

## Weekend shut down by winter storm Jacob



The weekend weather was pretty impressive. A three-day storm with six inches of snow, or more, blanketed the area, followed by blizzard-like conditions, due to blowing snow caused by 40 mph winds. A warm-up is in store for us starting today. Monday's low tempera-

ture was -19° and yesterday was continued cold and windy. As the area roadways and sidewalks get cleared off, now the snow piles continue to grow and are almost as impressive as the storm itself.

Friday and Saturday were 'shut down' days in Clark County. Snow accompanied by wind caused blizzard-like conditions, both Friday and Saturday, making it unable to see the road as well as considerable drifting.

The National Weather Service in Aberdeen verified that peak wind gusts in the county came late Friday afternoon, in the 50-60 mph range, from the south. During the overnight, the wind switched to the north, with the peak gusts approximately the same mph. Along with the winds, another half foot of snow fell, nominally higher or lower throughout the county.

"Friday we had this cold arctic high pressure, as the low pressure developed it created those strong south winds," said Mike Connelly, meteorologist with the weather service. "Another set of arctic pressure came through again Saturday. Really this didn't have a ton of snow. Clark was a little under 6 inches, most of the area is lower."

He explained that the cold temperatures that set in before the two waves of high wind meant snow wasn't very sticky and would easily be blown around. The Pierre area had the peak wind gust for the state Friday with 63 mph and on

Saturday with 62 mph.

By Saturday morning many county and state agencies east of the Missouri were issuing no travel advisories as visibility dropped to zero and road traction was at best, hazardous. Interstate 29 and a portion of Interstate 90 were shut down until winds died down and plows could get through Saturday afternoon.

Area schools were closed Friday and weekend activities were canceled. The Cyclone wrestling team was to go to Gettysburg on Saturday for an 18-team tourney. Many churches canceled Sunday services.

**Winter storm**  
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	HI	LO	PR	
Jan. 14	27	9	0	
Jan. 15	11	-2	.02	
Jan. 16	-2	-16	0	
Jan. 17	19	-17	0	
Jan. 18	24	-17	.28	
Jan. 19	-5	-12	0	
Jan. 20	-5	-11	0	
2020 precipitation to date			.48	
2019 precipitation to date			.46	

## Gov. Kristi Noem gives State of the State address

By Dana Hess  
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Tourism, cyber security and bioprocessing are among the keys to boosting South Dakota's economy, according to Gov. Kristi Noem. The governor made those assertions in her State of the State address on Tuesday.

A highlight of Noem's speech to a joint session of the Legislature was the state's attractiveness to new businesses, touting South Dakota's tax structure, work ethic, state credit rating, balanced state budget and lack of red tape.

"For employers and employees alike, my goal is to make sure folks across the country and around the world know that South Dakota is the place to do business," Noem said. "Whether you've owned and operated a business for four generations, or you're looking to start or

even relocate your current operation, I want my message to be crystal clear: South Dakota is open for business."

### Economic opportunity

Noem highlighted tourism as a "bright spot" in the state's economy, with nine consecutive years of record growth. According to Noem, tourism supports 8.8% of all jobs in the state.

She hinted at another good year for tourism and told legislators they would learn more at next week's tourism conference.

South Dakota can be a leader in cyber security, Noem said, as Dakota State University recently received a \$1.46 million grant to create a high-speed research network.

"We have a chance to lead the nation in cyber security," Noem said. "We must remember to train



Flanked by Speaker of the House Steve Haugard and Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, Gov. Kristi Noem prepares to deliver the second State of the State address of her administration.

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not only this work force, but also attract and create new companies here in South Dakota."

As with cyber security, Noem predicted potential for the state in bioprocessing. She said in the next decade a partnership between private industry, South Dakota State University and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology would support research and development of bioprocessing.

"Our graduates will have a deeper understanding of how biofuels and agriculture can drive change across the globe," Noem said.

South Dakota's status as the pheasant capital of the world is also a means of economic growth, Noem said. She credited a predator trapping program she championed with an increase in pheasant numbers. Noem said 50,000 predators were trapped in the past year.

"Though our efforts have just begun, I'm hearing from people all over the state that birds are more plentiful," Noem said.

### Taking on hemp

Another area of potential economic expansion that doesn't have Noem as a fan is the production of industrial hemp.

Last year Noem vetoed an industrial hemp bill due to her concerns about public safety, law enforcement and funding.

Noem said she would be willing to sign hemp legislation that has reliable enforcement guidelines; responsible regulations regarding licensing, reporting and inspection; minimum land area requirements; and an appropriate fee structure.

"Those four guardrails I've put

**Noem**  
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## State and county filing deadline is March 31, 2020

County, city and school board elections are on the horizon and there are a number of terms expiring at every level.

The terms of County Commissioners Chris Sass in District #2 for a 4-year term and Bob Bjerke in District #4, 4-year term, States Attorney Chad Fjelland, County Coroner Louann Streff and Country Treasurer Kay Mahlen, all 4-year terms, expire this year. Nominating petitions are currently available from the auditor's office.

Each nominating petition needs a certain number of signatures before that petitioner becomes a candidate. To become a County Commissioner candidate, the petitioner needs signatures from one percent of those voters, in the petitioner's party and in his district, who cast their votes for that party's candidate for governor in the last general election.

To become a candidate for a county office, signatures can be obtained from one percent of the voters in the party and in the county, who voted for that party's gubernatorial candidate in the last general election.

The final day for filing nominating petitions for county office is March 31 and the Primary Election Day is June 2, 2020. Petitions can be filed with the County Auditor and further information on circulating a nominating petition can be had from that office. Chris Tarbox is the Clark County Audi-

tor.

**2020 Municipal Elections**  
2020 Municipal and Henry School Board openings include: Bradley, Clark, Garden City, Raymond, Willow Lake, Vienna and Henry School.

Petitions for these boards may be obtained from the town finance officer or in the case of the Henry School, from the business manager at the school office.

Petitions may be circulated beginning next Friday, January 31 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. at the Henry School) on Friday, February 28, 2020.

**Clark:** Five council positions will become vacant in Clark due to the expiration of the present terms of office. In Ward I, there is one, one-year term open, currently held by Terry Schlagel. Also in Ward I, there is a three-year term open, currently held by Belinda Hanson. Ward II council position with incumbent being Harvey Spieker has a one-year term available and also in Ward II, there is a three-year term open, currently held by Kerry Kline. In Ward III with Dennis Larson being the incumbent there is a three-year term open. The position of mayor for a three-year term, currently held by John Pollock, is also open. The finance officer in Clark is Jackie Luttrell.

**Henry School:** Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. Two three-year terms are open with the incumbents being Adam

Hartley and Paula Blue. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School.

**Willow Lake:** Three positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for council members that will expire are: Ward I - a two-year term held by Matt Kadinger and in Ward II - a two-year term currently held by Steven Johnson. The two-year term of mayor currently held by Delwin Bratland will also become vacant. Heidi Madsen is the Willow Lake city finance officer.

**Garden City:** One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. One three-year term currently held by Doug Loomis is open. Jeanette Warkenthien is the finance officer for Garden City.

**Bradley:** One three-year term position presently held by Royal Rosheim will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Bradley is Jeanette Warkenthien.

**Raymond:** One three-year term currently held by incumbent Larry Brannan will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. Carrie Reis is the finance officer in Raymond.

**Vienna:** Two three-year terms currently held by incumbents James Lewandowski and Toby Kangas will become vacant due to the expiration of the present

**Filings**  
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## Updates and changes ongoing at Lake Grocery

"It's kind of like an old fashioned mercantile now in parts of the store with a little bit of everything," stated Julayne Thoreson, treasurer of the Willow Lake Area Advancement group. The WLAA owns the Lake Grocery store equipment and building and has financed, along with generous local contributors, close to \$60,000 of new equipment.

Within the last eight years, they've been able to purchase and install a new five door freezer, a dairy cooler unit, a five door cooler, a produce cooler and a walk-in cooler and freezer in the back.

The store takes care of itself in paying for its operating expenses, product and employees, however the WLAA steps up when equipment goes down or something needs repairing or upgrading on the facility itself.

### Variety store

Willow Lake's Lake Grocery has more items than ever available to the public. A brand name close out wholesaler who specializes in smaller retail locations has been secured to offer some variety to the store. Instead of the front part of the store being rented out as a gift shop separately as it has in the past, - it is now the location of the variety items and a host of consignor's items

Morning coffee and often times rolls are available in the back most mornings, too where locals catch up with one another at the quaint table in the back. The table is available

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Dede Dylla is shown inside of Lake Grocery, where she's worked for about 10 years now. In January, she begins the process of cleaning every shelf, removing all of the cans and boxes for a thorough cleaning. New flooring went in at the end of last year - a luxury vinyl plank flooring that's made to hold up under the wear and tear of a grocery store. The flooring and a new selection of merchandise have been the latest improvements by the Willow Lake Area Advancement group, which owns the store and its equipment.