



## State and the many South Dakota counties wanting to get "Back to Normal"

Last week, Governor Kristi Noem announced her plan to help South Dakotans get "Back to Normal" following the COVID-19 pandemic. The governor says the plan puts the decision making "in the hands of the people, where it belongs".

In South Dakota there currently are 2,668 positive coronavirus cases, with 817 active, 2,333 of the 2,668 cases are in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties. Three hundred and forty cases have been found outside the metro-Sioux Falls area. These are Monday, May 4, num-

bers.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly changed the path so many South Dakotans were on. Some of us lost friends and loved-ones," Noem said. "This disease also stole our most precious commodity - time. In addition to the health casts, the social costs of this virus are historic in the worst way. I have let science, facts and data drive our decision-making and we will continue to do so."

"South Dakotans have taken personal responsibility for their health

and safety seriously. They have done a tremendous job practicing good public hygiene and social distancing. Together, we've cut our projected peak infection rate by more than 75 percent. South Dakotans have lived up to our state's motto: 'Under God, the people rule'.

"Today's plan relies on South Dakotans continuing to exercise common sense, reasonableness, innovation and a commitment to themselves, their families and - in

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Six individuals were given the oath of office by City of Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell, as the council begins anew each May.

Left to right are incoming officials, Kerry Kline, mayor; Terry Schlagel, Ward I; Derrick Dohmann,

Ward II; Shane Hagstrom, Ward II; Luttrell; Dennis Larson, Ward III and Nick Dalton, Ward I. Councilman Andrew Zemlicka, Ward III, is the only councilman not up for election this year.

## A new era has begun at City Hall in Clark

▲ Dennis Larson re-elected president, Andrew Zemlicka, vice president

Kerry Kline is the new Clark Mayor and Monday night, at the May meeting she was installed along with five council members. New, or newly elected councilmen include: Ward I Terry Schlagel and Nick Dalton; Ward II Shane Hagstrom and Derrick Dohmann and Ward III, Dennis Larson. Andrew Zemlicka also represents Ward III on the council.

Outgoing Mayor John Pollock finished up old business and then the oath of office was given to the new members. Then Dennis Larson was re-elected council president and Andrew Zemlicka re-elected vice presi-

dent.

### Mayoral appointments

The city council then approved Mayor Kerry Kline's 2020 appointments.

The appointments include:

Streets, alleys, sidewalks - Dennis Larson; American Disabilities Act - Nick Dalton; Pool - Terry Schlagel; Rubble Site - Nick Dalton; City Parks - Terry Schlagel; Water & Sewer - Andrew Zemlicka; Fire Dept. - Shane Hagstrom; Zoning Officer - Shane Hagstrom; Finance Office - Derrick Dohmann; Liquor Officer - Derrick Dohmann; Med Van - Dennis Larson; Recreation

Director, Softball & Baseball Complex - Terry Schlagel; Farm Land Lease - Andrew Zemlicka; Government Buildings - Nick Dalton; Golf Course/Clubhouse - Derrick Dohmann and Jackie Luttrell; Code Official - Jackie Luttrell; City Attorney - Chad Fjelland; Health Officer - Louann Streff; Police Chief - Jeremy Wellnitz; Emergency Management - Jeremy Wellnitz.

Library Board (3 year term): Roberta Heim - 2022; Patty Rosenau - 2021; Chris Jenkins - 2023; Brenda Jenkins - 2023; Dennis Larson -

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## The school year is coming to an end

In a normal year, this would be the week when Clark High School honor students would be on the front page of the *Clark County Courier* because graduation would have been this upcoming Saturday.

Because of COVID-19 this is anything but normal and graduation will be Saturday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m. The *Courier* will be running

the Community Senior Pages this month for area schools and then stories and pictures when the actual graduations take place in July.

Willow Lake graduation will be Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m. and Henry graduation will be Saturday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m.

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## Schlagel to replace Bjerke on County Board of Commissioners

▲ Election for District 2

The end of April marked the time that all individuals could file a petition for county constitutional elected offices in Clark County.

Two Clark County Board of Commissioner districts are up for election this year. In District 2, incumbent Chris Sass is being challenged by Eric Caulfield. In District 4, incumbent Robert Bjerke has chosen not to run for re-election. Terry Schlagel filed his petition for District 4 and will be the county commissioner, beginning in 2021.

Running unopposed for county positions are incumbents: treasurer - Kay Mahlen; coroner - Louann Streff and states attorney - Chad Fjelland.

Primary election is Tuesday, June 2. Clark County Auditor Chris Tarbox is urging voting by mail ballots, which have already been sent to residents.

On the ballot will be the U.S. Senate position, with Scyller 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.

## New playground equipment at Raymond City Park

The south end of Raymond's main street became a lot more colorful last week with the addition of a new piece of playground equipment.

In the words of five-year-old Owen Noethlich, "This is the best day ever!" he exclaimed as he was there last Thursday to watch Dave and Garrett Woodring and Brad Haight do the final steps in securing the equipment.

Concrete poured into the holes around the anchor pieces and under the slides was one of the final steps. The next step will be to add pea rock under the play set.

Just to the south of the playset is the swingset/climbing tower/fort and triangle climbing wall. This piece was built by local carpenter Randy Reis who added onto an existing piece that had been there for many years. A toddler swing and monkey bar handles that lead to a climbing rock wall triangle were added by Reis. A swirling slide would be a faster way down from the tall fort area should one not want to climb down the sturdy-built enclosed staircase.

Local grandparents wanted to update the local town's park, specifically Michelle Mehlberg and Robin Woodring who share young grand-

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Brittany Mack of Clark loves being a mom to two-month-old Wyatt William and twins Kaylynn and Lucas who will be six-years-old this summer. "All of their 'firsts' are my favorite I think," stated Mack.

Wyatt just started cooing the other day for example,

another 'first' to go in the baby book where she keeps track of their milestones.

Brittany and John Mack live in Clark with their three children.

## Brittany Mack loves being a mom

▲ Mother's Day is Sunday

"I get teary-eyed just thinking about kindergarten graduation," admits Brittany Mack of Clark. "Preschool was bad enough but kindergarten was even worse. I had several meltdowns that first day of kindergarten."

John and Brittany Mack's older children are twins, Kaylynn Marie and Lucas John who were born in August of 2014. Wyatt William was just born on March 1 and is a pretty mellow baby so far.

When her twins were born at four pounds each, they spent about a month in the hospital before they could come home. "It made me a helicopter mom for a little while,"

she recalls. "That first week was a doozie, but we were very blessed in having my mom and both sets of grandparents to help. We really appreciated their help and guidance."

"John and I worked together as a team for the night feedings I remember. We'd each be in charge of one all night and then the next night we'd rotate children. That seemed to work pretty good. If I was alone at feeding time, I'd sometimes put them in little seats and feed both at the same time."

Since day one, her twins have gotten along pretty well and like to be together and play together. They take care of each other, espe-

cially Kaylynn who is sometimes the 'mother hen' of the two. She also enjoys being a mother hen to young Wyatt now too, covering him up and letting mom know when he's awake.

"I'll hear her tell him things that I will say to him like 'it's okay' and 'it'll be alright' when he's crying," added Mack. "It's fun to see them both be so attentive to him. It just warms my heart!"

Being a mother of twins is very busy but also very rewarding she added. "They each have a built-in buddy for life and there's always

**Mack**  
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These nine children, all under six years old, helped to break in the new Honeycrisp Delight playground equipment last week at the Raymond City Park. Fundraising efforts started by two energetic grandmothers and local volunteers are updating the town's playground.

Staying still for a minute on the stairs, in front to right are, Claire Noethlich, Hayden Woodring and Brynn Woodring. Second row, Walker Reis holding Warren Mehlberg and Owen Noethlich holding Elsie Noethlich. At the top of the slide are Harper Ries and Hope Ries.



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