



## Clark County receives Bridge Replacement grant

The South Dakota Transportation Commission awarded 28 Preservation, Rehabilitation and Replacement Bridge Improvement Grants (BIG) totaling approximately \$13.93 million at their meeting today in Pierre. Grant recipients are: Aurora County, Beadle County (3), Brookings County, Clark County, Day County, City of Deadwood, Deuel County (2), Fall River County, City of Garretson, Hughes County, Jackson County, Lake County, Lawrence County (2), Moody County, City of Rapid City, Roberts County, City of Sioux Falls (2), Sully County, Tripp County, Union County and Yankton County (2).

The bridge to be replaced in Clark County is located five miles south and a mile west of Raymond on 413 Ave. Through the grant Clark County was awarded \$294,900.

The grant is given on a 70/30 matching basis with the state covering seventy percent of the total project cost and the county being responsible for 30 percent. The

estimated cost of the project is \$421,217.

Forty-two applications totaling \$22.8 million were received by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). Five cities submitted six applications and 23 counties submitted 36 applications.

Local governments are required to pay a minimum of 20 percent matching funds and have three years to expend the grant. Counties must have a wheel tax and a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan to receive a grant.

The BIG program was created in 2015 by Senate Bill 1. SB 1 set aside \$7 million per year from funds generated by license plate fees to be used to repair and replace aging local bridges. The SDDOT adds an additional \$8 million annually, making \$15 million available. The next round of BIG program applications are due August 1, 2019, for the Preliminary Engineering category.

## Municipal elections held in Willow Lake and Garden City

Two municipal elections were held Tuesday, April 9, in Clark County.

At Garden City, Laina Strohfus won a seat on the Town Council, de-

feating David Waples, 10 to 7.

At Willow Lake, for the Ward I Trusteeship position, Marie Zantow was the winner, 17 to 9 over Arrin Wirtjes.



Snow removal was going fast and furious Friday morning after more than two feet of snow, or at least in that neighborhood, fell in Clark County.

Heavy, thick snow, moved by two days of vicious winds, made snow removal a challenge as where all this snow should go.

Forest Excavating is shown clearing out the Pebble Beach apartment

complex Friday morning.

This photo shows the thick texture of snow, the depth after clearance to the mailboxes and how heavy it clings to the roof of buildings and houses.

This is a good melting week, as temperatures are slowly rising, from the 30's to the 40's and 50's and even the 70's by Saturday.



Girls State representatives were recently selected at Clark High School. Girls State will be held at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. There will be no Boys State representatives going from Clark High School this year.

## Girls State delegates have been chosen at C.H.S.

Girls State delegates have been selected at Clark High School for the 2019 session.

There will be no Boys State representatives going from Clark High School this session.

Fiona Kohrs will be sponsored by the Raymond American Legion

Auxiliary. She is the daughter of David Kohrs and participates in band.

Olivia Sass will be sponsored by the Clark American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Chris and

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## Historic storm slams Clark with 28.9" of snow

April 10-12, 2019 will long be remembered for the historic blizzard and historic snowfall that paralyzed much of South Dakota.

Officially, Clark received 17.7" on Wednesday and 11.2" on Thursday. This 28.9" in April, plus 9.9" in March, 16.5" in February, 12.7" in January and 12.3" in December brings the winter total to just over 80". Whether or not that is a city of Clark record is unknown, but 80.3" is quite a winter snowfall mark.

This last snow/blizzard event was quite widespread throughout the

Midwest and upper Great Plains. The heavy snow and massive flooding has caused billions of dollars in damage in Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota.

As to what damage has occurred in Clark County, it is all being sorted out, but anytime this much snow falls and the wind blows strong and producers are in the middle of calving, livestock is lost.

Many in southeast South Dakota lost power during the storm, but no power outages were reported in Clark County.

According to Clark County Sheriff Rob McGraw, because there was good warning of the impending storm everyone was well prepared and "issues were minimal".

The sheriff continued that some buildings could have suffered damage from the snow, he'd only heard of two.

"Plus, we had a handful of drivers get stuck and need assistance, but overall we got off lucky. I've never seen snow piled this high on Main Street, ever."

At area schools, no school was

held Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Clark was to have an inservice and Prom on Friday and both were postponed.

Interstate 29 and 90 were both closed for over 24 hours.

Watertown made its way into the national news on Wednesday as CBS reporter Adriana Diaz was in town reporting on the winter storm that's blasting the region.

Diaz rode along with 1994 Watertown High School graduate Scott

**Historic storm**  
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### WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
Apr. 9.....	66	39	0
Apr. 10.....	54	27	.02
Apr. 11.....	28	24	.94
Apr. 12.....	27	23	.95
Apr. 13.....	31	22	.03
Apr. 14.....	37	16	0
Apr. 15.....	37	28	0
2019 precipitation to date	6.45		
2018 precipitation to date	2.25		

## SDSU likely to host next high school football championships

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

Monday the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors got a look at the provisions that will go into a contract with South Dakota State University to host next season's football championship games.

Previously the board determined

that work being done at the DakotaDome at the University of South Dakota, where the championship games are usually held, would limit the seats available for high school football's biggest games.

SDHSAA has leased the DakotaDome through 2026. USD has agreed to an acknowledgment of its inability to host the championships in 2019. For that year, the \$50,000

rental fee would be waived.

A preliminary proposed agreement with SDSU calls for four games on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Three games on Friday, Nov. 15, at 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. SDSU has a home football

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## Worship at the church of choice this Easter Sunday

This is Easter Week - with Maundy/Holy Thursday and Good Friday leading up to Easter Sunday.

### Maundy Thursday

Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on Thursday, April 18, include in Clark: The Plymouth UCC Church will host a community Maundy Thursday service with members of the ministerial association and host Pastor Fawn Lamb leading the service at 7:00 p.m.

In Clark at Peace Lutheran a Tri-Parish Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Communion.

Saint Michael Catholic Church will celebrate with a Holy Thursday of the Lord's supper mass with members of the Saint Henry Catholic Church at the church in Henry at 7:00 p.m. on April 18.

Members of the Prairie Star Lutheran parish will gather at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. for worship.

Church will be attending the Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church's 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

A Holy Thursday Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Bryant.

At Crocker Lutheran in Crocker, a 7:00 p.m. joint worship will be held including members of St. John's Lutheran in Bradley.

### Good Friday

In Willow Lake, the schedule for Good Friday includes a service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Willow Lake Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church with members from the Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond and Peace Lutheran in Clark joining them for their Tenebrae (service of shadows) communion worship.

The Lake Gospel Church will be hosting a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service.

In Carpenter, members of the United Methodist Church will have a 7:00 p.m. service.

In Clark, a Community Good Friday worship is being planned at the St. Paul Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. Members of Saint Michael parish are planning a 3:00 p.m. Good Friday worship for Good Friday at their church.

In Bradley, members of Crocker Lutheran and St. John's will have their service at St. John's at 7:00 p.m.

A 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be held on April 19 at the St. Mary Catholic Church in Bryant.

Prairie Star Lutheran members will attend a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant.

At Saint Henry Catholic Church in Henry, a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be held on April 19.

### Easter Sunday

In Clark, the Easter service at the Plymouth UCC church will be at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb. At St. Paul Lutheran, at 9:00 a.m.

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## 'Rustic Romance' is 2019 Prom theme

Prom goes at Clark High School had to wait an extra night, as two feet of snow caused the 2019 Junior-Senior Prom to be moved from Friday night to Saturday night, April 13.

With 'Rustic Romance' as the theme, students

went to the banquet, above, and then to the Grand March. On Sunday, the students jumped on the bus for special events in the Twin Cities.

For more Prom pictures, turn to page 7.