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## Clark School is going forward with tax freeze opt-out proposal

A public meeting was held Monday night at the Clark High School gym to discuss the proposed opt-out of the tax freeze for the 2013-2014 school budget.

With approximately 75 interested patrons in attendance, the Clark School Board, through the school's administration, presented the financial picture of the district and then answered the questions from the public.

The Clark School Board will hold the March meeting next Monday, March 11, and at that time a resolution to opt-out of the current tax freeze, for five years, for \$300,000 annually, will be voted upon by the board.

If an opt-out resolution is passed by a two-thirds vote of the Clark School Board at the March meeting, it will then be publicized twice in the Clark County Courier. This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision. If there is no peti-

tion, the resolution would become in effect without a vote.

The Clark School opt-out situation concerns only the school's general fund and even though it was stated by superintendent Brian Heupel that the district is a (land) rich district, the school business manager Heidi Sigdestad, along with Heupel, gave the financial presentation, showing that the reserve fund is depleted and that this opt-out is necessary to proceed "with business as usual."

When the question was asked as to what the worst case scenario would be, if this opt-out was brought to a vote and not passed, Sigdestad replied, "Cuts, deep cuts to salaries and benefits. We are at the point now that any cuts would mean programs, as Clark School has trimmed everything to the bone with \$500,000 worth of cuts the last 10 years."

The Clark School business manager spent the first half hour of the public meeting detailing the school's five major funds, showing how student enrollment numbers have affected the general fund and then

giving a fund balance projection.

Sigdestad said she is very willing to answer any and all questions one might have concerning the opt-out and she said she felt quite strongly that this opt-out is necessary for the Clark School District going forward.

As this resolution becomes official, the Courier will show tax number details, as then an official number, such as \$300,000, will be available.

Superintendent Heupel then spoke of the fiscal journey to this point and the role of the financial advisory committee. "The 15-member fiscal advisory committee was set up for a variety of reasons, including: to make sure we were on the right track; to ask questions that maybe we hadn't thought of; to look at different recommendations; and to figure out what the request should be," he said.

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Spring Ahead! It begins March 10



Several years ago the United States Congress voted to change the date that clocks are turned ahead for daylight savings time. It's this weekend, rather than the first weekend in April. So, before you go to bed Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour.

Starting on March 10 and running through November 3, much of the United States will be on Daylight Savings Time and therefore will be turning the clocks ahead one hour.

## Binger moves so needed to resign from City Council

The Clark City Council met for the March meeting on Monday and one of the first orders of business was to accept the resignation of councilman Terry Binger. Binger, who was not at the meeting, has moved out of Ward I, so he had to resign his position on the council.

Some of the council items included:

- ▲ An executive session was held to discuss personnel and contractual reasons. No decisions were necessary following the closed session.
- ▲ A special meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. The equalization meeting and public hearing for the sewer project will be part of this meeting.
- ▲ Concerning December employee vacations, the council decided

only three days would be allowed for essential personnel.

▲ Concerning liquor operating agreements, city attorney Chad Fjelland said that the city needs to sit down with bar owners to get away from the city being the middle regarding orders. The proposal is to have the bar owner pay the distributor rather than the city.

▲ The 2012 annual report was approved.

▲ During the departmental updates, kudos were given the city crew for the fine job of removing snow and keeping the streets clean from snow.

▲ A special event permit was granted the Clark Legion for April 5 and the Pro Pheasant Banquet.

## "This is the most fun part of the year," says Wayne Fuller of lambing/calving season



Dusty Fuller and his uncle Wayne Fuller are shown with three Hampshire lambs born around the middle of February on Dusty's farm southeast of Clark along U.S. Highway 25. Dusty is the third generation farming on the farm his grandparents, Leonard and Pearl Fuller moved to in 1941.

"My parents were very instrumental in getting my brothers and I all started in farming and I've been showing sheep since I was 10 years old," stated Wayne Fuller. "This is the most fun part of the year - coming out to the barn and seeing new lambs and calves arrive and then watching them grow."



These four senior Cyclones can say, "Clark-Willow Lake has qualified for the South Dakota State 'A' Basketball Tournament all four years that we have been in high school." Remarkable.

The Cyclones defeated the Deuel Cardinals Thursday in the Region 2A Championship game, at Webster, to punch their ticket for the state tournament this weekend in Watertown.

Clark-Willow Lake will be the number four seed at state and will play the fifth seeded Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers in the 1:45 p.m. game in the opening round on Thursday.

The Cyclone seniors include, left to right, Chynna Stevens, Laura Alexander, Savannah Hovde and Janelle Paulson.

## Clark-Willow Lake Lady Cyclones make fourth consecutive State 'A' appearance

▲ Play Aberdeen Roncalli in opening round

Whether it is a trend or a tradition, it is pretty special that the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones have qualified for four consecutive State 'A' girls basketball tournaments.

During the regular season the Cyclones lost their first and last games, but 18 wins later, Clark-Willow Lake is in the state tournament with a 18-4 mark and a fourth seed.

Clark-Willow Lake opens the South Dakota State 'A' tourney playing Aberdeen Roncalli at 1:45 p.m., Thursday.

"We have a nice blend of youth and experience," said head coach Wade Stobbs, "and we know Ron-

calli quite well as we played them two weeks ago for the Northeast Conference title." Roncalli won that game as the Cavaliers got off to a huge lead, one that was just too large for the Cyclones to overcome.

"We know Roncalli is quick and athletic but by the time you get to this level, the State Tournament, you're going to get eight very good teams and if we reach our goal of putting three good games together, we have to start with Roncalli," said coach Stobbs.

The Cyclone starting five consists of seniors Chynna Stevens, Janelle Paulson, Laura Alexander and sophomores Mackenzie Huber

and Mikayla Prouty. Key members off the bench include Morgan Huber and Savannah Hovde. Angela Young, Kandace Kolden, Kayla Hemmingson, Annabell Ryan and Marisa Olson make up the 12-person varsity.

The opening round match-ups at Watertown include: #1 seed Harrisburg vs. #8 seed Sioux Falls Christian at 12:00 p.m.; #4 seed Clark-Willow Lake vs. #5 seed Aberdeen Roncalli at 1:45 p.m.; #2 seed Spearfish vs. #7 seed West Central at 6:00 p.m. and #3 seed Pine Ridge vs. #6 seed Chamberlain at 7:45 p.m.

"I don't know if it was the dry weather last year or what, but in talking to other breeders at the farm show this year, we've all noticed a lot more single births this year with our herds. We usually have about 50 percent of our births being twins, but this year only about one third of them are twin births," stated Wayne Fuller of Clark.

As sheep's gestation is five months, so the rams are usually put out with the ewes starting in September. The first of February was when lambing started on the Fuller farm. There are usually about 15-20 ewes on the homestead farm where Dusty Fuller resides and as of this printing about five are left yet to deliver.

After the lambs are born, they spend two days in a pen with just their mother. Then they are moved

to a little bigger pen with just a few other ewes and their lambs. One week's time finds the lambs in one pen and the mothers in another.

"They will gain about a pound a day," said Wayne. "We'll keep back a few for replacement ewes, but the rest will go to market, or the bucks will be sold for breeding stock. We used to have about 100 ewes but have cut it down over the years to about 15, which were my kids and Terry's kids' (including Dusty) 4-H projects.

Registered Hampshire sheep under the name 'Fuller Brothers' goes back to the 1950's when the sons of Leonard and Pearl Fuller started in sheep. "My parents were very instrumental in why we are farming today I believe," noted Wayne. "We were in 4-H and FFA and started

taking care of our own sheep and registering them under Fuller Brothers when my older brother Dick was in high school. Dad gave us a real good deal. He provided the feed and we did all the work and got the profits. In turn, I did that for my own kids," said Wayne. He and wife Linda (Maynard) have two children, Justin and Laura and are expecting their first grandchildren this spring.

The Fuller Brothers all live within four miles of the farm they grew up on, where Dusty lives now. Wayne, Terry, Dick, Lee and Bill all farm close by one another. They have one sister Laraine.

Wayne's history with sheep goes back to when he was 10 years old and showed his first sheep. He's continued to show sheep at the

## Pops concert is Tuesday

The Clark Music Department, under the direction of Amy Nelson, choral, and Lola Bartels, band, will present a concert on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

It will include the Sixth/Seventh Band performing *I Get Around*, *Lean On Me*, and *Jazzy Brown Jug*.

The Sixth/Seventh Band and 8-12 Band will join to play *Turn, Turn, Turn*.

Performances by the 8-12 Band

will be *Rolling In the Deep*, *Best of the Beatles* and *And All That Jazz*.

The Junior High Choir will present *Stuck Like Glue*, *Anyway* and *I Gotta Feeling*.

High School Mixed Chorus numbers will be *Some Nights*, *Someone Like You* and *Africa*.

The High School Girls Chorus will perform *Forget You* and the High School Boys Chorus is scheduled to present *Brown-Eyed Girl*.

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official  
Weather Observer

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Feb. 26 .....	20	11	0
Feb. 27 .....	24	13	0
Feb. 28 .....	21	14	0
Mar. 1 .....	22	0	0
Mar. 2 .....	26	6	0
Mar. 3 .....	30	17	.05
Mar. 4 .....	32	19	0
2013 precipitation to date			1.22"
2012 precipitation to date			1.88"

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