

## Municipal filings have begun

▲ Also for the Henry School Board

The municipal elections this year fall on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

2019 Municipal and Henry School Board openings include: Raymond, Garden City, Bradley, Willow Lake, Vienna and Henry School.

Petitions for any of 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 Friday, Jan. 25 and need to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019.

**Willow Lake:** Two positions will become vacant in Willow Lake. The present terms of office for a council member that will expire are: Ward I - a two-year term held by Scott Borg and Ward II - a two-year term held by Jim O'Hara. Heidi Madsen is the finance officer for Willow Lake.

**Henry School:** Henry School District #14-2 holds their election the same time as city elections. One three-year term is open with the incumbent being Nicole Wat-

son. Gail Thompson is the business manager at Henry School. Clark and Willow Lake schools hold their school board elections in June.

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

**Garden City:** One council position will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. David Waples is the incumbent for this three-year council position. Jeanette Warkenthen is the finance officer for Garden City.

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

**Vienna:** One three-year term position currently held by Toby Kangas will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term. The finance officer for Vienna is Nancy Roberts.



## Thorp Wolves are latest to be honored

The Thorp Wolves were honored during halftime of the Clark-Willow Lake versus Groton Area boys basketball game last Friday at the Clark gym.

The Thorp School was located five miles south and one mile west of Bradley. The school opened in 1920 with 1959 being the last graduat-

ing class. The grade school continued for the next 10 years.

Thorp School was a member of the Little Eight athletic conference. The school colors were blue and white.

On Friday, February 15, the Logan Arrows will be honored at halftime of the Redfield-Doland boys basketball game.



Annick Blanket from Rotterdam, Netherlands is staying with Kerry Kline for the remaining semester at Clark High School, where she is in the junior class. The 17-year-old is shown relaxing with Raya - the Himalayan feline between her and her American mom - Kline. Blanket celebrated her birthday recently on the 17th of January with a nice celebration - American style.

## Annick Blanket from the Netherlands is staying with Kerry Kline, in Clark

From Rotterdam, Netherlands is where Annick Blanket, one of the new Clark cheerleaders at the high school basketball games is from originally. She is staying with Kerry Kline in Clark.

The Netherlands is sometimes referred to as Holland but North Holland and South Holland are only parts or provinces of the country similar to our counties within the state.

Blanket grew up in the city where the main mode of transportation is bicycle or public transportation. It's a five minute ride to her school - Wolfert Dalton where 1750 attend her high school. She will have to take her junior year over when she returns to school. She is in a '6 year option' of her high school years. "It's different there than here for high school. We go to a four, five or six year high school depending more on what you're apt to go into in the work force. In some ways it's easiest, medium and hardest in the levels of high school," she explained.

Blanket is considering being a psychiatrist, a doctor of psychology which will have her going to school until she's 29 years old. In Rotterdam she started first grade at four years old. First through eighth grade is their primary school fol-

lowed by high school and college.

A trip to California with her mother Odilia and stepdad Robert on a summer vacation and hearing more on the foreign exchange option was what got Blanket to thinking that she would like that experience.

"The USA was always so cool to me. Coming here was something I always wanted to do."

Blanket spent the first half of the school year in Huron before she came to Clark to spend the second half of the school year.

Kline had met her before as she is a director over 23 kids in the foreign exchange program in the area.

Blanket's mother Odilia is in human resources doing free lance work for companies and her father Joost Blanket is a human resources manager with the Innovation Company. She has one 13-year-old brother Jason and a 19-year-old sister Isabel Ouwens. Jason is pronounced Yason and her father's name Joost is pronounced Yost. "Our R's and G's are also pronounced differently," noted Blanket.

She speaks Dutch at home and learned the basics of English in her school, but learned to be more fluent watching movies, sometimes with subtitles and listening to music lyrics.

Gymnastics and horse back riding - English riding style are activities she's enjoyed growing up in Rotterdam. Her sister currently has a horse named Berlin. "Our schools do not have sports like they do here. And if you do, do a sport at a club, most kids just do one sport all year. Not seasons like here."

Blanket is enjoying being in FC-CLA and Clark now has four cheerleaders for basketball as she has joined the cheer squad.

As far as food goes, she likes everything here, "It tastes better," she notices in comparison to her regular diet.

**Blanket**  
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### WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 22	13	6	.04
Jan. 23	13	-1	0
Jan. 24	20	-1	0
Jan. 25	2	-16	0
Jan. 26	9	-9	tr
Jan. 27	16	-7	0
Jan. 28	30	-7	.48
2019 precipitation to date	0.98		
2018 precipitation to date	0.00		

## Noem budget has increases for education, state salaries

By Dana Hess  
Community News Service

While she praised the fiscal conservatism of former Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Gov. Kristi Noem's budget differs from the one that he offered in December.

Before a joint session of the Legislature on Wednesday, Noem outlined a plan that would provide 2.5 percent increases for education, Medicaid providers and state employee salaries.

Daugaard's budget had provided a 2.3 percent increase in those areas.

"I'm committed to maintaining the fiscal integrity for which our state is known," Noem said. "We won't spend money we don't have. We will not raise taxes."

Noem cautioned lawmakers against planning on spending any of the revenue generated in the wake of the Supreme Court decision that

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Gov. Kristi Noem delivered her first budget address to a joint session of the Legislature on Wednesday afternoon. Her budget calls for 2.5 percent increases for education, Medicaid providers and state employee salaries. (Community News Service photo)



When one clears snow, different types of equipment are needed, as Travis Werdel loads his snowblower onto the Bobcat. And then he used his trusty shovel to get the spots missed by the big equipment.

The City of Clark received five inches of snow, Sunday into Monday.

Officially, the City of Clark has had 30 inches of snow since Christmas.

## A polar vortex is the culprit of brutally frigid conditions

**Polar vortex:** "A polar vortex is an upper level low-pressure area lying near the Earth's poles. There are two polar vortices in the Earth's atmosphere, overlying the North and South Poles. Each polar vortex is a persistent, large-scale, low pressure zone that rotates counter-clockwise

at the North Pole (called a cyclone) and clockwise at the South Pole, i.e. both polar vortices rotate eastward around the poles. The bases of the two polar vortices are located in the middle and upper troposphere and extend into the stratosphere. Beneath that lies a large mass of cold,

dense arctic air." This frigid arctic air mass has spread across much of north central and northeastern United States this week, including Clark County and eastern South Dakota.

**Polar vortex**  
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