



Six-year-old Hadley Gjerde and her siblings next to her, Torger, eight months, Sena, two and Aksel, four-years-old, will all be able to celebrate their birthdays from July 1, 2015 on, with parachutes, smoke bombs and snakes. The South Dakota Legislature SB 161 was signed by Governor Dugaard on March 12, 2015, to allow certain fireworks to be used all year and young Hadley was the one who instigated this bill. Hadley is a kindergartner at Willow Lake School.

## Six-year-old Hadley Gjerde knows first-hand how a bill becomes law

▲ "It all started with a left over box of fireworks"

"It all started with a left over box of fireworks in the garage," noted Sara Gjerde. Sara and Roy Gjerde's oldest daughter Hadley wanted to shoot them off after the Fourth of July week, on a nice day with no wind. (She really likes the parachutes). When told she couldn't because it was illegal and against the law, she obeyed.

But when her dad added that sometimes you can change the law - that sparked the response "How do I do that?", from young Hadley.

It snowballed from there and thanks to the stick-to-itiveness of young Hadley with her family be-

hind her, a legislative bill SB 161 was pushed through and Hadley truly did - 'change the law' in the 2015 legislature.

"We're very proud of her. It was all her doing. We told her who she had to talk to and what she had to do, but it was all her doing," added Sara. "She would ask - 'what do I do next?' after each step until she got the job done."

The job also consisted of writing thank you notes to all those involved and all correspondence usually had pretty pictures added as Hadley also likes to draw. Her mother helped with writing down what she

wanted to say, as when in kindergarten one learns all the letters but spelling perfectly comes later. Then Hadley would copy in her printing what she wanted to convey, spelling the legislator's names correctly.

### Steps taken

Her first step was making a resolution for the county Farm Bureau meeting, writing about the fireworks. Matt Vandernick, a friend of the family and president of the Clark/Day County Farm Bureau, recalls Hadley's idea being brought

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## Cyclones earn sixth place honors at State

▲ Tyson Jenkins named All-Tourney

The Clark-Willow Lake boys basketball team finished the 2014-15 campaign with 20 victories and five losses on the season, finishing in sixth place at the South Dakota Class A Boys Basketball Tournament last weekend in Rapid City.

"Just getting to a state tournament is a huge accomplishment," said Cyclone head coach Jerome Nesheim of the team's participation at Rapid City. "It didn't end the way we wanted it to but still it was a great season. A season that I am very proud of. I think we accomplished a lot. Overall we were probably one of the better defensive teams in the state. Even throughout the year, our offense didn't carry us through very many games, it was our defense. We were able to make things hard for the other team to score. Our boys had our defensive concepts and rotations down perfectly."

Senior center Tyson Jenkins was named to the Class A All-Tourney squad.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones had a 'banner year', tying with state tournament champion Aberdeen Roncalli for the Northeast Conference crown and winning the Lake Central Conference championship outright. Roncalli defeated Dell Rapids for the State title. It was a very close tournament with many hotly contested battles, many going late into the fourth quarter or overtime, before being decided, at Rapid City.

It is always a special year when both girls and boys teams can qualify for the state tournaments.

### Clark-WL 54 Little Wound 60

The Class A State Tourney opening round pitted two closely matched 19-3 squads, seeded fourth and fifth, in the second afternoon game. Clark-Willow Lake took on the Little Wound Mustangs and it was a back-and-forth affair,



Clark-Willow Lake senior starters, center, Tyson Jenkins #23 and Cody Nelson, #15, with the Clark-Willow Lake student section in the background, are shown at the start of Friday's game against Lennox. The Cyclones defeated Lennox, 50-42, and finished in sixth place at the South Dakota Class A Boys Basketball Tournament, held March 19-21, at the Rapid City Civic Center. Forward Cooper Hartley is the Cyclone on the left.

with Little Wound hitting two big three-pointers down the stretch to secure the 60-54 win for the Mustangs.

"The 7' 1" center gave us fits," said coach Nesheim of the Mustang's Nate Brown Bull. "We wanted to make sure we were able to control him and always have a body

on him. We held him to a season low nine points and only eight rebounds. The problem was their guards shot the ball unexpectedly well. They usually don't shoot the ball very well but they did against us. They were 9-17 from three-

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Tracy Nickels Aguayo is shown at her desk in the Clerk of Courts office at the Clark County Courthouse in Clark. As of March 24, she will be the Clerk of Clark County. The past eight years, she has served as Deputy Clerk of Courts, reporting to Connie Hartley who has served as both Clark and Codington County's clerk.

## Tracy Nickels Aguayo is the Clark County Clerk of Courts

More responsibility and more authority is in the future for Clark County's Clerk of Courts Tracy Nickels Aguayo.

On March 16, 2015, Nickels Aguayo received notice that she became the official Clerk of Clark County, on Tuesday, March 24.

"I'm very excited about it. I've

worked eight years towards this - to be able to get the position re-classified. My job duties are basically the same, except that I will take on many more financial responsibilities. The level of security will change within the system, as secu-

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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 30 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, Reverend Kevin Petersen will be giving the sermon. Wednesday's speaker will be Pastor Gary Anderson. On Thursday, Reverend Mark Tracy will be officiating and on Friday, Pastor Fawn Lamb will finish up

the week hosting the morning service.

A Maundy Thursday ecumenical worship service will be held on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. A portrayal of the Last Supper will be the service and the choir will sing.

A community Good Friday service is planned for the evening of April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Clark. All are welcome to attend with Reverend Mark Tracy giving the sermon.



Boys and Girls State representative were recently selected at Clark High School. Boys State is held on the Northern State University campus in Aberdeen and Girls State is held at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

In the front row, from left to right are Girls State delegates, Lauren

Fjelland, Bailey Miles, Jasmine Foster, Allyson Monson, Elyse Helkenn, Emily Binger and Kathryn Paulson.

Boys State delegates in the back row, left to right, are Braxton Hartley, Hudson Steffen, Cooper Hartley, Rory Forest and Noah Huber.

## Boys and Girls Staters chosen at C. H. S.

South Dakota Boys and Girls State delegates have been selected at Clark High School for the 2015 sessions.

Chosen as delegates for Girls State are Lauren Fjelland, Bailey Miles, Jasmine Foster, Allyson Monson, Elyse Helkenn, Emily Binger and Kathryn Paulson.

South Dakota Girls State is an intensive week of training in citizenship and government. It is an effort on the part of the American

Legion Auxiliary to bring to the girls of South Dakota a knowledge of the fundamental principles of American government through actual practice and control.

Each delegate must be an outstanding member of her class and have a definite interest in American government, with a willingness to take initiative and assume responsibility. Students are selected based upon their leadership, character and honesty, physical fitness,

scholarship, cooperativeness and entering their senior year of high school in the fall.

Lauren Fjelland, daughter of Todd and Susan Fjelland of Clark is involved in FCCLA, National Honor Society, choir, volleyball, All-School Play, cheerleading, dance and United Methodist youth group. Fjelland is sponsored by the Clark Rotary Club.

Bailey Miles is the daughter of Jeff and Jodie Miles of Conde. Her

activities include FFA and football cheer. She is sponsored by The Conde Auxiliary.

Jasmine Foster, daughter of Ryan and Ida Foster of Clark is sponsored by the Clark Lions Club. She is active in volleyball, choir, boy's basketball stats, football cheer, FCCLA and SADD.

Allyson Monson is the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Monson of

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