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A graduate of the 100th class in Willow Lake, (2012), Wyatt Warkenthien has purchased the drive-in in Willow Lake. Named 'Smoot's Grill 'N Chill' as it was last year when he leased the business, he now owns

it as of this March. Spending many summers at the drive-in when his parents and aunt and uncle owned it years ago, Wyatt feels right at home at his new business.

Smoot's owner grew up in the drive-in business

Eating burgers, fries and shakes and maybe an ice cream cone outside under the awning will continue at the Willow Lake Drive-In, thanks to Wyatt Warkenthien who purchased the business in March of this year.

Smoot's Grill 'N Chill is the name, after Wyatt's nickname courtesy of his brother's friend when he was nine or ten years old. Wyatt's dad's nickname is 'Coot', so a smaller version of that, small plus coot equals 'smoot'.

Grill and chill explains the menu, burgers and fries, wraps, chicken strips and sides and of course the colder items, shakes, ice cream, slushes and an ice cream drink with extras thrown in called the cyclone, make up the 'chill' part of the menu.

Last year when Wyatt leased the

business, he added a few new items and flavors such as blackberry and cherry, sweet potato fries and some new chicken items.

"I was down here most of the summer when my parents and aunt and uncle owned this together. My older sister Karissa and cousin Chelsey Siebrands would be working here during the day and I would come over and hang out," says Warkenthien.

Wyatt's grandmother attests to the fact that he kind of fell in love with the place. "Once when he was two years old and I was babysitting him, he was playing outside and the next minute he was gone. Then I got a call shortly from the 'Banana Boat' drive-in saying 'Wyatt's down here'. He'd gone from the south side of town over to the north side in record time to get to the Drive-In."

Wyatt's parents, Kerry and Paula Warkenthien owned the drive-in for nine years along with Kurt and Bonnie Siebrands. "They bought it when I was two years old so basically my whole childhood, I was down here a lot of the summer. I kinda fell in love with the place," says Wyatt with a big smile.

Warkenthien will be going to college this fall. His plans are to attend Northern State University and go into professional accountancy and banking and finance.

He will work his hours around his college time, so he will be able to open a little earlier in the spring and maybe go a little later in the fall. He is there every day of the week, opening at 11:30 a.m. and

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Kim Kaufman finishes in the top four at US Women's Championship

If one followed Kim Kaufman's golfing career, one would know she's a 20-year-old senior to be at Texas Tech University, in Lubbock, Texas and she is continuing her brilliant 2012, as she recently finished in eighth place at the NCAA Women's Division I Golf Tournament.

Kim always plays extremely well at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Golf Tournament and last week she out did herself, finishing in the top four in the nation.

Kaufman won two matches Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of match play. The tourney opened Monday. Rounds of stroke play were held Monday and Tuesday and Kaufman advanced by tying for 20th at an even-par 144 (72-72).

The top 64 qualifiers advanced to match play. Kaufman who is 20 was the oldest golfer in the final eight. She opened with a 2 and 1 win over Alice Chen of New Jersey.

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Kim Kaufman had a great week at the 2012 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Golf Tournament at Neehanic Valley Golf Course in New Jersey. Kaufman made it all the way to the semifinal round, meaning she was one of the top four golfers in this NATIONAL tournament. Kim is the daughter of Terry and Teresa Kaufman. Her mom had the honor of being with her in New Jersey. Photo courtesy of Hunter Martin/USGA

June is a busy month in Clark County Circuit Court

Two area teens have been sentenced in connection with burglaries at the Clark Hometown Variety Store and Dakota Butcher/Clark Liquors.

According to Clark County State's Attorney, Chad Fjelland, Montana Pearson, age 19, of Clark, was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Robert Timm to serve 180 days in the Codington County Detention Center for her role in the December 2011 burglaries. Ms. Pearson pled guilty to one count of Third Degree Burglary earlier this year and received a Suspended Imposition of Sentence.

Samantha Raymer, age 19, of Florence, pled guilty to one count of Criminal Trespass related to her role in one of the burglaries. She

was sentenced to 90 days in the Codington County Detention Center with 60 days suspended upon certain conditions imposed by the Court.

Two other area teens allegedly involved in the burglaries remain in the court system. On Monday, Blake Wells, age 18, of Clark, entered a guilty plea to one count of Third Degree Burglary. He is scheduled to be sentenced in August. Also on Monday, Michael Madson, Jr., age 18, of Clark, waived his Preliminary Hearing relating to the burglaries. He is scheduled for arraignment on July 9.

In other court news:

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Courier will be a day early next week

Because of the Fourth of July holiday falling on a Wednesday in 2012, the *Clark County Courier* will be going to press a day early next week.

Instead of the usual Wednesday delivery date, the *Courier* will be on sale shelves and in mailboxes on Tuesday, July 3. In order to meet our deadlines for next week only, we need to move things up a day.

Monday, July 2, will be a busy day at the *Courier* office, as everything that goes into the paper must be done by that day. At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, the *Clark County Courier* will go to press.

Gaikowski, Mehlberg elected to Clark School Board

Three individuals ran for two spots on the Clark School Board. The election was held Tuesday, June 19. Trudi Gaikowski was the top vote getter with 259. Michelle Mehlberg was second with 248 and Brenda Yost was third with 228. Total voter turnout for the school board election was at 40.23% of registered voters.

In the vote breakdown for each town: Bradley - Michelle Mehlberg, 12; Trudi Gaikowski 22; Brenda Yost, 9 with 18.61% voter turnout. Clark - Michelle Mehlberg, 156; Trudi Gaikowski 201; Brenda Yost, 153 with 38.55% voter turnout. Garden City - Michelle Mehlberg, 12; Trudi Gaikowski, 14; Brenda Yost, 19 with 28.48% voter turnout. Raymond - Michelle Mehlberg, 68; Trudi Gaikowski, 22; Brenda Yost, 47 with 70.98% voter turnout.

The term is a three-year position. Beginning with the July meeting of the Clark School Board, members will include Kim Seefeldt, Mehl-

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June 19	75	59	.34
June 20	72	51	.38
June 21	73	49	0
June 22	77	57	.12
June 23	81	63	0
June 24	80	62	0
June 25	78	62	0
2012 precipitation to date	11.49"		
2011 precipitation to date	13.13"		



Busy as can possibly be would describe Tellinghuisen, Inc. lately as they are under a deadline to have the sidewalks of Willow Lake's main street downtown, (Garfield Avenue), done by the big celebration July 4-8, 2012. Last Friday cement was poured in front of the new steakhouse named 'The Rusty Nail'. The cement will be stamped to look as if it is wood, similar to the cement out front of the new hotel in Willow Lake.

Lake Grocery will be getting a new look in the near future as the pressure is on to get all

When one goes to the 100th Alumni Banquet - the main street will be worth a 'long look'

What a difference a year made in the town of Willow Lake. When alumni return to Willow Lake for their 100th consecutive high school reunion (one of the nation's longest running by the way), they will see a lot of changes on Garfield Avenue or the main street in their beloved town.

Tellinghuisen, Inc. and Hohm Construction have been working overtime to meet their deadlines. Tellinghuisen, Inc. is working on having all new cement wood looking stamped sidewalks along the downtown area and the new front on the grocery store. Hohm Construction is working diligently to ready the town's new steakhouse/lounge - The Rusty Nail to be open for business.

Lake Grocery will be sporting a new look with an old time store front. A railing front with ramps on each

of the new construction done before the Fourth of July week. Keeping with the old time look of the newer buildings in town, a benefactor has paid for the new front that will be put on and the railing with ramps on each end to make for easier access to the public - minus the front steps. A new sidewalk will be continued along the downtown area as well in front of Lake Grocery.

side will make for an easier and handicapped accessible entry to the grocery store. There is also talk of

a new look to the museum building front. Last week the downtown area of Garfield was blocked off to make

unique? Only alumni are allowed into the banquet and annual meeting. Spouses and faculty are prohibited. Once the meeting is completed the gym is transformed into a dance hall, where everyone is allowed.

The official schedule of events for the week is located on the back page.

way for the busy construction. New street lights are also coming to the downtown area of Garfield Avenue.

100th All-School Alumni reunion is July 7th

The town of Willow Lake could double or even triple on Saturday, July 7 with the 100th Annual Willow Lake All-School Reunion!

Over 500 alumni (or more), from graduating seniors to those who attended the 'hallow halls' of WLHS 'many moons ago' are expected to share their Pirate stories.

What makes this celebration