  
 "This was just a huge, huge win for our communities, our schools and our program," said Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone boys basketball coach Jerome Nesheim about winning the 2019 South Dakota Class B Boys Basketball Tournament.

"Our guys get along really well and that goes a long way with the chemistry thing. I can't say enough about this great senior group and what they have accomplished," Nesheim stated and he knows the team on the floor won the state championship, but he also knows and respects, the great basketball tradition created at Clark-Willow Lake.

"Really blessed," is how he felt about the win. "It's still surreal, to put into words." This was the fifth time a Nesheim coached team had been in the state title game, with at least 10 state tournament appearances.

"The athletes who came before these guys laid the foundation. Again, we have been blessed with a long ladder of good kids and good athletes."

As coach Nesheim talked about what made this team special he used words such as defense - competitors - cohesiveness - winners.

"We went through some really good teams to win it all," said Nesheim. "Our defense carried us. Whoever coined the phrase 'defense wins championships' knew what they were talking about. With three games in three nights, offenses, in general, lose patience quickly and that's when the defensive dom-

inance takes over."  
 Anytime one wins it all, there has to be some talent, leadership, experience and moxie.

Three Cyclones were named to the All-Tournament team, Jacob Prouty, Micah Burke and Stone Burke.

"I can't say enough about Jacob. He was very deserving of the Spirit of Su award. He is a great example of everything this award stands for. Nothing was ever 'too big' for Jacob." He put the Cyclone offense on his back in the tournament.

"Jacob shines when the lights are the brightest."

Micah has given teams fits all year because of his size and strength. He is such a weapon on both ends of the court. "When he got into foul trouble against De Smet, it hurt us most on defense."

"I feel really good about Stone being selected All-Tourney. The final night he really stepped up. I thought Stone was very focused that final game," said Nesheim.

Grayson Florey drew over 50 offensive charges his senior year and Nesheim, in praising the defensive concepts, noted that defense has to be a team concept, but it surely helps to have the athleticism of a Grayson Florey. "You haven't seen competition at its finest until you've seen Grayson and Jacob go after it. They take competition to a whole new level."

Rounding out the starting five are Travis O'Neill and Jeffrey Paulson. O'Neill was always the starter, but many times Paulson was the closer.

"Both Travis and Jeffrey im-



It's not a one-handed pump for victory, it's a double-handed fist pump by Clark-Willow Lake coach Jerome Nesheim as the Cyclones are the South Dakota State B Boys Basketball champions!

The Cyclones defeated De Smet 49-41 in the title game, Saturday, in Aberdeen.

Surrounding the victorious coach are, left to right, Ryder Juntunen, Aaron Zemlicka, Garrett Warkentien, Kia Moromikawa, coach Nesheim, Inigo Iraola, Mateus Pereira, Cole Brenden and Renner Uecker.

a stop, we often got that stop and often times it was Jeffrey involved with the stop."



Former Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether is now KELOLAND'S 'On The Road with Mike Huether'. Huether was in Clark Monday surveying for candidates.

### 'On The Road' makes Clark stop

Are you familiar with the CBS show 'On The Road with Charles Kuralt' - or Steve Hartman?

Now South Dakota CBS affiliate KELO is doing this segment South Dakota style. KELOLAND On The Road with Mike Huether has begun and Huether was in Clark Monday, soliciting for individuals, from the Clark area, for this segment, to air in April.

Huether, well known as a multiple-term mayor of Sioux Falls, is very excited to begin this new project.

"We did a test run of this 30 minute show, with each segment lasting 15 minutes," said Huether, and with CBS permission, it is exactly

in the style of what Charles Kuralt did for years on television.

"It will definitely be feel-good stories about engaging people that have done wonderful things, but people generally don't know this. I'm doing this to bring these stories to light."

Huether spent all of Monday morning visiting with people in Clark to find that 'On The Road' individual.

He will be back in Clark in a couple of weeks, with a KELO-land crew, to interview the person he picks.

"There is so much negativity out there right now. One reason I wanted to do this is because it is all positive," Huether ended.

### 34th annual Pro Pheasants banquet is Friday, March 29

The Clark County Pro Pheasants 34th annual banquet is Friday, March 29 at the Clark American Legion Hall.

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

In 2018 the organization enrolled 393 acres in the food plot program

in Clark County. "These acres are up from 2017," said Steffen.

The club also helped members in releasing over 2,500 fertile hens in Clark County in the spring of 2018. Steffen said, "We have secured hens for the spring 2019 release. We also have a live trap program we subsidize. We have a limited number of traps available to members on a first come, first serve basis. Any programs offered by our organiza-

tion are available to Clark County Pro Pheasants members only. There will be an opportunity to sign up at the banquet for anyone interested in participating in any or all programs."

Steffen reported that the fall youth hunt went very well. Kids from Clark County who have recently passed their hunters safety course are invited to attend. "This year we had 11 kids come. The kids

had a great time and were able to get eight roosters. We look forward to having our annual youth hunt next fall," stated Steffen.

Clark County residents make up a good portion of the Pro Pheasants' membership, but members also come from surrounding counties and from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

### Three appeals heard at city equalization meeting

The City of Clark equalization meeting was held Monday night, with three appeals to be heard.

Mayor John Pollock began the meeting explaining how the appeal process works, with this being the first step, prior to the county making their decision on the respective appeals. Robert Steffen is the Clark School Board member on the city equalization board.

Valuations have gone up 37 percent across the board throughout the entire Clark County, excluding ag land. Also, Vanguard Appraisals, an Iowa firm, hired by the county, to put new valuations on all property, except bare ag land, due to be finished in approximately two months.

Lee and Jeanne Werdel, were not present, but were the first city equalization board request. The equalization board approved the house to go from \$15,000 to \$0, as it had been torn down. The lot was left at \$14,288 and the Owner Occupied status was removed.

Conner Hallstrom was next and he was requesting that his residence be left at \$103,494, what it was a year ago, not the valuation of \$137,628. He purchased the 'Gov. House' five years ago and it had gone up \$62,628 in valuation during that time. The board approved the valuation remaining at \$103,494.

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### Prouty is 'quilted with Spirit of Su' award

The 'Spirit of Su' award is given at all South Dakota State basketball tournaments, both boys and girls tournaments. This award is given annually to a senior who excels both on and off the court. This award was won by Clark-Willow Lake senior standout Jacob Prouty at the 2019 South Dakota State 'B' Boys Basketball Tournament, Saturday at halftime of the championship game in Aberdeen.

The award is given in honor of SuAnne Big Crow, a senior at Pine Ridge High School who was killed in a car accident while driving to the 1992 Miss Basketball Award Banquet. SuAnne was best known for her ac-

complishments on the court, but she maintained a 4.0 academic record throughout high school.

Prouty was 'quilted', the symbol of the award, by members of the Spirit of Su society of Pine Ridge. This award is sponsored by the South Dakota Fraternal Order of Police.

Prouty was also named to the All-Tournament team for the second consecutive year. He finished the championship game, a 49-41 victory over the De Smet Bulldogs with 35 points. Prouty scored 81 points during the 2019 State 'B' Tournament.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Mar. 12.....	33	27	0
Mar. 13.....	41	27	0
Mar. 14.....	34	28	1.33
Mar. 15.....	31	17	.21
Mar. 16.....	31	15	0
Mar. 17.....	33	21	.02
Mar. 18.....	33	18	0
2019 precipitation to date	4.42		
2018 precipitation to date	0.68		

### Election to be held for Garden City council

April 9, 2019 is Municipal Election Day in South Dakota. In Garden City, incumbent David Waples and Laina Strohfus will be on the ballot for a council person with a three year term. Jeanette Warkentien is the finance officer in Garden City.