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Missing person report turns into fatality

Twenty-one year old Kobe Weets, of rural Clark, was found dead in a field northeast of Clark, Monday afternoon, according to Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw.

Sheriff McGraw's report went on to state: "We received a missing person report on Monday, March 2 that Kobe Weets had been missing since Friday night, February 28. Weets' vehicle was located Saturday, Feb. 29 stuck in the ditch four miles east of Clark on County Road #4 (428th Ave.), approximately 1/4 mile north

of US Hwy 212. The vehicle was towed since no one had been reported missing at that time.

"On Monday at approximately 0930 hours, Kobe was reported missing. A search was conducted including members of the Sheriff's Office, Clark Police Department, Clark County Emergency Management, Spink County Emergency Management, a canine from Wattertown (Tad Heaton's search dog) and local members of the community, Justin and Jerry Bowers with

snowmobiles and Jed Hansen with an airplane.

"Kobe was located around 3:30 p.m. in a tree grove approximately one mile to the west of where his vehicle had gotten stuck on Saturday. At this time we are thinking that he took off walking to the west and succumbed to hypothermia."

The investigation continues with the above mentioned law enforcement offices.

South Dakota prepares for COVID-19

State health officials today outlined South Dakota's steps to prepare for community spread of COVID-19, as well as what South Dakotans can do now. To date, no one in South Dakota has tested positive for COVID-19.

"Since the start of this outbreak, South Dakota has taken steps to prepare for and carefully monitor for potential cases of COVID-19

in South Dakota," said Kim Malsam-Rysdun, Secretary of Health.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has advised states to be prepared for community spread of COVID-19. The Department of Health is working with partners across the state to ensure South Dakota is prepared to respond.

"For the general public, the immediate health risk from COVID-19

is low," said Dr. Joshua Clayton, state epidemiologist. "However, we know that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and the same family emergency plans and kits that we use to prepare for the flu, snowstorms, and floods are important now. South Dakotans can help stop the spread of germs by

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Pops Concert performed by musicians

The Clark School Pops Concert was held Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the Clark High School gym. Under the direction of Amy Nelson, vocal instructor and Lola Bartels, instrumental instructor, the choirs and bands performed an hour-long, plus, concert.

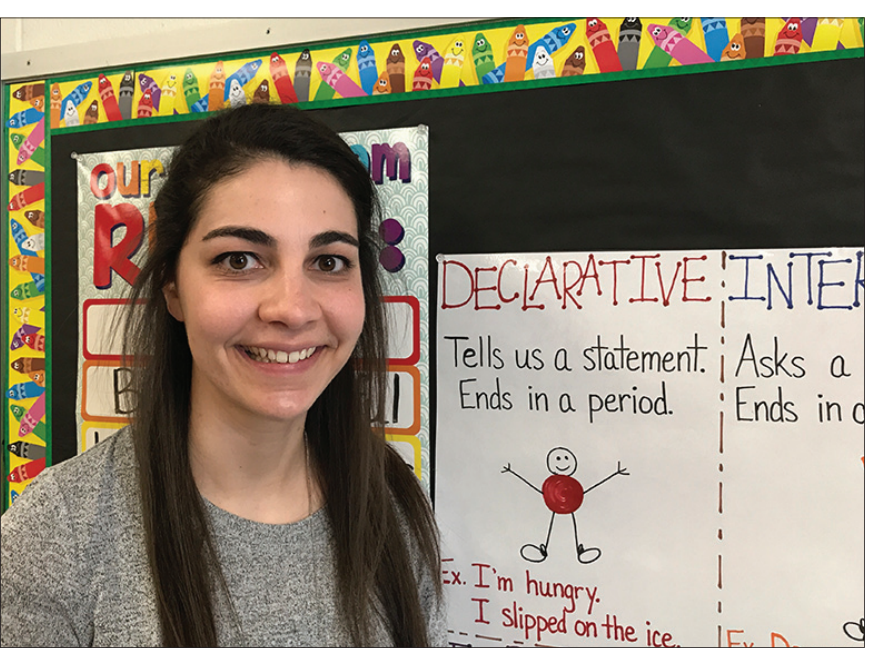
A vocal duet by Emma Rahm and Heath Hemmingson began the performance followed by a tenor saxophone solo by Chad Kolden. Jordyn Maynard, on

timpani played *Fanfare for Four Timpani*.

At the Region 3 small group contest the next day, the duet of Rahm and Hemmingson and Maynard's solo received a superior. Kolden received a superior plus on his saxophone solo.

Above, as the concert band played *The Middle*, shown left to right are Waylan Olson and Tehya Grode on clarinet and Dakota Lilly on alto saxophone.

Fuhrmann chosen Clark 'Teacher of the Year'



Clark Elementary School third grade teacher Heather Fuhrmann has been chosen as the 2019-2020 Clark School District's Teacher of the Year. As one of her coworkers described her in a nomination, "Some people choose teaching as a career; others just ARE teachers."

Clark School District employees, parents and students were encouraged to nominate an educator based on the teacher's methods for

meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the teaching profession and rapport with stu-

dents, parents and staff.

According to the nomination, "Third grade teacher Heather Fuhrmann has, from the start of her teaching career at Clark Elementary School had a rapport with her students that complements her classroom management. Her students do not seem to want to disappoint her. Her current class is made up of students from a variety of backgrounds and Fuhrmann is diligent in differentiating instruction to meet the needs of each one. She takes in advice and assesses how to apply it best to each situation.

"Fuhrmann comes from a close-knit family, yet chose to remain in Clark this past summer and help provide childcare opportunities for local students. She is not a mother to these students and she is not a sister to them; she is their TEACHER. She cares about their character as well as their education and as stated by a coworker, 'She models both with excellence.'"



Three Cyclones place at State B wrestling!

▲ Kvistad is 2nd, Burke is 3rd and Kannegieter 5th

The Clark-Willow Lake wrestling team had a very successful State B Tournament, finishing 13th, scoring 53 points and placing three Cyclone wrestlers.

Gunnar Kvistad, 106, pictured, led the way with a second place finish. Gage Burke, 160, placed third

and Lucas Kannegieter, 126, placed fifth.

Kvistad in his semifinal match had a match for the ages, going three overtimes. After the match, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. For more on the Class B Wrestling State Tournament, turn to the back page.

Clark Council will have a different look

▲ Kerry Kline will be the new mayor

Kerry Kline will be the new Clark Mayor, beginning with the May, 2020, city council meeting. The city council will also have a new look.

Clark City Finance Officer Jackie Luttrell, at Monday's March meeting, presented the 2020 City of Clark new roster. Kline was the only person to file a petition for the position of mayor. In Ward I, Terry Schlagel, who was appointed a year ago, was the only one to file for a

one-year spot and Nick Dalton was the only one to file for a three-year term. In Ward II, Derrick Dohmann was the lone filer for a one-year seat. No one filed for the three-year position in Ward II, so the council will need to appoint someone to fill that vacancy. In Ward III, Dennis Larson did not file, but will be appointed to a one-year term, it was announced. Andrew Zemlicka in Ward III was the only person not up

for re-election this year. Dr. Harvey Spieker in Ward II and Belinda Hanson in Ward I both chose not to run for the council. No election will be needed in Clark this April. All municipal petitions were due Feb. 28.

The next meeting of the Clark City Council will be the Equalization Meeting on Monday, March 16,

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Clark Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz, second from left, was honored with The Patriot Award, last Wednesday, at the Ulliyot Building.

South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg,

left, was a special guest at the ceremony and said a few words. Nate Nickeson, third from left, nominated Wellnitz for this award and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve volunteer, Randy Rakness, right,

Wellnitz honored with The Patriot Award

As Randy Rakness, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) South Dakota office, Wattertown, gave an award to Clark Chief of Police Jeremy Wellnitz, he said, "Chief Wellnitz and the City of Clark are to be commended for their support of Sgt. First Class Nate Nickeson during his recent

deployment. It is truly an honor to present this award."

With those words he presented the prestigious Patriot Award to Wellnitz. The Patriot Award honors supervisors for their superior support of Guard and Reserve employees.

Wellnitz was nominated by Clark

policeman Nate Nickeson, who spent the last year in Europe, in the U.S. Army Reserve. Nickeson received dental and vision insurance throughout this time, by request of Wellnitz. Nickeson's family remained in Clark during this time

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