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Tuesday

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## County commissioners hold TIF boundaries public hearing

At the Tuesday, May 19 meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners a public hearing was held on the creation of the Tax Incremental District Financing Number Two (TIF).

The TIF District is a process and at this meeting, a public hearing was held regarding the TIF District boundaries.

Riverview Farms is going through the process with the county commissioners to create a large dairy, 10 miles west and six miles south of Clark.

The TIF creation of boundaries public hearing lasted approximately an hour.

This meeting was a ZOOM meeting, as everyone was connected through the Internet, not in person at the Clark County Courthouse. (Clark County Auditor Chris Tarbox, commissioner Richard Reints and Courier reporter Bill Krikac were in the courthouse meeting room.) County attorney, Chad Fjelland, after commission chairman Chris Sass opened up the topic for comment, stated, "what we do today does not commit us to anything, that will happen at the next meeting."

Fjelland explained the two-step process and the resolution describing the contiguous boundaries of the proposed Riverview Farms TIF. The boundaries are the Riverview Farms land the dairy will be located upon and the five miles of county road south of US Highway 212, 10 miles west of Clark.

Brady Janzen of Riverview was first to speak and he spoke of the positive improvements to county infrastructure and agriculture, in the long-term.

"We would love to take a step closer to making this a reality," said Janzen.

Testimony against was provided

by adjacent landowner to the dairy, Wayne Schlagel and Terry Schlagel. Wayne Schlagel wondered who sets the borders and why weren't more miles included? "Only five miles?" said W. Schlagel. He felt the entire county road should be included.

State financial consultant Toby Morris explained why only the five miles, "the coming and going", of the dairy and the fact that if more roadway was done the cost would be higher than the TIF could create.

W. Schlagel felt the entire road should be compensated. He also had a problem that the newspaper public notice appeared in the paper before township residents received their letters of notification.

Attorney Fjelland's recommendation was to continue the hearing as the townships were represented at the public hearing.

Terry Schlagel then asked "if this TIF pays for building the new road, who picks up the slack?" Morris answered, "The lender would have assignment to Riverview. The county will be held harmless."

The total cost of the dairy is in the \$50,000,000 range with the road cost predicted to be \$3,600,000.

Road up keep throughout the entire county was then discussed.

### TIF

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### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 19 .....	70	45	0
May 20 .....	65	48	0
May 21 .....	68	48	0
May 22 .....	67	56	.03
May 23 .....	71	56	0
May 24 .....	76	59	.24
May 25 .....	72	57	0
2020 precipitation to date	5.09		
2019 precipitation to date	11.78		



## Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice

Memorial Day 2020 was an abbreviated event, with no indoor program. Above, the Clark Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 Chaplin Glen Warkentien begins the walk to place the laying of the wreath on the War Memorial at Flat Iron Park. The Legion members then did ceremonies at

St. Boniface and Rose Hill cemeteries. For historical purposes this photo will be remembered for two things, the wearing of masks and gas prices under \$2.00.



On the corner of US Highway 212 and Commercial Street in Clark is where senior Amanda Reff's banner was located in time for the End of School parade. "Taking things for granted" was one lesson learned during this pandemic shutdown she stated. "I really missed seeing everyone every day."

## Clark High School seniors have a spring without school

In the history of the Clark School system, the Class of 2020 had an unprecedented end of their school year.

The Clark County Courier visited with three seniors recently in advance of their last day of school, technically.

The 12 seniors were honored and

recognized during the 'Kickoff to Summer' parade, organized by the Clark School teaching staff. Senior banners with family members gathered underneath them were stationed at light poles along the parade route. An official graduation ceremony is planned for Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.



Clark senior Olivia Sass' banner was also placed on north Commercial Street in time for the Kick Off to Summer parade.

"Missing out on all of the spring activities like the State FFA and FCCLA events," were among the toughest parts of ending her senior year this way, said Sass.

The students were asked what was the toughest part about this spring, what was your take on distance learning and what was missed most from being in the classroom?

### Olivia Sass

"What I missed this spring was all of the spring activities and events. Like the FFA and FCCLA

conventions and all that goes with that. Not being with your friends and classmates in school is hard," stated Sass.

"I definitely couldn't be home schooled. I've taken college courses online but hadn't used Zoom before

Seniors  
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## The June Primary Election is Tuesday

The Primary Election is next Tuesday in South Dakota. As the COVID-19 pandemic has everyone pretty well quarantined, voters were urged to mail in their ballots.

"Less than expected," was the answer given by Clark County Auditor Chris Tarbox as that question of 'did many voters turn in absentee ballots through the mail'.

Tarbox continued that primary elections have less on the ballot than the general election and therefore the turnout is less for the primary. That scenario is true this year.

One can vote early, you just need to call the auditor's office at 532-5921 to get the door to the courthouse open. The courthouse is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday, June 2, the Clark County Courthouse will be open for you to vote, on the first floor.

"On Primary Election Day you may have to wait because we will be socially distancing one and all,"

said Tarbox. "Come in the front door and leave by way of the back door," she advised. If the ramp is needed, the back door must be used. "That is totally fine," said the auditor.

"COVID-19 has changed the whole concept of the election," Tarbox noted and she said that the goal is to be back to normal by the time the General Election rolls around.

### June Primary

The primary election is Tuesday, June 2.

On the ballot will be the U.S. Senate position, with Schyller Borglum challenging incumbent Mike Rounds and U.S. Representative incumbent Dusty Johnson being opposed by Marty May. Both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House candidates are on the Republican side.

On the Democratic primary ballot, the U.S. President candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders are up for election. Sanders suspended his campaign on April 8.

## June climate - a tough one to predict

With alternating cool and warm weather patterns throughout the last few months and the summer season ahead, temperature continues to be a challenge for climate forecasters in South Dakota.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center released their June climate outlook on May 21. Regarding temperature, the outlook did not provide a clear prediction of what is to come and projected equal chances of warmer, cooler or near average temperatures for the month of June.

"The mixed signals are predicted to continue into the summer season." — Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist

"The three-month outlook for June through August shows equal chances of warmer, cooler or near average temperatures for all of South Dakota with the exception of the far western edge of the state."

She added that, in the far west, there is a slightly enhanced chance of warmer than average temperatures over the three summer months.

"The projections for precipitation seem to be more consistent," said Edwards. "The latest outlook calls for increased chances of wetter than average conditions in June and subsequent months through August, particularly in the eastern half of

June climate  
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