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County commissioner districts and polling places are changing

▲ Clark and Willow Lake also redistrict

Every 10 years the federal government orders a census of all federal, state, county and tribal lands. Representation of voting districts change as the population shifts.

In Clark County, there are five county commissioner districts and 13 voting precincts. The number of county commissioners throughout the years has remained at five, with the number of voting precincts decreasing as the population decreases.

Wally Knock is the current commissioner in District I. The townships in District I contain Fordham, Richland, Hague, Rosedale, Collins and the town of Willow Lake. The precincts involved are #8 and #10. Collins Township and the town of Willow Lake will vote at the Willow Lake City Hall. Voting at the Carpenter Community Center, will be the townships of Fordham, Richland, Hague and Rosedale.

Chris Sass is the current District II commissioner. District II townships include Blaine, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren, Woodland, Thorp, Mt. Pleasant, Maydell, Eden, the town of Garden City and the town of Bradley.

District II involves voting precincts #1, #2 and #4. Residents living in Blaine, Cottonwood, Spring Valley, Warren and the town of Bradley will vote at the Bradley Community Center. Those residing in Woodland, Thorp and Mt. Pleasant townships will vote in the Ulyot Building in Clark. Voting at

the Garden City Methodist Church will be Maydell and Eden township citizens and those living in Garden City.

Francis Hass is the current District III commissioner. District III represents the townships of Ash, Raymond, Garfield, Logan, Lincoln, Merton, the town of Raymond and Ward III in the city of Clark.

District III voting precincts are #3, #9 and #13. Those voting at the Raymond Fire Hall are Raymond Township, town of Raymond, and Ash and Logan townships.

Garfield, Lincoln, Darlington and Merton townships vote at the Ulyot Building in Clark. Clark Ward III votes will mark their ballots at the American Legion Hall, in Clark.

Terry Schlager is the current District IV county commissioner. District IV represents Ward I and Ward II in Clark, precincts #11 and #12, voting at the Clark American Legion Hall.

Richard Reints is the current District V county commissioner. District V includes the townships of Day, Elrod, Foxton, Pleasant, Lake, Washington and the towns of Vienna and Naples. The voting precincts are #6 and #7. The Ulyot Building in Clark will be the voting place for Day, Elrod, and Foxton Townships, and the town of Naples. At Grace Lutheran Church in Willow Lake will be the residents of Washington, Pleasant and Lake townships and the town of Vienna.

Cracker Barrel discussion involves redistricting, money and ballot issues

Clark Legislative Cracker Barrels have been on President's Day in recent years. It seems as if President's Day has been blustery in recent years.

Monday was a blustery day in Clark with the temperature in single digits and the wind out of the northwest, averaging 25mph for most of the day.

However, the three full tables who came to hear what the three legislators had to say, really got their 90 - minutes worth, listening to Representative Lana Greenfield, Senator Brock Greenfield and Senator John Wiik.

Currently, all of Clark County is in Legislative District 2, but that will be changing as soon as this session is over.

It has been a very long time since Clark County has been divided, but that is the case for 2022. Five townships in western Clark County, Fordham, Logan, Richland, Lincoln and Raymond will be part of Legislative District 22, the rest of Clark County will be Legislative District 4. Legislative District 4 will be the counties of Deuel, Grant, Codington, except Watertown, Hamlin and a little of Roberts and most of Clark County. The largest city in District 4 will be Milbank, followed by Clear Lake and Clark.

District II legislators are Representative Lana Greenfield, Representative Kaleb Weis and Senator Brock Greenfield. Weis was not at Monday's legislative coffee because of the weather and he will be serving another district, as he lives in



With cold, windy weather outside, the Clark Ulyot Temple, introduces the legislator panel, left to right, Representative Lana Greenfield, Senator Brock Greenfield and Senator John Wiik. Moderator, Clark Farmers Union president Gail

Greenfield has not 'thrown her hat into any political ring', as far as being an office seeker on any level.

Early Monday morning, Senator Greenfield contacted Senator Wiik to see if he was interested in attending the Clark Cracker Barrel, and he joined the two Greenfields on the panel.

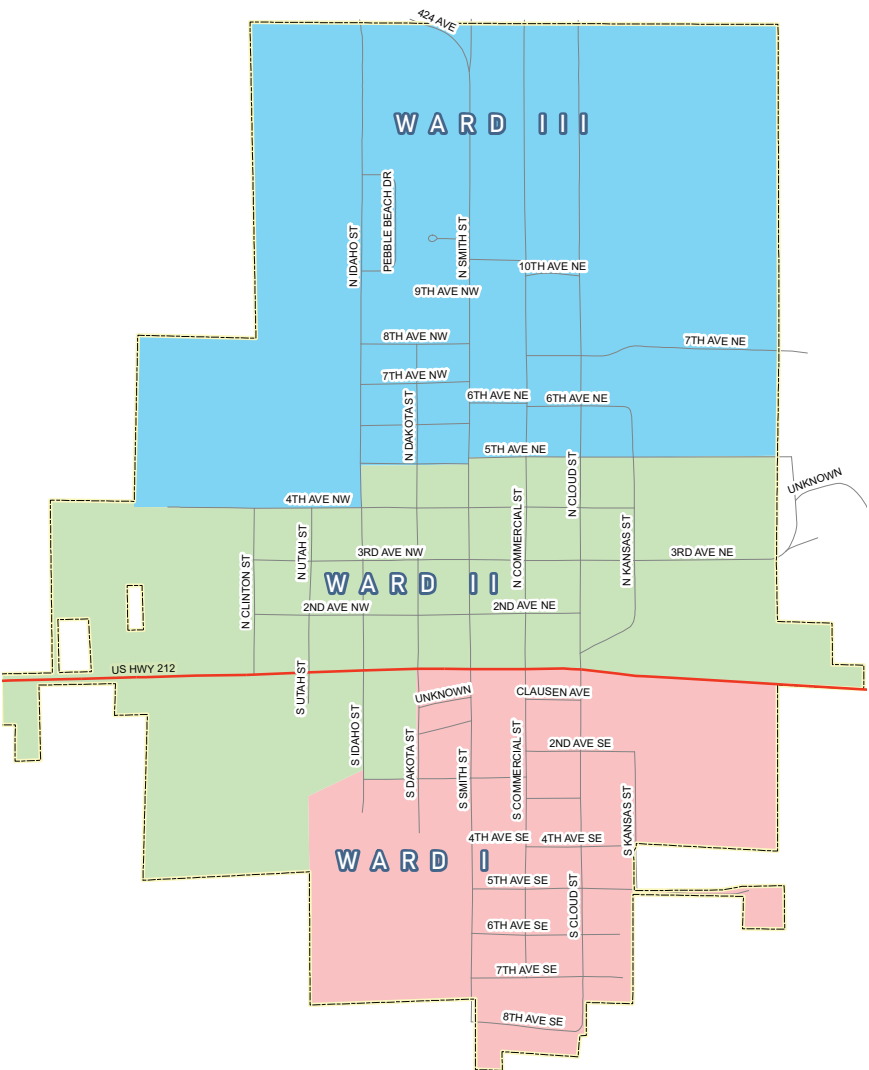
unprecedented times right now," he opened on the state's economic times, with surplus federal dollars.

He then stated that in good times like these, the state has to be aware of how ballot issues are handled. He compared three past South Dakota ballot issues, IM22, Medical Marijuana and Marcy's Law and how the

project is being funded through a state-private partnership with the state contributing \$16 million. It will be an elaborate multipurpose beef/equestrian facility, 150,000

Cracker Barrel
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CITY OF CLARK OFFICIAL VOTING MAP



This map shows the redistricting of the three City of Clark wards. Ward I is currently represented by Nick Dalton and Brandon Kottke and covers the southern portion of Clark. Ward II is the middle section, currently represented by Shane Hagstrom and Derrick Dohman. The northern tier is Ward III, with the current city council incumbents being Andrew Zemlicka and Melissa Nesheim.

Pops Concert is Monday

The annual Clark School Pops Concert, featuring the Clark School bands and choirs, will be next Monday, Feb. 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Amy Nelson is the band and choral director.

The program includes: The sixth grade band will play *Theme from Jurassic Park, From Now On and Seven Nation Army*.

The Clark Concert band will be performing three songs, *Hallelujah, Don't Fear the Reaper and Blinding Lights*.

For the vocal presentations, the sixth grade choir will be performing *Blackbird and Sunday Best*. The seventh and eighth grade choir will sing *You are the Reason, Help and*

Butterflies. The high school choir will sing *Walking in Memphis, Dear Theodosia and Fix You*.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Feb. 15	19	0	0
Feb. 16	38	14	0
Feb. 17	24	-4	0
Feb. 18	30	-5	0
Feb. 19	38	-3	0
Feb. 20	38	-2	0
Feb. 21	41	4	0
2022 precipitation to date		0.30	
2021 precipitation to date		0.84	

Legislation would make state burial laws clearer

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota has some of the weakest laws in the nation when it comes to regulating who decides what should happen to the body of someone who dies, and the vague laws are causing greater expense for survivors, creating emotional trauma for grieving families and funeral directors, and occasionally leading to contentious lawsuits.

But state lawmakers are poised to update so-called "disposition" laws to make clear who has the final say over whether a body is embalmed and buried or is cremated, and over where it should be buried or who keeps the remains.

A bill moving quickly through the legislative process, House Bill 1152, would enact eight separate sections of legal language that would spell

out specifically how bodies should be handled after death. The measure is modeled on legislation developed by the National Funeral Directors Association and is backed by the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association, whose members have regularly endured stress and uncertainty when disposition challenges arise.

South Dakota laws now allow someone 18 or older to legally dictate his or her own disposition plans before death, though current law allows for challenges of those plans to be made after death. In deaths where a challenge arises, a lawsuit may result and a judge may be called on to decide disposition of a body.

In a death without any legal pre-arrangements in place, state law requires all surviving direct

family members to agree on disposition in order for burial or cremation to take place.

Beyond that, however, South Dakota disposition laws are unclear on several points and have become inadequate to address legal issues that are arising more often than in the past, said Mitch Steinhoff, director of Eidsness Funeral Home in Brookings.

For example, obtaining consensus on burial plans from all surviving family members has become far more difficult as people have become more geographically dispersed and estrangement among family members appears to be more common, Steinhoff said.

"The biggest thing is that the law has just been outdated for some time, and the law the way it

reads now is very vague on a lot of issues," Steinhoff said. "This will really clean it up and give us direct law on how things have to happen."

The proposed law would make it much harder for a pre-arranged disposition to be changed, allowing a challenge only if the decedent made it clear before death that he or she was open to other plans, and only from survivors the person designates in advance.

While a signed and notarized "pre-need" legal document makes it much easier to determine disposition intent, many people die without making such arrangements, Steinhoff said.

The current law requiring consensus among survivors of people

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Seven wrestling Cyclones State B bound

These seven Clark-Willow Lake Cyclone wrestlers qualified for the South Dakota Class B Wrestling Tournament, this Thursday through Saturday in Sioux Falls. Thursday is a team competition day with individual match-ups starting Friday.

Two Cyclones won Region 1B Championships. Josh Kannegieter at 128 and Gunnar Kvistad at 152. Kvistad also won the Gene Benthin

Region 1B Sportsmanship Award.

Left to right, Josh Kannegieter, Ethan McElhone, third at 138; Kasey Michalski, fourth at 182; Lucas Kannegieter, second at 170; Gunnar Kvistad, Avery Nichols, second at 285; and Cooper Pommer, second at 106.