



Three inches of rain is a lot at one time on top of ground that's already adequate in moisture. This was the scene at the Willow Lake football practice field along Grant Avenue and U.S. Highway 28.

From one and a half to four and a half inches fell around Willow Lake on Wednesday night with higher amounts to the west and north of Willow Lake, according to the Agtegra elevator and local reporting.

Three inches of rain at Willow Lake

Evidently it depends on who you ask to find out how much rain the Willow Lake area received last Wednesday night.

Right in the town of Willow Lake at Deb Holmstrom's home near the Veterans Memorial Park, her report was 2.8 inches.

At the elevator it was 3.2 inches of rain reported and at the farm home of Marshall and Carolyn Edleman, three inches of rain fell. "It was very sporadic on who got a lot and who didn't," added Carolyn. "We got way too much that we didn't need right now."

Water was standing in several low lying areas the next day and on Friday water could still be seen partially flooding the practice football field area between Grant Ave. and Smoot's Grill & Chill along U.S. Highway 28.

Agtegra elevator manager Chad Kruger stated that they didn't get a drop of rain in De Smet that night. "The further south you go from

Willow Lake the less rain you get I'm hearing," stated Kruger. "My employees told me the rain was coming down side ways for a while with the wind between 10 and 11 p.m. that night."

One large blue spruce tree on the north side of Veteran's Memorial Park came down straight to the east and slanted the tree next to it a bit so that one may come down as well to avoid future problems.

Other than tree branches, there was no major damage to Kruger's knowledge.

"One producer's field north of town suffered a little from some hail but for the most part pea-sized hail fell if any reported around here."

"We haven't seen any 'green snap' where the corn stalk literally snaps off but there was some lodging in some corn. Like the agronomist says - 'the corn looks lazy' - leaning on the other stalks, slanted and not as straight up as before."

"In talking to producers who

are now bringing in soybeans that they've had stored, they say their corn crop looks to be the best they've ever seen.

"We've got more grain coming through the door currently as farmers are having high expectations for corn so are making room in their bins. We're getting some held over from 2019 and even 2018. When

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
		HI	LO	PR
July 7	85	64	.16
July 8	82	64	0
July 9	90	65	1.10
July 10	.....	83	63	0
July 11	.....	84	65	0
July 12	.....	79	62	0
July 13	.....	82	69	0
2020 precipitation to date		10.50		
2019 precipitation to date		18.38		



This is the sad sight for Henry residents as of Sunday evening. Their 138 year old oak tree on Henry's Main Street lost the 'north arm' portion of the tree at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. It missed all seven of the flower pots surrounding it,

but took out a street light along the sidewalk and fortunately no one was hurt.

Weather didn't seem to be a factor as it was calm and sunny at the time.

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Not weather related

Henry's big oak tree is half gone

"The big oak tree is important to me and many residents in this town," stated Henry resident Lavonne Peterson who witnessed a large portion of the tree come down Sunday night.

"There was no wind or rain that night, it just fell all of a sudden. A huge part of the tree on the north side of the Main Street park came down and knocked out a sidewalk

light on the way down. It's a good thing no one was close by."

The tree even missed all seven of the flower pots that encircle the tree area, of which Peterson helped plant this spring.

Peterson recalls the old tree in her youth being raised in Henry in her early years. Her mother Louise Lenz owned the Locker Lunch restaurant in earlier years. One

may also remember Louise from running the Pantry Cafe in Clark for a time.

According to Peterson's research, the tree was planted in 1882 by David and Lucenda Wiley. That makes it 138 years old approximately.

"Last summer the Wiley's great-grandson Ralph Cochrane, Jr.

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Steffen re-elected Clark School Board president

▲ Todd Fjelland re-elected vice president

July is the month when school boards start over fiscally and members-wise.

Malory McIntire and Todd Fjelland took their oaths of office, beginning three-year terms. Both McIntire and Fjelland ran unopposed. Six-year board member Shannon Huber ended her service on the board, Monday.

Robert Steffen and Fjelland were re-elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Clark School Board, by unanimous vote.

Committees

School board committees include: Negotiations - Todd Fjelland and Robert Steffen; Policy - Greg Marx and Malory McIntire; Buildings and grounds - Robert Steffen and Nathan Luvaas; Technology - Greg Marx and Malory McIntire; Athletic Co-op - Nathan Luvaas and Todd Fjelland; Transportation - Todd Fjelland and Nathan Luvaas; Finance - Todd Fjelland and Greg Marx.

Robert Steffen is the board member designated as the voting member of the ASBSD; NESB Co-operatives: Malory McIntire as board representative with Robert Steffen and Greg Marx as alternates.

Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the 2020-



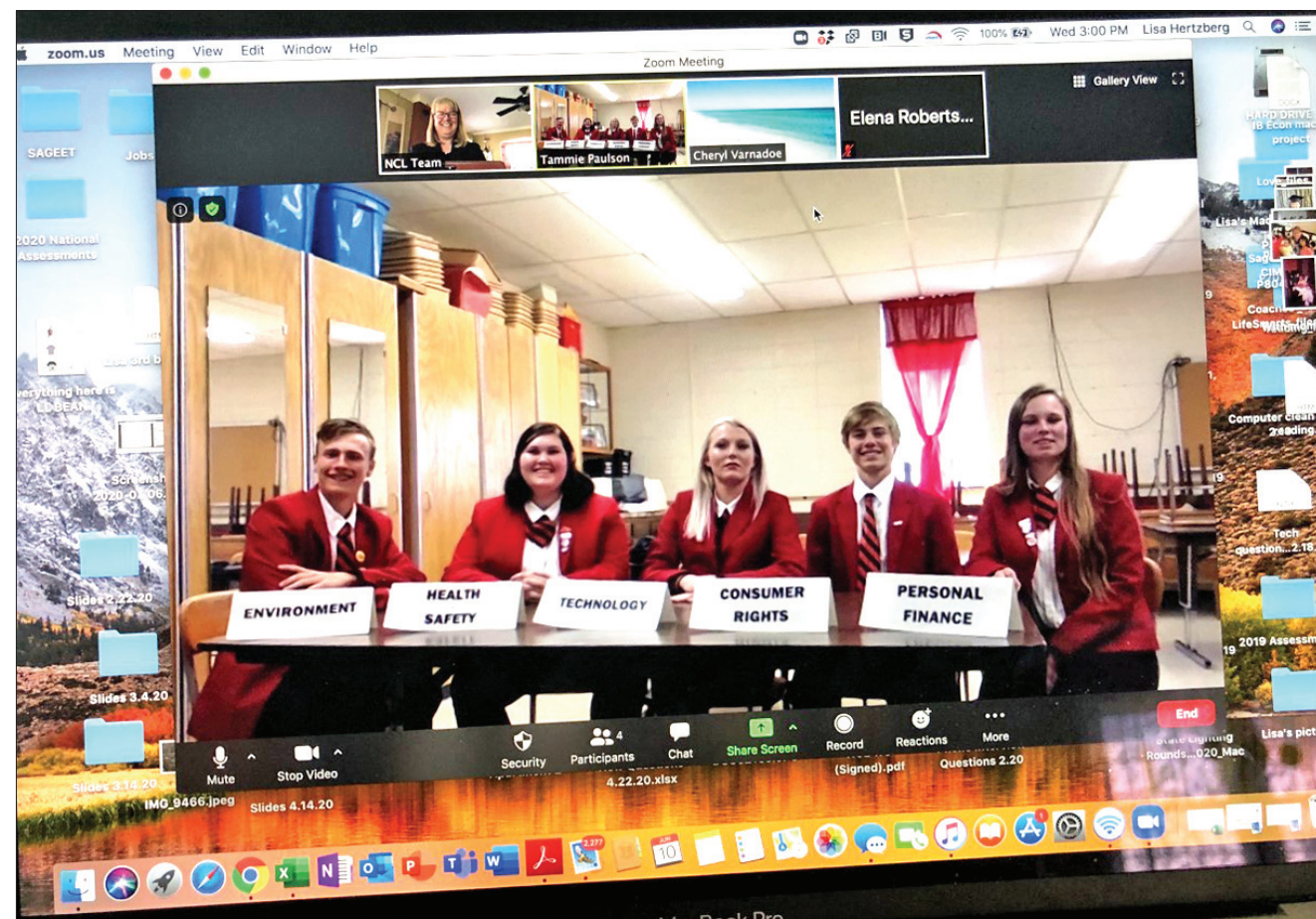
Prior to the July meeting of the Clark School Board, new board member Malory McIntire, right, visits with new elementary/colony principal Renae Dahl and new middle school/high school principal Travis Ahrens, middle. The trio talked about the August 19 school start date.

21 school budget was held prior to the board meeting. Superintendent Luanne Warren and business manager Mary Nelson led the discussion of school finances for approximately 45 minutes. The *Clark County Courier* will do an in depth budget story between now and the beginning of the school year.

This budget needs final approval by the board at the September meeting.

Some highlights from the budget hearing include: New this year will be 45 plexi-glass shields. Plus, there will be several new certified

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The Clark High School FCCLA Quiz Bowl team took second place in the National Virtual competition of Lifesmarts Quiz Bowl. Team members from left to right are Hudson Fuller, Amy Splinter, Macy Steen, Gunnar Kvistad and Sarah Weisbrod.

Clark FCCLA Quiz Bowl team places second in National competition

The FCCLA National meeting that took place in Washington, D.C., July 6-11, became the first ever virtual conference since the organization was founded in 1945. Nationwide over 5,000 members competed virtually in all the STAR event competitions along with competing for leadership positions and Lifesmarts Quiz Bowl competition.

Clark FCCLA Quiz Bowl team consisting of Hudson Fuller, Sarah

Weisbrod, Gunnar Kvistad, Amy Splinter and Macy Steen competed in the National Virtual competition of Lifesmarts Quiz Bowl. They took an online quiz in early March where they scored a 93%. That score, along with a Zoom round score from a complete round in early June were added together and decided the champions.

The Clark team scored 165 in the Zoom round. Their score of 258 put

them in second place. Selah, Washington FCCLA won the championship with a score of 259.

The Clark Quiz Bowl team will compete again in November in Columbus, Ohio for a chance to regain the championship in 2021 in Nashville, Tenn.

Tammie Paulson is the Clark High School FCCLA adviser.

COVID-19 cases continue in South Dakota

If summer is Memorial Day - Labor Day, then the middle of July means the middle of summer. Today's date of July 15 is about as 'middle summer' as possible and the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is ongoing and many tough decisions have had, or will have to be made regarding health safety.

The state of South Dakota, as well as every school district in the state, is hosting school task force meetings, trying to get schools open, have extracurricular activities and be 'normal', with safety precautions.

In the Clark County area, Clark and Henry are slated to open August 19, while Willow Lake will be opening after Labor Day.

Only speculation at this point has come from the South Dakota High School Activities Association regarding fall sports.

baseball in America is to start (back) up on July 24, with a 60-game schedule, shortened from the regular 162 game schedule.

The last month has averaged approximately 60 new cases a day with 45 new cases Sunday and 25 new cases Monday. The SD Dept. of Health is hoping that trend will continue - fewer COVID-19 cases.

The 25 new cases Monday push the number of cases statewide to 7,524. There are 872 active cases in the state, with 63 currently in the hospital. One hundred and nine people

have died from the virus, including two last weekend.

In Clark County, 15 total cases have been reported since the onset, in March. Currently, 14 of the 15 have recovered, so only one coronavirus case remains active in the county.

Case numbers do not include those who have had the virus but were not tested.

The two people who died in South Dakota Saturday were men, with one in his 60s and the other in his 70s, according to the health department.

Statewide, there have been 83,109 negative tests. The positive

COVID-19 cases (continued on page 4)