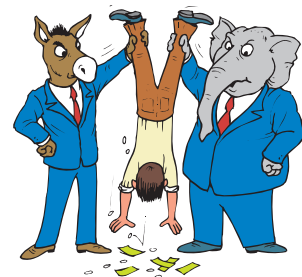


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Busy night for the Clark School Board

▲ Five hour meeting covers many topics and areas

It was a very busy night at the April meeting of the Clark School Board. The meeting lasted approximately five hours, with half the time spent in executive session and half the time in public forum.

The executive sessions were split up, with the first closed meeting held for a student matter, lasting approximately 40 minutes.

The second closed meeting lasted two hours and fifteen minutes, regarding negotiations and the proposed hiring of a school athletic director. No motions were forthcoming following the executive session.

Second grade teacher

During the open meeting portion, the school board approved adver-

tising for a second grade teaching position. Superintendent Luanne Warren stated that there are currently 27 potential second grade students and there is an available room at the elementary building. So, in 2015-16, there will be two kindergarten classes and two second grade classes.

Cyclone handbook

The board also approved the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone co-op policy handbook. This has been an on-going process, with the goal being consistency and uniformity at both schools.

Bus contract

After lengthy discussion because of contract wording, the bus contract for 2015-16, with Duenwald

Transportation, was tabled until the May meeting. A meeting to clarify dates on the contract will be set up in the near future with administrators, Duenwald and the school transportation committee.

Construction bids

Bids were opened for the asphalt or concrete drive and/or curbing for the east side of the high school building. No decision was made at this time, as superintendent Warren said she would categorize all the bids so at the May meeting a decision could be made going forward with this project.

Last day of school

The last day of the 2014-15 school

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It's getting harder to find people

▲ As cell phone use grows, some connections harder to make

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In today's fast-paced, digital era, people are "connected" more than ever. But tasks that used to be simple—such as finding a phone number—are becoming more difficult.

"Because there is not a published directory of wireless phone numbers, people are tougher to find," said Greg Dean, director of industry relations for the South Dakota Telecommunications Association.

"A generation ago, most everyone had a landline, (and) their phone number was published in the phone book. ... Now ... it's hard to track down people in this world, unless you have some sort of standing relationship with them."

According to the 2013 National Health Survey by the National Center for Health Statistics, 31 percent of South Dakotans and 46 percent of North Dakotans use a wireless device as their sole means of communication.

Nationwide, 48 percent of households maintain a landline, according to South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Chairman Chris Nelson. The number of landline

accounts in the Dakotas is significantly higher than the national statistics, according to the survey data—roughly two-thirds of South Dakota households and just over half of North Dakota's still have them.

In North Dakota, where more telecommunications data is readily available, wire line subscriptions dipped 30 percent from 1999 to 2014, according to North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Randy Christmann. In the same timeframe, wireless subscriptions nearly 450 percent.

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C.H.S. play shows comedic talent

▲ Bubba entertains with antics

Rory Forest played a convincing part in portraying the illiterate hick named 'Bubba' in the comedy at the Clark High School last Friday and Saturday night. The play 'Sealed in Spit' was performed with good crowds attending on both nights at the Clark High School gym last weekend.

The playwright (author) of the play was in attendance on Saturday night to see the Clark cast perform. Margaret Witt dove up from Iowa for the second time - the first being to see last year's play 'Wild Pink'. She was impressed with the Clark cast last year and wished to see them in action with her latest creation, which she had yet to see being performed.

Shown above, Forest is being visually critiqued by the three owners who are also sisters working together in their dating service - Three Sistas' Dating Service. If successful in finding a match for Bubba, the ladies will be paid handsomely by Bubba's life long friend, rich businessman Billy. The ladies had their work cut out for them as Bubba was, to say the least - a challenge, knowing very little about the dating world or women in general.

Sistas shown above on the couch at the beginning of their task were, left to right, Jos Hurlbert, partially hidden, Ally Monson and Jen Hurlbert who view Forest as possibly their biggest challenge yet to overcome.



Upgrades are continuing at the Clark Track and Field complex

Significant improvements are being made at the Clark High School Sports Complex Track and Field. Travis Werdel, left and his crew of Shane Werdel, Tyler Binger and Tony Holmes lay the forms for the long/triple jump runways. The cement will be poured soon to these areas as well as the shot and discus platforms, which also have been formed.

Rubberizing the track was done last fall, so step by step the upgrades to the track and field area are getting accomplished.

Bob Bjerke and his track improvement committee, are continuing fundraising efforts and Bjerke said the next project at the track will be wiring for the concession/bathroom area.

Jenkins is repeat first team Class A All-Stater

What is the criteria for getting named to the second consecutive First Team Class A All-State Squad? There are no set standards and Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone Tyson Jenkins earned that honor last week.

The 6'6" senior center:

✗ Is a five-year letterwinner and three year starter.

✗ Started 71 games with the Cyclones going 62-9 during that period.

✗ Played 98 games, scoring 1070 points and pulling down 524 rebounds.

✗ Is a three-time All-Conference performer as well as a two-time All-State First Team Football selection.

✗✗✗ If this list is impressive (and it is), imagine competing at this level and at the same time coping with Type I (juvenile) diabetes!

"Tyson was a gym rat from the first time he picked up a basketball," said Cyclone boys basketball coach Jerome Nesheim. "He is a true competitor and did whatever it took to make himself and his team better. He is a gifted athlete who has a lot of natural ability, great footwork, great hands and a nose for the ball. He has the ability to take over a game because of his strength and the ability to score. He is one of the few post players who can score with their back to the basket and facing up to the basket. Tyson saw a lot of double and triple teams when he caught the ball at the post."

Other first team selections include: Ty Hoglund, junior, Dell Rapids; Brayden McNeary, senior, Aberdeen Roncalli; Noah Vettrus, junior, West Central; Jacob Hinker, junior, Lennox and Brendan Harter, senior, Winner.

The South Dakota All-State teams are chosen by the South Dakota Coaches Association and the South Dakota Sportswriters Association.

The Clark High School senior is the son of Todd and Brenda Jenkins of Clark.

Miss and Mr. Basketball finalists

Jenkins is a finalist candidate for Mr. Basketball. Hansen Anderson Basketball, Inc., publishers of South Dakota high school basketball previews since 1976, will name the South Dakota prep Miss and Mr. Basketball during its annual awards luncheon at the Ramkota Convention Center in Sioux Falls on Sunday, May 3.

Twelve women and 13 men, all seniors, were selected as finalists by a vote of South Dakota high school basketball coaches at the conclusion of the 2014-15 season.

Candidates for Miss Basketball include: Kelsey Bertram, Winner; Ellie Brecht, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Darbi Gustafson, Ethan; Danni Honner, Harrisburg; Tagyn Larson, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Jessica Mieras, Sioux Falls O'Gorman; Rylie Osthus, De Smet; Sydney Palmer, Pierre T.F. Riggs; Ashley Rozell,

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Clark-Willow Lake senior center Tyson Jenkins stood above the opposition in many games he played in his high school career. It wasn't just his 6'6" stature, as he scored 1,070 points and pulled down 524 rebounds in 98 games. He also is a finalist for 2015 South Dakota Mr. Basketball, to be announced May 3.

