

## Economic Development continues to be on the front burner at city hall

A nice crowd was on hand for the January meeting of the Clark City Council. Different individuals or groups were in attendance for various reasons, but the top 'people gathering' agenda item involved the implementing of the Clark County Development Corporation (CCDC).

Three CCDC officers, president Greg Janisch, secretary Kristin Vandernick and treasurer Brandon Herr were in attendance at Monday's meeting, with Janisch sharing with the council and those attending the CCDC Mission Statement: Clark County Development Corporation is committed to improving our economy by promoting business growth, increasing housing opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Janisch stated that the committee, or rather board of directors, has set up CCDC bylaws and now are looking to hire a full time individual working with economic development.

The city council then approved the \$25,000 the city had approved at a previous meeting, the actual funding. The Clark County Board of Commissioners also, at an earlier meeting, approved \$25,000 to the CCDC.

CCDC treasurer Brandon Herr then explained why three-year funding from both the city and county is important.

City finance officer Jackie Luttrell explained that the three-year funding proposition could take place once a tax ID is in place.

CCDC president Janisch explained that this economic development director, with funding in place, could be hired by the CCDC to carry out economic development within the City of Clark and in Clark County. The employee would oversee day-to-day operations and would be in charge of carrying out a strategic plan as laid out by the CCDC Board of Directors and Advisory Committee.

The CCDC was on the agenda at the county commission meeting and will be back to a city council meeting to request three-year funding. Janisch said that Dacotah Bank - Clark president Tom LaBrie okayed an office in the bank basement for the CCDC economic development employee.

Mayor John Pollock said that economic development plays a key role in progressive municipalities and he appreciates the volunteerism of the CCDC board of directors and the time they are willing to commit for economic development.

The CCDC board will have to replace board member Chad Jager, who is moving to Moberg. This board also has three advisory members, Mayor John Pollock and city finance officer from the city of Clark

and Bob Bjerke from the county board of commissioners. According to by-laws an annual meeting for the public will be held each January.

**Sidewalk and snow**  
Early this century the City of Clark mandated a sidewalk on the north side of Third Avenue East, just east of the high school and just west of the swimming pool. This sidewalk abuts the street.

David Moritz, representing the homeowners, proposed to the council an amendment to the current or-

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#### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Dec. 29 .....	23	-9	0
Dec. 30 .....	23	-6	0
Dec. 31 .....	32	13	.36
Jan. 1 .....	13	-14	.04
Jan. 2 .....	8	-6	0
Jan. 3 .....	26	8	0
Jan. 4 .....	35	26	0
Jan. 5 .....	38	26	0
Jan. 6 .....	39	23	0
Jan. 7 .....	34	26	.01
2019 precipitation to date			0.05
2018 precipitation to date			0.00
2018 precipitation:	19.36		
2017 precipitation:	23.13		



## Officials take courthouse oath of office

▲ Robert Bjerke re-elected Chairman of Board of Commissioners

The newly elected Clark County Constitutional elected officers took their oath of office Tuesday, being sworn in by Clark County Treasurer Kay Mahlen, right.

Pictured left to right are: Robert McGraw, Clark County Sheriff; Richard Reints, Clark County Commissioner District 5; Francis Hass, Clark County Commissioner District 3; Wally Knock, Clark County Commissioner District 1; Andrea Helkenn, Clark County Register of Deeds and Chris Tarbox, Clark County Auditor.

Robert Bjerke was re-elected chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday. Chris Sass was elected Vice Chairman.

Commissioner committee assignments for 2019 were made and these include: Mental Health - Chris Sass; Extension - Richard Reints; Weed and Pest Wally Knock; Airport - Bjerke, Sass and Francis Hass; ICAP - Hass; First District - Reints; Glacial Lakes - Bjerke and Legislative Contact - Knock.

## Aiden Bowers and family visit SeaWorld in December



After about a year of waiting for young Aiden Bowers of Clark, the date finally came for his complimentary Make-A-Wish® trip to SeaWorld and Disney World. His entire family above, Justin and Tiffany Bowers with, left to right, Aiden, Marlee and Abigail, got the chance to pet a dolphin as it swam by at Sea-

World. "The dolphins and the stingrays were both my favorites," stated young Bowers of his SeaWorld visit where he also got to feed the dolphins and have them kiss his hand. The family spent from December 10 to 17 in Florida.

On December 15, 2017, at a school assembly in Clark is when young Aiden Bowers was officially notified that his Make-A-Wish® trip to SeaWorld's marine life park was granted.

One year after per the family's decision for the timing of the trip, Aiden Bowers and his family returned on December 17, 2018 after spending a week in Orlando, Fla. fulfilling Aiden's wish trip.

"It was awesome," stated eight-year-old Aiden who was able to bring his sisters - Marlee, nine-years-old and Abigail - two-years-old, along with his parents, Justin and Tiffany Bowers, all of Clark. The entire trip was made possible by the South Dakota Make-A-Wish® foundation and Country Tractor Run out of New Effington for the Bowers family.

"We had special treatment the whole time we were there," added Tiffany Bowers of their trip. "We arrived on a Monday afternoon to our own villa or duplex within the 'Give Kids the World Village'."

"The place is 84 acres big and is made just for the families of the Make-A-Wish® kids," stated Justin Bowers.

'Humongous' and 'amazing' were words used by the family to describe 'The Village' as it came to be known to them. Their home away

### Bowers

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## Ice skating adds to winter fun

Those of us in the upper part of the United States see four seasons and learn to enjoy the great outdoors, even in winter.

After the New Year 'came in like a lion' to borrow the March weather cliché, it really has been a mild, pleasant January.

Taking advantage of the Clark ice skating rink early last Friday afternoon are Giovanni Ramirez, left and Zachary Ambrose.

# 2018 Year in Review Part II, July-December

The second half of each respective year probably has more noteworthy or news items than the first half and 2018 was no exception.

A new Charters of Freedom setting in Flat Iron Park, a bountiful crop harvest, beginning construction of the Crocker Wind Farm and seven new foreign exchange students led the way in news reporting.

Plus, South Dakotans elected the first female Governor, Hamlin County's own Kristi Noem.

**July**  
 The Terhark cousins gathered in their southern Clark County corn field to show one and all that corn was much higher than 'knee high' before the Fourth of July.  
 Lindsey Tellinghuisen, Willow Lake School fourth

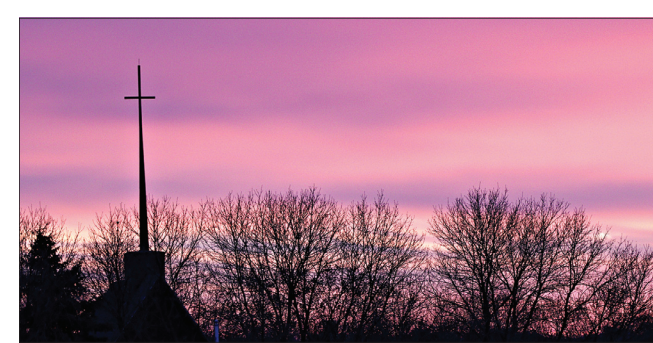
grade teacher was honored in Washington, D.C., receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics.

The Clark Rotary Club celebrates its 90th anniversary. This celebration was in conjunction with the eight-team Clark Rotary Club baseball tournament.

Harvey Spieker, Darin Nelson and Mclade Nelson win the 29th annual Edwin Seefeldt Clark Lions fishing tournament.

Wally Knock of Willow Lake visited Washington, D.C. with the SD Association of Cooperatives.

Julia Maas, Crocker, had two ash trees destroyed by lightning. Very little rain came with the thunder and lightning which hit right before lunch on Thursday, June 28.



This sunrise was visible on a late October morning. It is looking east behind the Fay Wookey Assisted Living Center. That is the Clark United Methodist Church steeple.

P4 Manufacturing in the Clark Industrial Park celebrates 15 years. P4 includes owner Paul Streff and employees Chad Helkenn and Conner Hallstrom.

CHS seniors; Josh Weisbrod, Bradyn Rusher and Mikel Sanchez receive the 'Spirit of FCCLA' from SD State Officers, created in their honor because they were so instrumental to the organization.

Robert Steffen is re-elected president of the Clark School Board.

The 4th of July parade in Willow Lake is again well attended with many entrants.

The SD G,F&P announces proposed changes at Indian Springs, regarding seasonal boating restrictions.

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