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City approves one-time payment to Clark Golf Club

At the December meeting of the Clark City Council, Mayor Larry Dreher informed and discussed with the council his plans to aid the Clark Golf Course with (not to exceed) \$30,000, in one time money, to repair a water pump. No action was taken at this time as two council members were not at the meeting and Dreher wanted full participation and representation from the council.

This discussion and action took center stage at the January city council meeting.

Mayor Dreher began the discussion stating his intentions and then listing all the areas in which the city helps with programs. This list includes: Clark Industrial Development Corporation - \$77,000; Med Van - \$31,000; Teener baseball program - \$2,800; Swimming pool - \$103,000; Parks - \$43,000; Chamber of Commerce - \$3,000; Fireworks - \$2,500; American Legion baseball

- \$1,500.

"The city owns this property," Dreher continued and spoke of the financial burden that could come with the city running the golf course. "That would not be a lot of fun," and he continued with several more reasons that he felt helped justify this \$30,000 expenditure.

The Clark mayor concluded his remarks by reiterating that this

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Clark County Farm and Home Show will be held Saturday, January 19

January means it is Clark County Farm and Home Show time. The 2013 Farm and Home Show will be held in Willow Lake this year. It will be a one-day affair, which will be held Saturday, January 19.

Starting at 10:00 a.m. and finishing with a 5:00 p.m. door prize drawing time, several programs are planned, interspersed with entertainment.

This county-wide event is still 10 days away, so the agenda is still being finalized, as some things may change a bit, but, so one can put it on the calendar and look forward to it, the initial Farm and Home show 2013 story is being published at this time.

To repeat, the show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19 at the Willow Lake Auditorium. There is no ad-

mission charge.

Home economic and crop exhibits to be judged may be dropped off at the show from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Alternatively, exhibitors may contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to have goods transported to the show.

Entries can be made in several classes, including foods and canned foods, homecrafts, needlecrafts, clothing, photography and crops. Only Clark County residents will be allowed to enter home economics exhibits. All crops entered must have been grown in Clark County in 2012. Pre-registration of exhibits is not necessary and there is no entry fee.

"We will still have all the Home Exhibit lots and the Crop Show lots that we encourage our local people to participate in," says Clark Coun-

ty Extension 4-H Program Advisor, Kim McGraw.

"We have many talented people

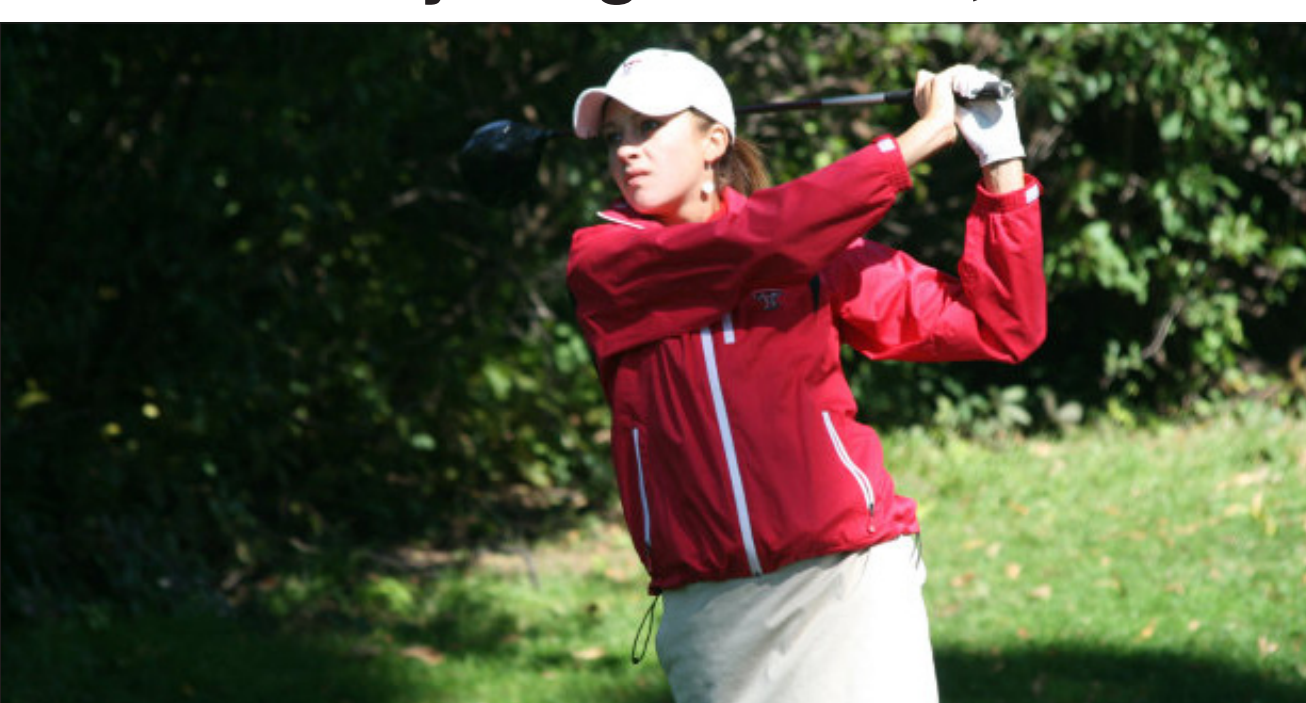
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WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official
Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Dec. 29	16	-6	0
Dec. 30	20	4	0
Dec. 31	16	-1	0
2012 precipitation to date	18.59"		
2011 precipitation to date	21.82"		
	HI	LO	PR
Jan. 1	19	6	0
Jan. 2	28	2	0
Jan. 3	17	7	0
Jan. 4	23	5	0
Jan. 5	19	6	0
Jan. 6	28	0	0
Jan. 7	28	14	0
2013 precipitation to date	0.00"		
2012 precipitation to date	0.00"		

If 2013 is anything like 2012, success will be par for the course for Kaufman



For the second time in four years, Kim Kaufman has been named the South Dakota 2012 Independent Female Athlete of the Year. This is the second honor in six weeks, as Kaufman also was named the top collegiate women's golfer by Golfweek Magazine.

Kaufman, a senior at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, is halfway through her last golfing season as a collegian. She is the daughter of Terry and Teresa Kaufman, Clark.

Photo by John Weast, Texas Tech University

With her golfing accomplishments, Kim Kaufman has put Clark, S.D. on the map. 2012 was a very good year for Kaufman, and if things come together next fall, she could possibly become a household name.

But that could be called putting the cart before the horse and Kaufman has much to do before getting to that point, almost a year down the road.

Right now, it's qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament with her golfing teammates at Texas Tech University and then graduation from Texas Tech with a political science degree. Kaufman has maintained a 4.0 throughout her college career, even with a demanding extracurricular sidebar.

As a graduating senior to be, Kim said, in an interview when she was home over the Christmas break, that she's really looking forward to her Texas Tech golf team qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament.

"We've come really close, twice, making it to Nationals, and it really would be nice to finish college with a trip to Nationals," said Kaufman.

Qualifying a team to the National NCAA tourney is a two-step process. Sixty teams qualify for the regional tourney, and then the top three teams from each region participate in the National Tournament.

"We've finished ninth at regions two of my three years. I really feel good about our chances this year, though," she said.

Following May graduation at Texas Tech with a degree in political science, Kaufman will pursue her opportunity of a lifetime, 'Q-school.'

'Q-school' is the shortened term of the LPGA qualifying school, a laborious, lengthy process to see whether or not a golfer is eligible to gain their card which allows one to golf on the pro golf circuit.

Kaufman explained that 'Q-school' has three different stages, in Florida, from September through December.

"My goal is to stay consistent. I feel I will have to look to shoot par," she said of the rigorous competition, courses and amount of play.

The past several years have been sort of a stepping-stone process. Kaufman has been using to get ready for this 'Q-school' competition.

2012 Awards

Because of this, she has been rated the No. 1 women's collegiate golfer in the country by Golfweek Magazine.

Kaufman, a four-time state Class B high school champion in South Dakota, had an excellent fall season for the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

She closed the fall season by averaging 71.5 strokes per round and finished in the top 15—including three top five finishes—in each of Texas Tech's four fall events. The highlight came when Kaufman shot a 5-under-par 67 to win the rain-shortened Landfall Tradition in

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2012 year in review - part two, the last six months

The second half of 2012 was highlighted by a fall harvest that was a very pleasant surprise to many area producers, and not so great for others, dependent upon Mother Nature's kindness, as to how much and when rain was received.

2012 was unusually dry in South Dakota. Much of the state suffered extreme drought conditions and it was the driest growing season in approximately three decades in Clark County as well. Although the county did receive some well-timed rains, producers didn't quite know what to expect and weren't treated equally. The northern half of the county received a big August rain that really made a difference.

A combination of good crops (for some, not all), strong prices due to the midwest drought and dry conditions that required very little drying of crops made the 2012 growing season quite memorable.

This list of 2012, July - December news story recaps is not all-inclusive, but rather a cross section of news highlights in Clark County.

July
* Corn is chest high by the Fourth of July in Clark



Corn was way ahead of schedule when this July 4 picture was taken with Ntai Stevens and Matthew Streff standing in a local cornfield. Summer was hot and dry!

County area cornfields.

* The Hometown Hotel in Willow Lake is open and

featured. The eight room hotel with storage units and office space sports a rustic look with a second floor balcony. It is managed by Sherrie and Wayne Tellinghuisen who have had to rebuild after last summer's fire at their business site.

* Cassandra Lamb is ordained at the Good Hope Church. She has accepted a call at the South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Lamb is a 2004 CHS graduate.

* The Happy Bunch Club in Clark celebrates 90 years in existence, now having five generations in the club since starting in 1922.

* Second annual Clark County Youth Shooting camp is held with local retired U.S. Army Special Forces sniper Pete Weisbrod directing the program.

* Pioneer Phoebe Stapleton writes about the Garden City United Methodist Church as Garden City prepares for its 125th town anniversary.

* Margaret Kannegieter has attended 80 and Eunis Meester 73 of the Willow Lake High School Alumni banquets. Banquet's 100th anniversary is held on July 7, 2012 with many events held in celebration. All new cement board-look sidewalks are finished on main



With the newly opened Home Town Hotel in the background, the Willow Lake High School 100th Annual All-School Reunion Parade was held July 8.

street, as is the Rusty Nail steakhouse in record time.

* 'Farming smarter, not larger' is the DakotaFire story on Jim, Karen and Lee Kopriva of Raymond who

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