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Boulton makes impromptu stop at The Mill

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

HOLLAND- As state Senator and gubernatorial candidate Nate Boulton most certainly learned on Friday morning, political campaigns aren't always glamorous.

The 37-year-old Democrat stopped at The Mill just off of Highway 20 and spent the majority of his hour long visit with a pair of retired Republicans from the Parkersburg area talking health care, education, tax incentives and agricultural policy over coffee before soldiering on with his "Hometown Values Tour" amidst flurries and temperatures dipping into the low 30s.

Boulton, a Des Moines lawyer and Columbus Junction native who is considered a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination along with businessman Fred Hubbell, originally planned the event for a farm east of Dike but was forced to change his schedule at the last minute due to weather conditions. Dressed in a brown



Democratic State Senator and gubernatorial candidate Nate Boulton interacts with Judy Schnurstein of Ankeny during a stop at The Mill convenience store in rural Grundy County on Friday as part of his "Hometown Values Tour." (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

blazer and blue jeans, he offered several pointed critiques of current Republican Governor Kim Reynolds: namely, that her

efforts to privatize Medicaid and close mental health facilities have placed an unnecessary strain on some of Iowa's most

vulnerable residents.

"It's not only a moral issue. It's fiscally irresponsible," he said. "If we're saving a dollar

on mental health today, we're likely spending \$10 to \$30 in the future for that dollar."

Jerald Eilderts, one of the retired farmers in attendance, pressed Boulton on capping medical malpractice lawsuit awards and suggested several ideas popular among GOP voters such as health savings accounts and buying insurance across state lines to control coverage expenses.

"I want to see the government stay out of it. They've got too many rules," Eilderts said. "Anytime you get the government involved, it's not good."

The attorney, however, responded that litigation actually only accounts for one percent of the total cost of health care.

"That's not a big issue. It's easier than to say 'We have to charge you \$10 for an aspirin because we have different pricing policies for different networks and plans,'" Boulton said. "The biggest problem we have is (that) you're kind of nailing Jell-O to the wall... They're trying to make ends meet, and

the problem is all these varying health care plans, policies and coverage networks."

Despite the points of disagreement between Boulton and the constituents he engaged with, Democratic State Senate candidate Tracy Freese of Dike, who organized the gathering, urged a more cordial and collaborative political future.

"Let's have the debate, duke it out, get some good business and then go have a beer afterwards," she said. "I feel like we're so divisive, and I know that that's something that's on the minds of average people... it's all about beating the other and not what's good for America."

The issues facing labor unions have been a focal point of Boulton's campaign, and he cited the controversial measure that rolled back collective bargaining rights for public employees as a prime example of the lack of bipartisan goodwill at the statehouse. He was given

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New annex building "a dream come true" for employees

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- Perhaps the most newsworthy aspect of Monday morning's Grundy County supervisors meeting wasn't the agenda itself but the venue in which it was being held. The board gathered in the brand new conference room at the recently completed annex building, and after three weeks in their offices, the employees that work there could not be happier with how it all turned out in the end.

"When I walk in, it's almost like it's a dream that it's actually real," County Social Services Office Manager Lori Evans said.

"It's just modern. It's clean, (and) there's no odors. It's absolutely unbelievable."

Supervisor Harlyn Riekema, who represents the Wellsburg area, first spearheaded the push for a new building in 2010, noting that the current annex—constructed in 1938—was falling into a state of disrepair and did not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"It was shot," he said.

Upon inspecting the old building, it's hard to disagree: a one-of-a-kind odor emanates from the interior, and mold had been growing for some time. It looks like a facility built 80 years

ago, and Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) and County Social Services (CSS)—the two main agencies that work out of the annex—were on different levels. At the new office, which is conveniently located right next door, they're just a short walk down the hallway from each other.

"It enhances our partnerships with the agencies we work with," Regional Coordinator of Disability Services Todd Rickert said. "And with the accessibility issues, it'll be so much nicer for the people we serve."

The \$1.15 million project was funded through a reverse referendum. See ANNEX page 2



From left to right, Supervisors Harlyn Riekema and Barb Smith, Lori Evans, Todd Rickert and Daphne Schlammpp of County Social Services and County Auditor Rhonda Deters pose for a photo at the east entrance of the new county annex building in Grundy Center. The recently completed facility replaces a predecessor that was built in 1938. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)



Thirty four students make up the cast and crew of this year's school musical - Rock of Ages - and they are excited to bring 80s glam rock to the stage later this month. (Courtesy photo)

Rock of Ages

GCHS students set to perform 80s hits for this year's school musical

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - For those who like to rock, there's good news. Students at Grundy Center High School are bringing 80's glam rock, in all of it's greatness, to the stage for this year's school musical: Rock of Ages.

Emily Boquet, vocal music and drama director, says students have been hard at work since the beginning of the school year to bring the audience a show that will blow them away.

"We are extremely excited to present "Rock of Ages" High School Edition to our communi-

ty and beyond as the first school in Iowa to perform this wildly popular musical experience," Boquet said. "The adaptation for students maintains the hilarious script of the Broadway show, and more importantly, all the hard rockin' 80s music everyone loves."

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Conrad Pumpkin Fest 2017



At top, the hayride departs from the Conrad Public Library during last Thursday's annual Pumpkin Fest celebration. At left, Hudson Kriegel and Bailey Inman enjoy arts and crafts time and show off their costumes inside of the library. Conrad Chamber-Main Street sponsored the event. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photos)

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dum, which allowed county residents to call for a vote if enough signatures could be collected, but that did not materialize. CSS contributed \$300,000 toward it, and King Construction of Iowa Falls served as the primary contractor.

Rickert credits County Auditor Rhonda Deters and the board with making the building a priority, and despite some well-publicized delays in construction and interior furnishings, the waiting all feels worth it now.

“Everything went smoothly,” Rickena said jokingly.

The next phase of the project will involve the demolition of the old building and laying the concrete for a parking lot where it currently sits. Along with the razing of the former Baptist Church next to it, the change marks a rapid transformation in the area on the corner of 7th Street and H Avenue. But as a wise man once said, “Out with the old, and in with the new.”

“We’ve been able to collaborate more easily and more conveniently, and we’ve got space that other agencies are able to use as well,” Evans said.

The daytime phone number for CSS and Lifelong Links is (319) 824-6779, and the 24-hour mental health hotline number is (855) 266-1257.



Shown above are some of the costumed kids (and parents) that showed up to the Halloween reading party at the Reinbeck Library on Tuesday morning. (Photo by Michaela Kendall)

Spooky Fun

Reinbeck Library hosts Halloween reading party

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

REINBECK — It was a monster mash at the Reinbeck Public Library on Tuesday morning, as local youngsters showed up in their costumes for a fun, Halloween reading party.

From superheroes to Disney princesses, over a dozen costumed kids came to participate in some Halloween-themed crafts, tasty treats, story time, singing and more.

Library employee Cherie Eckhoff said it's the first time the library has done a Halloween reading party, but she was surprised with the good turnout.

“It seems like a lot of these kids get more excited for Halloween than they do even for Christmas,” she said.

Library Director Janet Slesor says the library offers a number of different programs they're hoping to get more people involved in.

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., the library hosts story time for local children. For adults, there are two different book discussions that take place once a month at Westview. The afternoon group meets from 4 to 5 p.m. and the evening group meets from 7 to 8 p.m., both on the third Wednesday of the month.

For November, the book selection is “The Shadow Queen” by Rebecca Dean for the afternoon group and “The Throwaway Children” by Diney Costeloe for the evening group. Anyone interested in participating can join at any time.

To keep up with other library events, visit the Reinbeck Public Library's website at <http://www.reinbeck.lib.ia.us/>

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Supervisors, engineer discuss Wolf Creek bridge delays

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER- County Engineer Gary Mauer, conservation director Kevin Williams and the board of supervisors expressed frustrations over delays with the federal government for the funding and progress on a bridge near Wolf Creek Park east of Beaman during Monday morning's regular meeting.

Because the land for the park was purchased with federal dollars, the county is planning to buy 1.53 acres of right of way in addition to 0.22 acres from the Comet Trail, which runs from Conrad to Gladbrook through Beaman. Supervisor Barb Smith lamented the extra hurdles that the project has to go through due to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHA's) involvement.

"It's so ridiculous," she said. The board must allow a public comment period to see if there are any objections to the 200-foot, three-ton bridge replacement, but Mauer indicated that he did not expect to hear any. Williams added that he and the conservation board have no issues with the proposal. "We're obviously in favor of the bridge," he said. "But they don't listen to that at the next level."

Boulton

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just 23 hours to review an almost 70-page bill and eventually voted against it.

Bill Anderson, a Republican state senator from Pierson, announced that he will not seek re-election after many of his former backers harangued him over a vote in favor of the 10 cent gas tax increase, and fellow Senator David Johnson of Ocheyedan switched his registration from the GOP to independent in response to the party's nomination of Donald Trump for president.

"This agenda wasn't about Iowans. It was political score settling, this last legislative session was," Boulton said. "It's really having an impact on what people think of where we're at as a state."

Unsurprisingly, the candidate hammered on Iowa's tax credit system and its correlation to the current budget crunch. Boulton argued that the push for economic development at all costs—including the well-publicized Apple data center deal in Waukee and the Orascom fertilizer plant in rural Lee County—is having adverse effects on nursing homes, public education and mental health services.

He struck a chord of agreement with Eilderts and his cousin, Bernard Schnell, on the issue and added that the \$19.65 million in state incentives to Apple could fund 266 Main Street grants for smaller communities.

"You could easily bring back in \$200 to \$300 million simply by capping some of these exemptions and credits and stepping back away from the corporate coupon system," Boulton said. "We're giving this stuff to out-of-state corporations to try to lure them here, and as soon as the coupon expires, guess what? They go shake down the next state for another coupon and move on."

After an attendee pointed out that The Mill itself, along with several other local projects, had received tax increment financing (TIF), Boulton went on to argue that the system had been stretched well beyond its original intention of restoring and revitalizing blighted urban and

The federal government will provide 80 percent of the funding for the \$900,000 project.

Don Kampman and Jesse Huisman of the IT/GIS department presented three changes to the non-union employee handbook to the board: one would prohibit county employees from using their work e-mails for personal purposes, one dealt with wiping hard drives and data to ensure privacy, and the third would require Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training for employees. All of the changes were approved unanimously.

Mauer noted that union negotiations are ongoing but seem to be progressing steadily, and most employees seemed to favor it.

"It should be easier because the legislature's really tied the union's hand behind their back," he said, in reference to a new law that limited the scope of required items in collective bargaining for public employees.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved an increase in the maximum Flexible Spending Account amount for 2018.
- Approved the payment of bills.

rural areas.

"Years ago, the ma and pa business never got a TIF grant. They had to make it on their own," Eilderts said. "I get a little tired of it because we used to have to make it on our own, and now they want a TIF."

Other topics of discussion included a perceived lack of funding for public education and Iowa's struggle to attract teachers and the grim outlook for the grain market as farmers head out to harvest. Boulton indicated that he strongly opposes education savings accounts, which would provide taxpayer funds to help students attend private and charter schools.

Overall enrollment outside of the state's major metropolitan areas has been declining for decades, and voters in the nearby Gladbrook-Reinbeck district went to the polls in September for a first of its kind public dissolution vote over the closure of a building.

"If you now take thousands of dollars per student out of (public schools) for homeschooling and private schooling kids, that's going to be a major hole in those budgets for our school districts at a time when they're already strapped for resources," Boulton said. "I think that pushes school consolidation in rural Iowa and increases class sizes in urban communities... We've always wanted to have the best public schools in the nation, and cutting and running is not how we get there."

Just before his departure, Ankeny Democrat Judy Schnurstein mistook Boulton for a Republican and berated him over the collective bargaining law change but lightened her tone considerably after learning of his party affiliation.

Later in the day, the senator made a stop at Wartburg College in Waverly and toured Parkersburg in an attempt to further familiarize himself with the struggles of voters in smaller municipalities. He told *The Grundy Register* that he had visited 70 of Iowa's 99 counties thus far and intends to hit all of them before the primary on June 5, 2018.



Members of the local business community and city officials gathered at Snittjer Grain Company in Wellsburg on Tuesday morning for a ribbon cutting to celebrate a multimillion-dollar expansion project. Pictured in the center are managers J.R. Kennedy (holding scissors) and Pat Kennedy. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Snittjer Grain celebrates expansion with ribbon cutting

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register
WELLSBURG - Seventy-one years after the company was founded, Snittjer Grain continues to grow.

The Wellsburg-based company marked the completion of a multimillion-dollar expansion project that included two 15,000-bushel pits, two 300,000-bushel bins and a 650,000-bushel bin on Tuesday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the new real estate. According to General Manager J.R. Kennedy, it boiled down to necessity.

"We've been picking up some business, and obviously (there have been) some higher yields," he said. "We're just trying to avoid putting (grain) on the ground and keeping it in upright storage."

Kennedy, a Wellsburg native whose great-uncle founded Snittjer, sees the company's

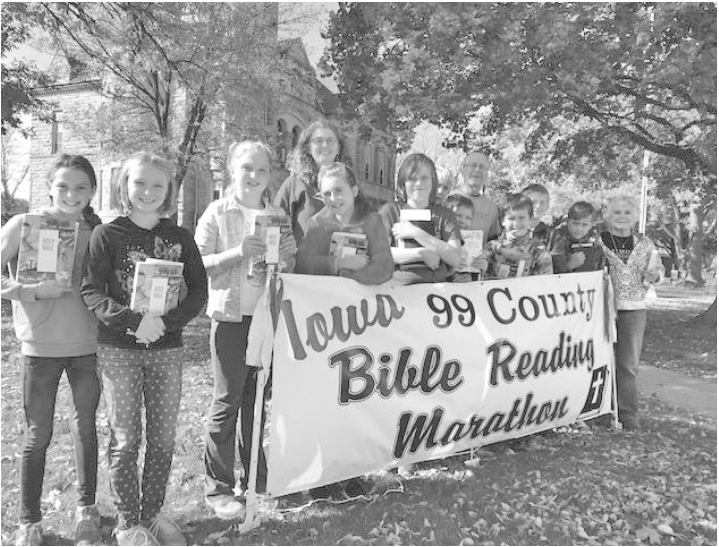
continued growth as an investment in the community, and he hopes the added storage will help them serve even more farmers in the future.

"I enjoy Wellsburg, and we've got great customers up in this area. And we've got more joining us in this area," he said.

With the current state of grain markets, more farmers are choosing to keep their yields in storage, and the role of grain elevators and cooperatives is more important than ever.

"Part of the reason the market's down is because there are so many bushels out here, and that's the reason we had to expand—so they had somewhere to put them," Kennedy said.

The event also featured a pork tenderloin lunch catered by Town House and cookies and drinks provided by People's Savings Bank.



Shown above are students from Timothy Christian School in Wellsburg that participated in the annual Bible Reding Marathon. (Courtesy photo)

Grundy County Bible Reading Marathon draws crowd

Guest Article
Submitted by Pat Greiner
A generation of God's Army is arising in Grundy county.

Ten students came to read the Word of God from Timothy Christian Wellsburg along with multitudes reading at the courthouse and in their homes.

There were times of intense prayer for those standing in the gap for salvation and healing for their friends.

We finished last chapter in Revelation at 5:30 on Friday.

Saturday we had intense prayer over the hi school reading Proverbs and Psalm 91 for

two hours.

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Fellowship provided new friendships and a unifying between denominations.

Five denominations were represented for the closing prayers. We praise our great God and King for hearing our cries for mercy and grace over our nation.

Grundy Register Bulletin Board

Grundy Center

Date for November

'Walk with a Doc' set

Everyone is invited to take a step toward better health by joining the 'Walk with a Doc' program sponsored by Grundy County Memorial Hospital and physician Dr. Eric Neverman.

The November walk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 9 a.m., beginning at the Grundy Family YMCA. The walk will take place on the Pioneer Trail. The public is invited to attend — simply wear comfortable walking shoes.

In case of rain, the walk will be held inside the YMCA location on 8th Street in Grundy Center.

Walk with a Doc is a free year-round walking program with more than 300 chapters across the country as part of an effort that pairs doctors with members of their community to encourage increased physical activity in people of all ages. The event is free, includes a brief health topic from Dr. Neverman, and members of the public are invited. Contact the hospital at 319-824-5085 for additional information.

Business transitioning info session to be held

The Grundy Butler Development Alliance, Main Street Grundy Center, Advance Iowa and UNI are teaming up to bring local business owners an informational session on transitioning their business.

The session will answer questions business owners looking to retire and transition out of their business may have.

The event will be held on Thursday, November 9 at the Grundy Community Center.

There will be a dinner and networking time from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and the presentation and discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

RSVP by November 9th by calling 319-825-6742.

Wellsburg

Wellsburg Fire and Rescue to serve pancake breakfast

The Wellsburg Fire and Rescue Foundation will serve a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 4, from 6 to 10 a.m. at the Wellsburg Community Building. Free will donation.

Conrad

Conrad UMC will host harvest supper

The Conrad United Methodist Church invites all to join them for their harvest supper on Sunday, November 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donations are welcome but not required. Carry out orders welcome, call 641-366-2472.

Honor our veterans

The Conrad Veteran's Day program and soup luncheon will be Friday, November 10, 2017, at the BCLUW High School gym beginning at 10:45 a.m. This year's speaker is Sgt. Jeff Frank. He was in the Marine Corps for 20 years.

The BCLUW band and chorus will perform along with elementary students. 2017 Girls State participants Helen Beyer, Cierra Clemons, Lauren Mosher and Elizabeth Emley will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The soup luncheon will follow the Veteran's Day Program at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Conrad Legion Hall. Everyone is invited to both events. It is sponsored by the Conrad American Legion Post 681 and Conrad ALA, Unit 681.

Musical

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But this isn't just any old show.

Audience members will get to be a part of the show, and are encouraged to come to "Rock of Ages" dressed in their favorite 80s band tee, or better yet, in full 80's costume.

"It is truly an experience, not just a show," she said. "And there are so many colorful characters sure to make your sides hurt from laughter."

The group will be performing hits from the most rocking decade, including: Sister Christian, We Built This City, We're Not Gunna Take It, More Than Words, Dead or Alive, Waiting For Girl Like You, The Final Countdown, Here I Go Again,

Every Rose Has It's Thorn, Don't Stop Believin' and more.

There 34 students that make up the cast and crew of the production.

The cast includes: Cade Rohler as Lonny, Chloe Anderson as Sherrie, Aaron Havens as Drew, Brady North as Dennis, Amber Laube as Regina, Jordan Hook as Stacey Jax, Emily Ehrig as Hilda, Austyn Pinkna as Frankie, Sabrina Mast as Justice, Noah Boquet as the Mayor, and more.

The production will have two showings: one on Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m. and another on Sunday, November 19 at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Doors will open one hour before the show.

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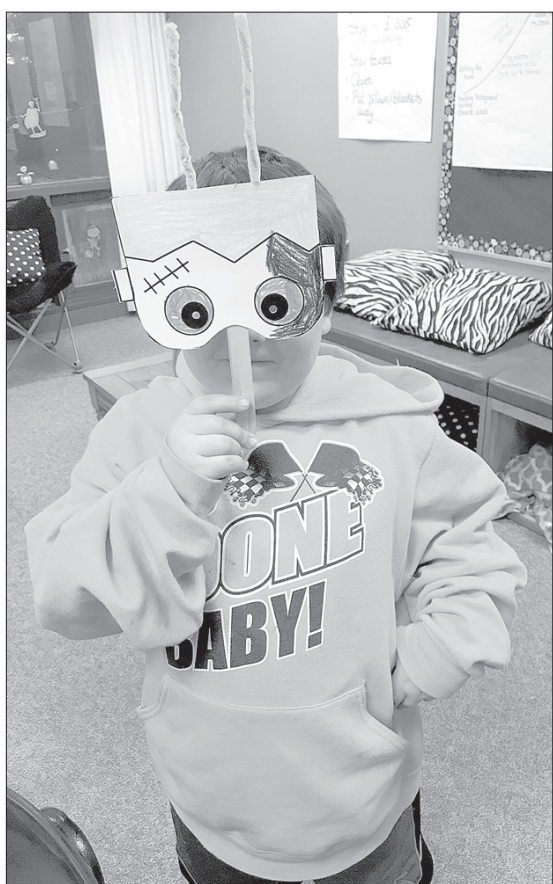
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BCLUW Read or Treat night

BCLUW hosted a “Read or Treat” night at the elementary school last Tuesday to encourage reading and spread the Halloween spirit. Activities included arts and crafts and guessing the weight of giant pumpkins. (Photos courtesy of Mitch Parker and Pam Schipper)

Smithsonian “Museum on Main Street” coming to Conrad

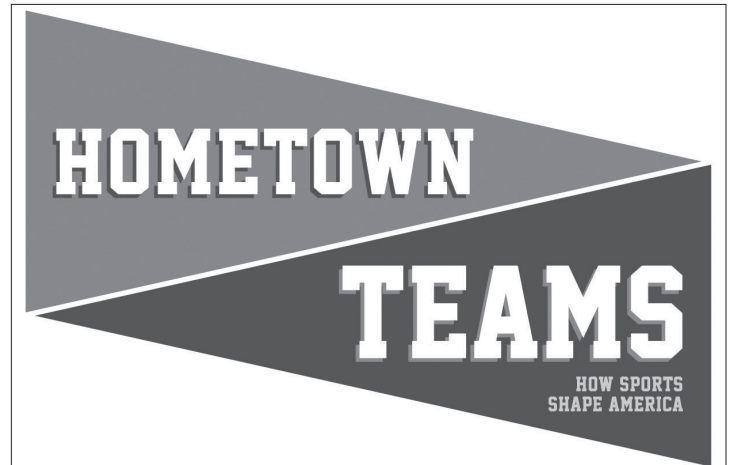
By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- One of the most distinguished and well-known institutions in America will bring a traveling exhibit to the Conrad Public Library in late 2018 showcasing the impact of local sports, and for the people in charge of arranging and fundraising the event, it's a dream come true.

“It's a way to build community—team, coaches, players, people in the community. Hopefully, we'll bring them in, and they'll come to this exhibit and spend money,” organizer Sue Gorder said.

Conrad—along with Ames, Mount Vernon, Jefferson, Guthrie Center and Ottumwa—is one of six Iowa communities that will host the exhibit and the smallest in terms of population. According to its website, “Hometown Teams” will examine the role of sports in American society, “how they shape our lives” and “celebrate who we are.”

In addition to national and statewide exhibits (including Dan Gable's wrestling display), Conrad will feature the achievements of local athletic teams, and Gorder and fellow organizer Dale Walters are looking for volunteers to help with the



The Smithsonian Institution's “Museum on Main Street” will stop in Conrad next November for a unique “Hometown Teams” exhibit at the public library. Conrad is one of six Iowa communities that will host it. (Photo courtesy of the Smithsonian website)

project. Of course, 6-on-6 basketball, with its rich history in the area and the legendary career of Union-Whitten star Denise Long, will almost certainly factor prominently into the equation.

“How much history we have just in this area is pretty cool,” Walters said.

Unsurprisingly, the exhibit will come with a price tag, and it will require fundraising. Thus, Museum on Main Street will host a Trivia Night at the Legion Hall on November 18, with the proceeds from entry fees going directly to paying transportation

and venue fees, insurance and marketing and promotion expenses. The questions will cover a variety of topics and won't be strictly limited to sports.

Conrad will be the last Iowa stop on the Museum on Main Street tour and is tentatively scheduled to run from November 17, 2018, to January 1, 2019. The committee will continue to promote the event as the date comes closer.

“I think it'll just bring people together and (help them) get excited to show off their town,” Gorder said. “It'll really promote the town.”

Conrad American Legion Auxiliary

Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit #681 met on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Legion Hall. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Sue Kitzman with 10 members and officers present. Following the pledge of allegiance, moment of silence, prayer and reciting the Auxiliary Preamble, Mary Ann Miller performed a piano solo: “God Bless the USA”.

Secretary Sarah Kitzman read the minutes of the September meeting and they were approved as read. She also shared correspondence. Treasurer Susan Sams presented the financial

report for the past month and it was approved as presented.

Committee Reports
ABC Sale –Sarah Kitzman reported on the recent food sales. It was a nasty day, and foot traffic was slow but combined with the rummage sale plus the sale of rugs the day proved profitable to the Unit, and she expressed her thanks for all those who helped.

Courtesy – Janice Tranbarger reported on a recent funeral the Unit helped serve.

Education – Third District Merit Award applications have been taken to the high school for BCLUW seniors; treats will be taken to the 3 schools during

Education Week in November for staff.

Poppies – The order for next year has been placed.

Girls State – JoAnn Klein reported she met with 12 BCLUW Junior girls recently and provided brochures and information on Girls State. Cierra Clemmons, one of last year's attendees, also spoke to the class about her experiences there. Applications are due on November 10 and at the November meeting we will be voting on applicants.

Membership – Membership chairman Klein distributed 2017-18 program booklet and asked members to take to those not in attendance. She also reported she has 103 paid memberships of a goal of 135!

Past Presidents – Tranbarger reported on their recent meeting and announced a date change to what printed is in the program booklet – the December, 2017 meeting will be held on the 11th instead of the 18th.

District Fall Conference – Co-President Kitzman and Klein reported on the Fall conference held October 21, at Beaman. It went well with a nice turnout. JoAnn thanked all who helped make it a success.

IVH BINGO – Co-President Kitzman told of going to IVH for BINGO on October 20. She and three BCLUW high school girls went – it was a meaningful experience for the girls and hopefully they will go again. She encouraged members to go even if it is not our month to help out because they can always use people to assist the veterans in this activity.

Old Business:
Following the September meeting, Secretary Kitzman submitted our Standing Rules to Department for their final approval – she was informed by the Department Parliamentarian we need to make a few changes in the wording, and following a unanimous voice vote, the Standing Rules were again approved as presented. Kitzman will send the newly updated version in again for final approval.

New Business:
Deb Clemmons gave a brief report on the upcoming Veteran's Day lunch set for November 10. She circulated a sign-up sheet for food and workers. The meal will be served to the public at the Legion Hall following the 11:00 AM program to be held at the BCLUW high school.

The penny march was held, and the meeting adjourned, followed by a program led by Sue Kitzman on the “American White Table” a tribute to those servicemen who did not come back home – either by death, missing in action or prisoners of war. Lunch was served by hostess Mary Ann Miller.

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TRIVIAL

PURSUITS

Adventures in job shadowing



By MICHAELA KENDALL

Once in a while, us folks here at the Grundy Register are privileged enough to have local students come into the office to job shadow. It's always a treat to talk to these kids who are interested in pursuing a career in writing of some form or another, and to share our experiences and advice with them.

Last Thursday, Rob and I were lucky enough to have two awesome students – Lauren and Jake from Dike-New Hartford High School – come hang out with us for a couple hours,

which gave us a great excuse to get out of the office and chat it up with these students at the coffee shop.

Getting to know the two was a lot of fun – Jake talked about his interest in music and music-writing, and Lauren about her passion for poetry.

At the end of the job shadow, Rob and I decided it would be fun to have the two write something up that we could share with our readers in this week's paper.

We didn't give them much for guidance; basically we told them to write about whatever they wanted. We figured it'd be less "assignment-ey" that way. Jake thought he'd write about a concert he planned on going to, and Lauren decided to share some of her poetry.

Though we haven't gotten Jake's piece yet (he was probably too tired to write anything after jamming out at that concert on Friday), Lauren did send us some of her work to share.

Reading through it, I'll admit I was a bit stunned at first by how well Lauren writes. There's a complexity, depth and awareness in her writing that you wouldn't necessarily expect from your average high schooler's work, especially considering that this piece she wrote isn't for school credit or anything. It's pretty clear she has a natural talent for writing, and it takes a lot of guts to open up and share your work with the whole world. So, kudos to Lauren for agreeing to let us publish her piece, and I think all our readers will agree that she can write editorials for The Grundy Register anytime. Below is the piece Lauren submitted:

If you're anything like me your calendar is filled with count-downs and dates. You mind is constantly waiting for the next event living in the future. I countdown for a day to come only to find when it does I'm more excited to cross it off and look forward then to stop and enjoy the moment. As humans this is a huge flaw of ours. We find ourselves living in the past and future. When we aren't overthinking the past and letting our mistakes dictate us we are waiting for the perfect moment and counting down the days until something "interesting" comes up. Lately I have faced myself with a reality check. I have one life. One chance at this crazy, but beautiful thing called life. My last seventeen years have flown by. Time only seems to be speeding up. Yet here I am to focused on making it to the weekend or waiting till I'm older to do something. It's time this cycle comes to an end. Just because we are young doesn't mean we can't do something with our lives. Just because you think you're too old doesn't mean it's too late to go after your dreams. Every single day is a blessing. Recently my cross country coach, Will Ringardt, said something that stuck with me, "You never know when something could be taken away from you." When I heard this it was like a punch in the gut. I may never be this healthy again, I will never be this young again, and everyone and everything I love could be taken away from me. I don't have control of this stuff. None of us do. We do have control of

how we spend our time though. Now it's time for you to decide. You can ignore this call and go back to taking for granted the time you have or you can take this to heart and make a difference in your life.

Poem: Hotline
By: Lauren Vandertind

I work for a suicide hotline
I've seen it all
Heard their screams
Heard their cry for help
They teach you that you can't save them all
They never tell you how much it will hurt you though
How much it will kill you when you hear them whisper sorry
When you hear that gunshot
They don't tell you the parents will come running in
Screaming for help
I knew how to comfort someone that called
They taught us that
But
They didn't teach us what to do when his mom picks up the phone
How to explain to them who you are
How to answer when they ask why you couldn't save him
When they ask why their precious baby never came to them
How are you suppose to tell them the truth
How are you suppose to tell them that their baby boy didn't feel loved
That he thought they would be better off without him
So don't tell me I'm lying when I say people care
Cause I have a father that gives us his sons allowance every month
I have a mother who calls to see what her daughter's last moments were like
So put down that gun
Listen to me
Cause I've seen it all



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Wild canines

By KEVIN WILLIAMS
Grundy County
Conservation Director

Growing up, our family raised sheep. My grandfather raised sheep. When out of high school, I worked for a fella while I went to college and he raised – you guessed it – sheep.

So over the course of the years, I many times would be called upon to grab the gun because there were dogs in the sheep. These were not true wild dogs but rather neighborhood dogs that, like some people, made poor decisions when they got together in a group. It generally didn't end well for the party dogs.

There are several truly wild canines that live in our area. I started out planning to focus on brush wolves but will touch on a couple others, as well.

You probably know them as coyotes but pioneers called them brush wolves. While an occasional true gray wolf wanders into Iowa and is killed, the largest native wild canine that we find living here is the coyote. I can recall that when I came to Grundy County, people were talking about coyotes becoming more plentiful. I grew up farther south and we had been seeing coyotes regularly for years. I still remember the first coyote I

trapped down near Colfax.

I also clearly remember standing on our deck at home and seeing the sheep down in the pasture suddenly all jump and run at once. A coyote came shooting up out of the ditch and grabbed a young lamb.

If I go out in the evening and hit the siren on the truck a quick blast, I will hear a family of coyotes to the South start in with their yips and howls followed almost immediately by a second group to the North. And while they are a good sized predator, their diet consists mainly of mice and other small mammals. Although hunting together, it is possible for them to take something as large as a deer – typically a very old, or young, or injured deer.

The smallest and least adaptable native dog in Iowa is the little gray fox. I haven't seen these in the open agricultural areas. These beautiful gray and tan strictly forest dwellers are the only member of the dog family that routinely climbs trees. They'll often den in hollow trees well above the ground. I clearly remember the first gray fox that I caught on my trap-line 40 years ago.

With all of these memories surfacing, I just might pull a few traps out of retirement.

Letters to the editor

Letter to the editor

We as a Language Arts Department at the BCLUW Middle School were very dismayed to see the opening paragraph in Rob Maharry's editorial "My Three Cents Worth" on October 26:

"As surprising as this may sound, I listened in on an interesting conversation during a school board meeting recently. The middle school language arts teachers at BCLUW were giving a curriculum report, and they had all reached an unsettling conclusion about their students: they hate reading."

This is certainly NOT the conclusion that has been reached by the middle school language arts department, and we are not clear why this was the take-away from our school board report on October 16. Our board report outlined the language arts and reading programs that have been successful at the middle school and provided an overview of the new 5th grade Guided Reading program designed to provide the appropriate reading instruction for all students based on their individual needs.

While it is certainly true that some middle school students may not enjoy to read, the same could be said about any activity the students participate in at school. By in large, the majority of our students find reading to be a positive experience at the middle school. We work hard in our language arts classrooms to provide our students with the skills necessary to be successful readers and users of language. This has certainly been evident in the high number of our students who have demonstrated proficiency on the Iowa Assessment reading and language arts tests. We consistently find ways to encourage our students to set a personal reading goal and maintain good daily reading habits in order to reach that goal. Most of our students feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when they meet these personal reading goals each quarter and look forward to being recognized at the Reading Counts award assemblies that we hold at the end of each quarter.

As we all know, learning to read proficiently can be very challenging for some children. It might be easy and tempting to conclude that children hate to read because it is challenging. However, this is certainly not the conclusion that we have drawn. We are continually amazed at the high level of classroom and personal reading achievement that our students demonstrate and are very optimistic about the future of reading and language arts in our school district!

Sincerely,
The BCLUW Middle School Language Department

Dear Editor

On the morning of Oct.26, I happened to be in Grundy. The stench along Main Street and all the way to the grocery store was awful due to someone applying manure to fields somewhere south of town. I was not the only one who noticed it. I just hope that no one was visiting town for the first time to consider locating here. It would have surely been a dealbreaker.

Ironically, that day's Grundy Register had two items extolling the virtues of the hog production business in Iowa. As one who lives about a half mile from a two-building confinement site, I can tell you it's no picnic. I used to like to have some windows open at night during nice weather. No more! Much of the time when the dew begins to settle, the hog smell comes my way. There is no way I could plan an event on my patio, day or evening, due to the uncertainty of if, or when, the odor would come my way.

And don't let anyone tell you that there is no odor when the manure is knifed in. A year ago a neighbor about 3/4 of a mile from of me was subjected to the stink for several days after manure was applied on all three sides of his acreage as well as across the road. I could smell the "aroma" when the wind was from that direction. There have been other instances when the odor has been carried from fields.

I think if confinements weren't allowed to be any farther than a mile from the owner's home, things would be a lot different. As you can tell, I don't have a high regard for the livestock confinement industry.

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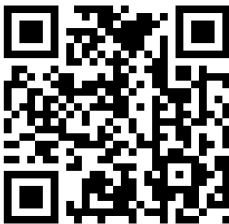
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Beginning Friday, November 3 the Center Theatre at 7 p.m. will be action/sequel **Blade Runner 2049**, starring Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling. This movie is rated R for language, running approximately 160 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the true story/drama **Same Kind Of Different As Me**, starring Renee Zellweger, Greg Kinnear and Djimon Hounsou. This movie is rated PG-13 for thematic material, running approximately 120 minutes in length. Other new movies coming soon to the Center Theatre include: **Wonder**, **Only The Brave**, **Justice League**, **Daddy’s Home 2**, **Disney’s Coco** **W/ Olaf’s Frozen Adventure** and many more!

Superstar Harrison Ford returns in the brand-new **Blade Runner 2049**. Thirty years after the events of the first film, a new blade runner, LAPD Officer K (Ryan Gosling), unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what’s left of society into chaos. K’s discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former LAPD blade runner who has been missing for 30 years.

With multiple Academy Award, Oscar and Golden Globe-winners, the outstanding cast of **Same Kind Of Different As Me** brings to life the New York Times bestseller that interweaves stories of international art dealer Ron Hall (Greg

Kinnear), his grace-giving wife Debbie (Renée Zellweger), their unexpected friend Denver (Djimon Hounsou), and Ron’s estranged father Earl (Jon Voight). With more money than they could ever possibly need, Ron (Greg Kinnear) and Debbie Hall (Renee Zellweger) have everything they could ever want ... except for a loving marriage. When Ron’s unfaithfulness is brought to light, Debbie invites him to stay – as long as he remains truthful and does what she asks of him. But when her request includes serving the homeless at an inner-city rescue mission, Ron would prefer to write a large check instead. Guided by her faith, Debbie befriends a disenfranchised man named Denver (Djimon Hounsou). More surprisingly, so does Ron. Despite vast differences, their lives begin to intersect and they all are changed ... forever. Based on an unforgettable true story of forgiveness, friendship, family, and faith, **Same Kind Of Different As Me** is opening this week at the Center Theatre!

For the most up-to-date movie information, please check out our new website at www.grundycentertheatre.com. If you are interested in gift certificates to the Center Theatre, they may be purchased at GNB bank locations during the day or at the Center Theatre during evening business hours.

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Saturday November 4	• Grundy Comm. Center – Ducks Unlimited Dinner, Wilts Room
Monday November 6	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room Main Street Grundy Center, 5 - 7 p.m., Wilts Room
Tuesday November 7	• Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking City Elections, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
Wednesday November 8	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room Van Wall Equipment, 6 p.m., Wilts Room
Thursday November 9	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room Main Street Grundy Center/Development Corp, 5 p.m., Wilts Room

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FOODS RESOURCE BANK
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SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION
Please sign up for meals and the workshop being held at Camp Pine Lake beginning on Friday, November 10 with an evening meal, and continuing on Saturday. There will be CEU’s for pastors.
LASAGNA MEAL
Please sign up to bring food for the lasagna meal on November 12. Funds will be raised to sponsor attendance at National Youth Conference.

Nutrition site menu

Friday, November 3 — Hamburger Patty with Lettuce and Tomato, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hamburger Bun, Fruited Gelatin, Chocolate Milk
Monday, November 6 — Spaghetti Casserole, Italian Vegetable Blend, Multi Grain Bread, Margarine, Apples
Tuesday, November 7 — Lemon Pepper Fish, Cheesy Rice, Lima Beans, Multi Grain Bread, Margarine, Fresh Banana, Tartar Sauce
Wednesday, November 8: Birthday Meal — Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Red Potatoes, Green Peas, Dinner Roll, Margarine, Frosted Birthday Cake
Thursday, November 9 — Baked Chicken Breast with Lemon Herb Sauce, Roasted Potato Medley, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Margarine, Chocolate Chip Cookie
For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Grundy Center Senior Center at (319) 824-3843.

Ornamental and Turfgrass Continuing Instruction course Nov. 8

GRUNDY CENTER — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Grundy County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office across Iowa.
The local attendance site is in the Grundy County Extension & Outreach Office, 703 F Avenue, Suite 1. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Loretta Arends at the ISU Extension and Outreach office

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



OK, here is the next mystery picture. Can anyone tell us anything about this photo? Maybe when and where it was taken? What was the occasion? If you have any answers send an email with ‘From the Archives’ in the subject line to grundyeditor@midamerica-pub.com

Thelma Rutter called in and told us the picture that ran on Oct. 19 was taken in the O’kones Implement in Wellsburg in the late 1940’s. The girl on the left is Frances Lindaman Sliefer. The middle gentleman is Neil Okones and the man on the right is George Sietsema. The picture in the October 26 paper is of Glen Willig. He owned a paint, wallpaper, floor coverings store on Main Street (G Avenue) in approximately the storefront where Grundy Mutual Insurance is now located. I think, if my memory does not deceive me, he installed the

pub.com or drop by our offices during business hours and share them with us (please remember to include your name and location in any email). We’ll publish whatever we can learn in next week’s paper (space allowing), as well as select another photo from the archives

to share with you.
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floor coverings in the hospital when it was built in 1952. My father, Harold Engelkes, worked part-time for him as well as

owner of the Engelkes Funeral Home. Maxine Engelkes, former Grundy Center resident, now residing in Cedar Falls

A Fresh Conversations program November 13

Are you looking for a tasty way to add some zest to your morning breakfast or afternoon snack? Consider cheese. Cheese delivers on all flavor fronts from sharp cheddar, to tangy Swiss, to mild Colby or smooth Muenster. Cheese is a food that can pack both big flavor and powerful nutrition. Besides tasting good, cheese is a rich source of protein, vitamin D, potassium and calcium. And, for people cooking for one or two, it has the added benefit of lasting in your refrigerator longer than other proteins such as meat.
Join a November Fresh Conversation program to explore the many varieties of cheese. You’ll learn the difference between aged cheeses, how to store them for longest shelf life and ways to incorporate different varieties in recipes.
Want to learn more about the value of cheese in your diet? Mark your calendar for November’s Fresh Conversations program, which will be held at the Grundy Center Senior Center (705 F Avenue) on Monday, November 13 at 9:40 a.m. Local facilitator, Lynette Miller, Service Specialist from NEI3A, will lead the conversation. Check out the congregare meal site and take part in a meal while you are there.
Cottage cheese, which is made from the curd formed

from milk, is rich in protein. It can be an excellent addition to any meal. Similar to cottage cheese, hard or aged cheeses also provide a variety of nutrients to keep one’s body strong. Fresh Conversation participants will trial a twist of an old favorite – a homemade, whole grain macaroni and cheese casserole or a variety flight of cottage cheese.
As you plan for winter weather, you’ll also explore indoor activities to help you move more anyway you can. Research is showing that people who walk, lift, stretch and move 12.5 hours a week have 35% longer longevity than those who sit. Participants will discuss fun activities to creatively up their movement, whether it’s stretching in bed, dancing in the living room or doing chair exercises to the evening news.
Join a Fresh Conversations program for fun, fellowship and food. The program, sponsored by Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging, is free to attend. New members are always welcome. Stop in at the Grundy Center Senior Center (705 F Avenue) on Monday, November 13 at 9:40 a.m. and take part in the program. If you are interested in staying for a meal, contact Lynette Miller, Service Spec., Service Specialist/meal site manager by calling 319.824.3843 for reservations.

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Obituaries

Charles Morgan

Our beloved father and grandfather, Charles (Doug) Morgan, age 73, passed away surrounded by family at Cedar Valley Hospice in Waterloo on October 25, 2017, after a lengthy and heroic battle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS).

A funeral service was held October 28, 2017, at the Dike United Methodist Church in Dike with his spiritual advisor and friend, Pastor Dan Ridnour officiating. A visitation was held at the Dike United Methodist Church. A graveside service was held October 29 at Oakland Cemetery in Denison. Online condolences may be made to the Morgan family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com. Donations may be made to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Born November 28, 1943, in Washington D.C. to Charles and Gladys Arlene (Mic) Morgan. Doug graduated from Sumner high school in Sumner. He attended and played golf at the University of Iowa. On May 17, 1965, Doug was united in marriage to Connie Weber at the United Methodist Church in Preston, Minnesota.

The majority of Doug's life was spent working and raising a family in Dike. He taught his four sons the arts of catching fish, golf, hard work and how to grade coins. Throughout his career, he was the owner/operator of Mid-West Turkey Hatchery, Plant Manager & Chairman of the Board for Iowa Turkey Products and served a term as President of the Iowa Turkey Federation. Doug had been a resident of Dike, Postville and Sumner. In retirement, he and Connie enjoyed their winter home in Cortez, FL. He cherished his grandchildren, the family ski trips to Colorado, expeditions to Yellowstone, & summers in Okoboji. Doug was a proud member of the Dike United Methodist Church.

Doug is survived by his wife of 52 years, Connie; four sons, Charles Jeffery of Iowa City, Jim of Dike, Joel (Jessica) of Montesano, WA, Jason (Becky) of Springville; adoptive father and uncle, Howard McMinimiee of Denison; grandchildren, Sean Morgan, Brooke Morgan, Tyler Morgan, Amelia Morgan, Nic Morgan, Charles Wim Morgan, Seth Morgan, Samuel Morgan; brother-in-law, Laverne Buhr of Sumner; niece Tara Buhr of Prescott, Arizona; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents; sister Deb; and nephew Michael.



Sidney J. Heitmeyer

Sidney J. Heitmeyer, 85, of Garner died October 10, 2017, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City. Funeral services were held October 14 at the United Methodist Church in Garner with Rev. Paul Evans officiating. Military rites were conducted by the Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery in Beaman. Memorials may be directed to the family. www.cataldofuneralhome.com.

Sidney John Heitmeyer, the son of John and Tena (Dykstra) Heitmeyer, was born on February 9, 1932, in Sheldon, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed in the Sheldon Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon. He attended the rural country school thru the 7th grade and then attended the Sheldon Christian Schools graduating in 1951. He entered the Army in 1952 and served with the Famous 101st Airborne Division in Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky and was stationed there until his honorable discharge in 1954. While stationed in Kentucky he met Norma Jean Stiff. On December 17, 1954 they were married in Irvington, Kentucky. To this union two children were born, Brenda Jean and Bryan John. They enjoyed 40 wonderful years together traveling, bowling, and golfing until her death in 1995. Sid began his studies at Iowa State University in the agricultural field until an opening at the Ritter, IA Farmers Co-Op Society became available and thus began over a 45-year career with the Farmers Co-Op Associations. He worked at the Ritter, IA Co-Op – 3 years, Manager at the Somers IA Co-Op - 2 years, the Beaman Iowa Co-Op 21 years and the Garner, IA Co-Op (3 locations - Garner, Klemme, and Meservey) 22 years until his retirement in 1997. While a Co-Op manager he held various offices, and served on the boards at the Co-Ops, AGP and Land of Lakes. Upon retirement, he continued to help as interim manager in Kanawha and Dows for several years. He never missed a day of checking out the grain markets after he retired until his health began to fail in the final months. On December 21, 1996 he married Renee Marie Carolus in Garner, Iowa. They enjoyed a happy and rich life together traveling and enjoying their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Sid enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping in his younger years. He was an avid football fan, following the Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, Iowa State Cyclones and Iowa Hawkeyes which at times meant a lot of channel surfing. He also was an enthusiastic bowler and loved to play golf, and a card game of Up and Down the River with his buddies. In his retirement, he golfed at least one round every day, some days two rounds until his health began to fail the past two years. He was a devoted loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and couldn't wait to see all the little ones and take them for rides on his golf cart.

Sid was a member of the Garner United Methodist Church, serving on many committees. He also was a 35-year member of the Garner Lions Club, having received the high honor and distinction with the Warren Coleman Award, The Garner Golf Course and the WORM club (Wobbly Old Retired Managers) and over a 45-year member of the American Legion in Beaman.

He is survived by his loving families, his wife, Renee of Garner; his daughter, Brenda Heitmeyer of Beaman; daughter-in-law, Kim Heitmeyer of Gladbrook; his grandchildren, Blair (Sarah) Sanderson of Denver, IA, John (Sarah) Sanderson of Janesville, Malloory (Grant) Blomme of Memphis, MO, Tyler Heitmeyer of Gladbrook and Morgan Heitmeyer of Des Moines; step-grandchildren, Chad (Lisa) Mull of Conrad, Justin Bolton (Jenny) of Minneapolis, MN, Darin (Nancy) Carolus of Reno, NV, Colin (Jenny) Carolus of Vinton and Grant (Holly) Carolus of Waterloo; great-grandchildren, Sophia, Brody, Sydney Sanderson and Annabelle, Nora Jean, Alaina Sanderson; step-great-grandchildren, Halley Bolton, Emily, Rachel Carolus, Austin, Ryan Carolus, Levi, Nolan Carolus; his sisters and brother, Alice DenHartog of Sheldon, Karen (Dale) Boer of Sheldon and Jr. (Joan) Heitmeyer of Albert Lea, MN; and numerous relatives, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Norma Jean; his son, Bryan Heitmeyer; step-grandson, Ryan Bolton; two infant brothers, John Junior and Herman John Heitmeyer; a sister, Sandra Koele; a brother-in-law, Willard DenHartog; nephews, Curtis Koele and Dillon Hooyer.



Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report

DES MOINES – The Iowa Crop Progress and Condition report has been released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service. The report is released weekly from April through October.

“Farmers were again able to make good harvest progress, combining over 20 percent of the state's corn and soybean crop last week, but still remain behind the five-year average,” said Mike Naig, Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. “Also, do want to remind farmers that the deadline for seeding winter hardy cover crops has been extended for two weeks, so there is still time to seed them as they finish harvest.”

The weekly report is also available on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's website at www.IowaAgriculture.gov or on USDA's site at www.nass.usda.gov/ia. The report summary follows here:

CROP REPORT

A mostly dry week allowed Iowa farmers to progress their harvest with 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending October 29, 2017, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities for the week included harvesting corn for grain and soybeans, spreading manure,

applying fertilizers, hauling grain, and starting fall tillage.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels rated 6 percent very short, 16 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Nearly a quarter of the corn for grain crop has been harvested this past week reaching 44 percent complete, but it still remains nearly two weeks behind the 5-year average. Moisture content of corn being harvested for grain averaged 19 percent. East central and south east Iowa are the only districts to have over 50 percent of their corn for grain crop harvested. There were several reports of corn yields being better than expected; however, excessive winds this past week has caused lodging in the fields. Corn condition rated 66 percent good to excellent. Eighty-three percent of the soybean crop was harvested, six days behind average. Southwest, south central, and south east Iowa still has a third or more of their soybean crop to harvest.

Pasture condition remained unchanged from last week at 35 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were reported as normal, with few reports of cattle in fields feeding on stover.

GCPD seeks public's help in missing person case



Michael Johns

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER – The Grundy Center Police Department and Cedar Valley Crime Stoppers are asking for the public's help in a missing persons case.

According to the department, Grundy Center resident Michael Bruce Johns, 28, was reported missing by his family. Johns was last seen Tuesday, October 24th, and he is believed to be in the Charles City or Waterloo area.

GCPD officer Alissa Loew says the department doesn't any new information on Johns' whereabouts, though they don't believe there is any foul play involved.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Grundy Center Police Department at 319-825-5523 or the Grundy County Sheriff's Department at 319-824-6933.

Merla J. Meester

Merla J. Meester, 83, of Parkersburg died October 25, 2017, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. A funeral service was held October 30 at Pleasant Valley Reformed Church in rural Holland, with Rev. Rick Vollema officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Grundy Center. A visitation was held October 29 at Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center. Online condolences may be left for the Meester family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.

Merla June Krull, daughter of Ben and Mary Buseman Krull was born on June 12, 1934, at Ripple Township in Butler County. She received her education from Hansell Consolidated School in Hansell, Iowa where she graduated in 1952. On March 26, 1954, she married Melvin James Meester at the Bethel Reformed Church in Aplington. The couple resided on their farm near Holland in which they farmed from 1955 until 1992 when they moved to Parkersburg. The couple then moved to Grundy Center where they lived for 15 years. Mr. Meester died on August 31, 2005. Due to her failing health, Merla moved back to Parkersburg to be closer to her family. Merla's main vocation was as a homemaker and also was an Avon representative for over 20 years. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church where she served for many years on the Ladies Guild. She enjoyed ceramics, knitting and playing her piano, especially on every Sunday afternoon.

Merla is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Larry) Harms of Ackley; sons, Myron (Rose) Meester of Holland, David (Ann) Meester of Fresno, CA., Kevin (Natalie) Meester of Grundy Center; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Beulah (Dean) Ufford of Dumont; brothers, Marvin Krull of Mason City, and James (Dee) Krull of Waverly.

In addition to her husband Melvin, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Jacob Meester; sisters, LaVonne Aswegan and Shirley Blackmoore.



Ronald Voss

Ronald "Ron" Voss, 78, of Grundy Center passed away on October 26, 2017, at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. A visitation was held October 30 at the Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center. The funeral service was held October 31 at the American Lutheran Church in Grundy Center with Pastors Al Polito and Beth A. Olson officiating. Burial followed services at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Grundy Center. Memorials may be directed to the family to be given to the charities of their choice.

Ron was born on February 1, 1939, on a farm in rural Holland, to his parents Rudolph and Fannie (Itzen) Voss. Ron grew up on the family farm and graduated from Grundy Center High School with the class of 1957. On March 1, 1968, Ron was united in marriage to Candi (Claassen) Voss at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center. Ron spent most of his career working for the Farm Bureau Spokesman as a pre-press operator helping publish their articles. Ron enjoyed many different hobbies including golf, bowling, fast pitch softball, and card games. Alongside playing sports, Ron also enjoyed watching sports on television. Ron especially enjoyed being a family man and spending his free time with his friends and family, making time to attend any activity he could for his children and grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his wife Candi Voss; children Todd (Julie) Voss of Johnston, Tracey (Matt) Strong of Olathe, KS; sister, Ina (Joe) Ross of Grundy Center; brothers, Paul (Jeannette) Voss of Grundy Center and Clarence Voss of Grundy Center; grandchildren Nick, Natalie, Nevada, Amanda, Blake, and Tyler.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harold, Carl, and Bill; and sister Leona.



Lion's Club makes donation

The Grundy County Memorial Hospital Foundation is closing in on its two-year goal to raise \$600,000 to support the hospital's renovation and Specialty Clinic expansion project. Members of the Grundy Center Lion's Club have pledged \$5,000 to the fund-raising campaign. Lions Club representative Gene Colson, right, presents a check to GCMH Foundation manager Keely Harken, left. The Black Hills Energy Foundation has also pledged to the hospital's modernization project. The 18-month hospital project is coming to a close, the public invited to a Sunday, November 19 Open House to view the remodeled portions of the hospital.

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To celebrate 100th birthday

Elva M. Thuesen will join the “Centenarian Club” on November 21.

Elva was born on a farm west of Cedar Falls to Marius and Rosetta Hansen and eventually had three brothers and three sisters.

In 1941, she married Ralph G. Thuesen at Fredsville Lutheran Church. That union yielded two daughters, Cheryl (Norm Gerdes), of Cedar Falls and Marcia (Ron Michaelson) of Dike.

Before she got married, Elva worked as a governess and later at Sartori Hospital. After their marriage, Ralph and Elva operated a traditional farm, for those days, including raising cattle, hogs and chickens along with corn, oats and soybeans. Elva’s tasks, besides raising the girls, was cooking for farm workers. Elva loves music, played piano; she was the church organist at Fredsville Church for nearly 20 years and until recently accompanied at events at New Aldaya.



Cheryl and Marcia have five sons and those grandchildren have produced 19 great-grandchildren for Elva.

Her immediate family will have a private celebration of her 100-year journey, but her friends and family could add to the party by sending Elva a card - she would really appreciate that. She resides at New Aldaya Lifescapes: Elva Thuesen, 7511 University Ave., #110, Cedar Falls, 50613.

Dates for Dike

Thursday, November 2
HS Musical Matinee
Friday, November 3
7 pm HS Musical
FB Playoffs
Saturday, November 4
7pm HS Musical
State Cheerleading Competition
Sunday, November 5
Local Church services
Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday, November 6
Girls Basketball/Bowling Practice begins
Tuesday, November 7
State VB at Cedar Rapids
CV Family STEM Festival at 5 Sullivan Center
Wednesday, November 8
Early Dismissal
State VB at Cedar Rapids

Birthdays

Thursday, November 2: Marlene Paige, Jurane Lizer
Friday, November 3: Connie Morgan
Saturday, November 4: Greg Roberts, Lillian Gast, Russell Graves
Sunday, November 5: Dave Kelley, Kevin Juel
Monday, November 6: Trenton Freese, Jason North
Tuesday, November 7: Jeff Morgan, Gabe Bakker, Melissa Clark
Wednesday, November 8: Dennis Koch, Al Kirkpatrick, Karina Hansen
Thursday, November 9: Talia Amjadi, Miranda Weber Jones, Laurie Gerstenkorn, Robert Weissenfluh, Marley Kiewiet, Emily Merfeld

Amazon package safety

My first thought to a morning news statement. Would you agree to giving Amazon delivery persons a key to your front door? Amazon has been concerned about stealing of packages delivered to homes where the items are left outside on a porch or on the ground.

My reaction: Are they crazy to think I now want things stolen from inside my house!

The image I see is a special lock that Amazon delivery persons carries, he or she misplaces it and it is copied and shared with unknowns. Get the picture? Not at my house. How do you get your Amazon packages delivered to your house?

Vote on November 7

Eligible voters in the city of Dike will vote at the Dike Library from noon until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7. Vote for a Mayor for a two year term, and vote for three council positions for four year terms.

Confucius says "Trust is essential for a successful society." When the votes have been cast and the selections have been made, we should make it a priority to attend and follow the issues put before our council. Have we put our trust in the hands of effective representatives for the City of Dike's level of government?

Time changes

Spring forward, Fall back

Sunday, November 5, is the morning of an earlier sunrise. The job of Saturday eve was to turn back the hands of time. If you failed to make the adjustment of your clock and have a schedule to follow or go to church, you will be one hour late.

Standard time is the local time in a region when Daylight Saving time is not in use. Standard time is sometimes referred to as winter time or normal time. In the US, standard time period is only around 4.5 months.

Daylight Saving time may also be called Summer time. DST is where we take advantage of the natural daylight in the evenings.

The difference in light is the most noticeable change.

Make your clock adjustment before retiring on Saturday, November 4. On November 5, we will be in our standard winter time.

Arizona is the only state that does not use Daylight Savings Time. I can now call Suzan at 7:00 a.m., and I will wake her at 6:00 a.m. When I made that call during DST, she was still in dreamland. Good morning sunshine!

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About town

Looking forward to a December treat? Ok, I know it is just the start of November, but we have a committee busy making plans for December. The event called Razzle Dazzle has been a big hit these past years, and it has turned into a December calendar event. This year, the Razzle Dazzle committee wants us to mark our calendars for December 6, a Wednesday, from 5:30 -8:00 pm.

The Razzle Dazzle event is

sponsored by the Dike Community Betterment Association with the assistance of many volunteers. The invite goes out to the community to join in for a night of holiday magic. Santa, caroling, horse and trolley rides, craft sale and business open houses.

The time will be near when we see this year's Main Street Christmas Tree.

AREA SERVICES *Please join us in worship!*

ALBION

Albion United Methodist Church
Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor
Sundays

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

APLINGTON

Bethel Reformed Church
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Sundays
9 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Sunday School

BANGOR

Bangor Liberty Friends Church
Matt Bishop, Pastor
office@blfchurch.org
Sundays
8:30 a.m. Prayer Group
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning worship

BEAMAN

United Methodist Church
641-366-2142
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

CONRAD

Alice Church of God
Jim Hartman, Pastor
641-849-7473
Sundays
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesdays
7 p.m., Bible Study

Blue Collar Community Church
109 West Center Street
Conrad, IA
9: a.m., Sunday Worship

First Presbyterian Church
Kerry Carson, Pastor
641-366-2342
Sundays
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Fellowship

United Methodist Church
The Rev. Gene Kubli
641-366-2325
8:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Worship

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Fredsville Lutheran Church
The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
319-989-2065
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC)
705 1st Street
319-989-2141
Sundays
9 a.m. Morning Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
6 p.m. Evening Praise Service

Untied Methodist Church
Dan Ridnour, Pastor
319-989-2535
Sundays
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mark Decker, Pastor
319-988-3967
Sundays

9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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American Lutheran Church
Luther Thoresen, Pastor
319-824-3557
www.alcgc.org
Sundays
8:45 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Worship service

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Al Polito, Pastor
319-824-5471
Sundays
10 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m. Fellowship Time
Wednesdays
4:15 p.m., J.A.M. Youth program with meal

First Baptist Church (GARBC)
Nathan Barkley, Pastor
319-824-3324
www.fbcgrundy.com
office@fbcgrundy.com
Sundays

9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group
10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., AWANA
7 p.m., Youth Group

First Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Mike Campbell, Pastor
The Rev. Sheryl Campbell, Parish Assoc
319-824-3152
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Sundays

9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult Study in Chapel

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www.orchardhillchurch.org

9:15 a.m. services
10:45 a.m. services
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United Methodist Church
Jerry R. Miller, Pastor
319-825-5408
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship Celebration
Wednesdays
5:15 p.m., Worship on Wednesday Meal - Wednesday School-Confirmation
6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship

HOLLAND

Colfax Center Presbyterian
Robbie Grames, Pastor
319-824-5231
Sundays

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (includes children's sermon, nursery available ages 0-3)
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service

Pleasant Valley Reformed Church
Rev. Rick Vollema
319-346-1090
Sundays

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available)
10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group

IVESTER

Ivester Church of the Brethren
Paul Shaver, Pastor
641-858-3879
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Noon Potluck

LINCOLN

Salem Church of Lincoln
The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor
641-473-2450
Sundays
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

LISCOMB

Bethel Grove Church
Scott Hand, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship

Liscomb Church of Christ
Ralph Norman, Pastor
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

MARSHALLTOWN

Elim Lutheran Church – ECLA
Sundays
8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
/Adult Forum

Evangelical Free church
Bob Kosbau, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:15 a.m. Worship

New Hope Christian Church
Saturdays
5:30 p.m. Worship Service
Sundays
9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sundays
9 a.m. Divine Service
10 a.m. Visitation
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
/ Adult Bible Class

St. Henry Catholic Church
Father Don Czapl
Saturdays

5 p.m. Vigil
Sundays
8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass
Tuesdays
7:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesdays
7:30 a.m. Mass
Thursdays
8:45 a.m. School Mass
Fridays
7:30 a.m. Mass

St. Mary Catholic Church
Father Greg Bahl
Saturday Masses
4:30 p.m. in English

6:30 p.m. in Spanish
Sunday Masses
9 a.m. in English
11:30 a.m. in Spanish
5:00 p.m., Mass

PARKERSBURG

Holy Family Catholic Parish
The Rev. David Kucera
319-345-2006
Saturdays

5:30 p.m. Mass

Reformed Church of Stout
Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors
319-346-1487
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Sunday School

REINBECK

Holy Family Catholic Parish
The Rev. David Kucera
319-345-2006
Sundays

9:30 a.m. Mass

UNION

Calvary Baptist Church
Roger Crawford, Pastor
Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Church Service
6:45 p.m. AWANA
6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens

Church of Christ
The Rev. Rick Schill
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunda School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Union Community Church
The Rev. Rick Schill
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
Morning Worship

WELLSBURG

East Friesland Presbyterian
Lynn Arends, Supply Pastor
641-847-2896
Sundays

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Faith Presbyterian Church
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Sundays
9 a.m. Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School



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We all desire to love and to be loved, and we all know the pain of loneliness and lost love. The desire to understand others and to be understood is at bottom an attempt to feel connected. We are simply not whole by ourselves and require the connection with others that comes most completely through love to regain our sense of wholeness. This is perhaps the most pressing problem of the modern world—loneliness, alienation and disconnectedness. Much of what is said about the value of the individual and his or her right to live as he or she sees fit contributes to people "doing their own thing" at the expense of building relationships with others that might give them this connectedness and satisfy this deep yearning. Of course, there are many ways to relate to others. We can do it through friends and family. We can do it through our jobs and our hobbies. And we can even do it through modern technology, e.g., social media. But ultimately, it all comes down to being kind and loving to the people we interact with. So nurture the yearning to love and be loved, first and foremost by making yourself worthy of love.
— Christopher Simon

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR GRUNDY COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION) IN THE INTEREST OF T. E. d/o/b 10/2008, A. E. d/o/b 08/2009, Children. Juvenile Nos. JVVJ003461 JVVJ003462 SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF CINA ADJUDICATORY HEARING TO: Robert Williams Cody Kilcrease YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition alleging that the child named above is a child in need of assistance has been filed in the office of the clerk of juvenile court for the above-captioned county. A true copy of the Petition is attached hereto and made a part hereof. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court has entered an Order setting an ADJUDICATORY HEARING on the merits of the Petition on November 14, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. in the designated Juvenile Courtroom of the Grundy County Courthouse in Grundy Center, Iowa. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Court at the time and place immediately above stated. You shall bring the child named above with you at that time. If you fail without reasonable cause to appear or to bring the child, you may be proceeded against for contempt of court or the Court may issue an order for your arrest, or both your arrest and the taking into custody of the child. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the child must be represented by an attorney and guardian ad litem, which may be the same person. The court has appointed an attorney and guardian ad litem to represent the child. If the parent has or will retain an attorney to represent the child as attorney and guardian ad litem, that attorney should be notified immediately. If the child is then represented by counsel retained by the parents and the Court determines there is a conflict of interest between the child and his or her parent, guardian or custodian and that retained counsel could not properly represent the child as a result of the conflict, the Court shall appoint other counsel to represent the child and set a hearing to determine

payment for attorney fees to be assessed to the parent. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire and attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the above-named court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you. The child's parent is notified that the child's parent may be required to reimburse the state for all of the legal fees and costs attributed to the appointment of counsel for the child's parent. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon your request, the Clerk shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers at the adjudicatory hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the adjudicatory hearing may take place without your presence if you fail to appear after reasonable notification. If you wish to state your views to the Court, you must appear in person or by attorney or the Court may rule against you. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the event the Court places a child in foster care, the child's parent or guardian may be liable for all or a portion of the cost of foster care. Foster care includes all out-of-home placements except the State Training School at Eldora or the Mental Health Institute at Independence. The Iowa Department of Human Services will notify you of the amount of any recommended parental liability for the cost of foster care and there exists an administrative procedure if you object. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in Court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (319) 833-3332. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.) GR 42-3

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE GRUNDY COUNTY ENGINEER proposes to replace Bridge N-25 over Wolf Creek. The proposed improvement will have an impact on the Wolf Creek Recreational Area & Comet Trail located near Wolf Creek. With this notification, the public is invited to review and comment on the proposed de minimis effect of the bridge replacement project on the protected activities, features, and attributes of the Wolf Creek Recreational Area & Comet Trail. De minimis impacts on publicly owned

parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges are designed as those that do not "adversely affect the activities, features and attributes" of the Section 4(f)(6)(f) Resource. For additional information or to comment on the anticipated de minimis effect please contact the following prior to November 15th, 2017: Gary Maur, PE or Steve Cox at the Grundy County Engineers Office, 22580 M Ave Grundy Center, Iowa 50638. Phone: 319-824-6912 GR44-2

GRUNDY COUNTY District Court

Christopher Scott Archer, age 32, Ackley. Pled guilty to a Probation Violation originating from a conviction for Domestic Abuse Assault—Impeding Air or Blood Flow and two counts of Domestic Abuse Assault—Injury or Mental Illness First Offense, all aggravated misdemeanors on October 23. Received the imposition of a 28-day suspended jail sentence and revocation of probation. Will Christopher Venenga, age 23, Dike. Pled guilty to Driving While Barred, an aggravated misdemeanor, on October 26. Received a two-year suspended prison sentence, a \$625 fine and one year of unsupervised probation. Bryan Lee Stensland, age 39, Traer. Pled guilty to Contempt—Violation of a No Contact/Protective Order on Octo-

ber 23. Received a jail sentence of seven days. Holley M. Woodcock, age 30, Grundy Center. Pled guilty to Contempt—Resist Order or Process of Magistrate Court on October 23. Received a two-day jail sentence. Paula Palmersheim, Iowa Falls. Pled guilty to Violation of a No Contact/Protective Order—Contempt on October 23. Received a seven day jail sentence and a fine of \$65. Dean Wade Heideman, age 52, Morrison. Pled guilty to Operating While Under the Influence—First Offense, a serious misdemeanor, on October 21. Received a seven day jail sentence with five days suspended, license revocation for 180 days, two days of OWI class in lieu of two days jail, a \$1,250 fine, and one year of informal probation.

Teri Goins, Ankeny, speeding. Shane Clark, La Porte City, speeding. Paul Budde, Waterloo, speeding. Rose Bacardi, Omaha, NE, speeding and operation of motor vehicle with expired license. Nicholas Plesca, Loxahatchee, FL, speeding. Amanda Elliott, North Liberty, speeding. Daniel Mingus, Boulder, CO, speeding. Ashley Frie, Des Moines, failure to maintain control. Tyler Dietz, Reinbeck, speeding. Cody Rhodes, Whitten, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance. Domingo Rivera, Omaha, NE, speeding. Michael Ackley, Reinbeck, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance. Joseph Simchak III, Naperville, IL, speeding. Tony Boyd II, Waterloo, speeding. David Smith, Waterloo, failure to maintain or use safety belts. Edward Gilbert Jr., Fort Dodge, speeding. Agustas Armstrong, Eldora, speeding. James Boswell, Malakoff, TX, speeding. Layne Geerdes, Wellsburg, failure to maintain control. Logan Welch, Webster City, speeding. Samantha Doble, Stout, fail-

ure to provide proof of financial liability insurance. Robert Bladel Jr., Davenport, speeding. Miranda Aunspach, Granger, speeding. Miguel Diaz Avina, Marshalltown, speeding. Ashley Stanley, Grundy Center, speeding. Jared Eiklenborg, Aplington, operating non-registered vehicle. Jonathan Winther, Dike, minor using tobacco/vapor product first offense. Frances Ocasio-Ortiz, Waterloo, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, failure to use child restraint device and driving while license under suspension. Cody Ridderhoff, Parkersburg, speeding. Audrey Lucas, Newton, speeding. Judith Marxer, Hudson, IL, speeding. Steven Brass, Cedar Falls, speeding. Kenneth Zimmerman, Rising City, NE, failure to maintain control. Trevor Byram, Waverly, speeding. Daylen Canty, Marion, speeding. Erica Parrish-Valdez, West Des Moines, speeding. Beverly Goebel, Reinbeck, speeding. Jared Elder III, Pleasant Hill, speeding. John Clark, Baxter, driving while license under suspension.

Samir Bahsoon, Lawrenceville, GA, speeding. Teresa Kennett, Dike, operation without registration card or plate. Shaun Robertson, Ryan, speeding. Lisa Allison, Eldora, failure to carry registration card and speeding. Melissa Rosati, Eldora, speeding. Drake Trebon, Wellsburg, speeding. Katelynn Albus, Waterloo, speeding. Katelynn Albus, Waterloo, speeding. Alexis Eldred, Wellsburg, speeding. Charise Boyd, Waterloo, speeding. Nicole Mann, Waterloo, speeding. Brian Adamson, Cedar Falls, speeding. Baylee Potkins, Grundy Center, speeding. Chaniece Anderson, West Des Moines, no valid driver's license. Samantha Jones, Evansdale, speeding. Aurelio Cruz-Ponce, Hampton, speeding. Tammy Johnson, Waterloo, speeding. Joshua Thompson, Janesville, failure to carry registration card. Jacob Sigler, New Hartford, speeding. Eric Easley, Cedar Falls, speeding. Grant Flenker, Princeton,

failure to reduce speed to reasonable rate. Brylyn Clute, Colesburg, speeding. Richard Mohon, Marshalltown, unsafe approach to certain stationary vehicles. Jacob Fogt, Eldora, speeding. Timmie Gillam II, Waterloo, speeding. Aaron Opheim, Allison, speeding. Jeffery Collins, Des Moines, speeding. Nicholas Strasser, Des Moines, speeding. Karla Foust, Cedar Falls, speeding. Kevin Sadler, Des Moines, speeding. Derek Jensen, Harrisburg, SD, driving on wrong side of two-way highway. Marc Pena, Dunkerton, speeding. Jeffrey Reints, Shell Rock, speeding. Conlee Lyons, Stout, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way. Jenny Miller, Cedar Falls, speeding. Cody Umphrey, Marshalltown, left turns/yielding. Shannon Watt, Garnavillo, failure to have valid driver's license. Jenna Jensen, Ankeny, speeding. Stephanie Larson, Holland, speeding.

Grassley Q & A: New Farm Bankruptcy Update

Question: What is Chapter 12 of the federal bankruptcy code? Answer: This section of federal bankruptcy law applies specifically to the nation's food producers – farmers, fisherman and ranchers – whose occupation and prosperity is dependent on the whims of Mother Nature. Chapter 12 is designed to help family farmers who fall on hard times to restructure their debts and continue earning an income stream to stay afloat during bankruptcy proceedings. It recognizes the unique capital-intensive arrangements of a farming operation. Many farm families understand what it means to be “cash-poor and asset-rich.” It requires savvy risk management tools and good lines of credit to stay in business. It also makes it much harder to reorganize debts in tough times. Chapter 12 recognizes the unique situation when family farmers find themselves on the financial brink and helps farm families avoid losing their livelihoods to pay off creditors. It works by creating a repayment cushion to allow farmers to continue payments under a restructuring plan within a three- to five-year window. During the farm crisis in the 1980s, I was

the original sponsor of Chapter 12 to provide a critical safety net to help family farmers survive the harsh downturn in the farm economy. It remained a temporary provision of law from 1986 until 2005, when I fought successfully to make Chapter 12 a permanent fixture in the nation's bankruptcy code. As one of the only family farmers in the U.S. Senate, I understand how agriculture, tax, trade and energy policies affect a farmer's bottom line. Before the reforms in 2005, a farmer who sold land under Chapter 12 to reorganize debts and repay creditors would be slammed by crushing capital gains taxes. My 2005 amendments gave a reality check to the IRS and bankruptcy courts. For example, farmers entering Chapter 12 would sell land that likely had been in the family for a very long time. Selling this land decades after the original purchase could result in signif-

icant capital gains tax liability. My amendment was adopted to prevent the IRS from effectively vetoing a restructuring plan that would force family farmers to sell off the rest of their assets and quit farming for good.

Question: What prompted you to press for new reforms to Chapter 12? Answer: A 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2012, Hall v. United States, upset the apple cart. Ignoring congressional intent, the high court interpreted the law to apply to land sold only in the tax year prior to filing for bankruptcy protection, not during the year of the bankruptcy filing. My bipartisan Family Farmer Clarification Act rectifies this issue once and for all. My bill makes clear that capital gains taxes assessed to farm land that is sold to pay off creditors in bankruptcy proceedings should be treated as

an unsecured liability. In other words, the IRS cannot cut in line ahead of the local bank or local seed or feed store. This will help family farmers who are in financial straits to stay afloat during reorganization and not lose their livelihoods just to pay the IRS. It gives family farmers a chance to get back on good financial footing and gives creditors a better chance at repayment. This was my fourth bite at the apple since 2012 and I'm pleased bipartisanism has prevailed. The President in October signed my bill into law. As family farmers haul in the fall harvest that will feed and fuel the world, they can breathe a sigh of relief when the last load of grain hits the bin and have peace of mind that I have their backs at the policy-making tables, from bankruptcy to renewable fuels, taxes, trade and the next Farm Bill coming up in 2018.

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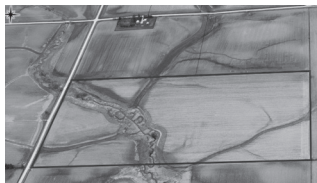
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State withdraws stopgap plan as healthcare enrollment period opens up



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The enrollment period to sign up for individual health insurance coverage in 2018 has begun with Medica being Iowa's only participant in the healthcare market as the state withdraws its plans to create their own healthcare policy.

STOPGAP

Last June, in the wake of several insurance carriers declaring that they would not be offering individual plans on the healthcare marketplace for 2018, Iowa was faced with the possibility of having no options available for individuals to purchase health insurance.

With 72,000 Iowans participating in the healthcare marketplace in 2017, the Iowa Insurance Division (IID) made a proposal to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to create a Stopgap Measure that would ensure an option for individual Iowans to remain covered in 2018.

The Stopgap Measure would allow the state to create a single health insurance policy that carriers could offer individuals. The plan would be functionally identical to a typical Silver level plan, with no restrictions on pre-existing conditions, no lifetime limits, and all the essential health benefits required by the Affordable Care Act.

Like ACA marketplace plans, this policy would be subsidized by federal funds to keep monthly premiums down, although the stopgap measure would use a different formula for calculating how much of a subsidy people receive based on age and income, offering larger subsidies for younger people in order to attract them back into the healthcare market.

To keep premiums stable while also allowing people with expensive pre-existing conditions to get coverage, the plan included a reinsurance program that would reimburse insurance carriers for the cost of providing coverage to high cost individuals.

IID received a letter of completeness from CMS in September, but final approval eluded them as the

November 1 deadline drew near. On Monday, October 23, Governor Kim Reynolds and IID Commissioner Doug Ommen announced that the state would be withdrawing the Stopgap Measure proposal.

"Since we submitted the Iowa Stopgap Measure two months ago, our staff here at the state have worked tirelessly and constantly with federal authorities in order to answer their questions and also to move it forward through adjustments that were being asked of us," said Ommen at the Monday press conference. "But at the same time as we were doing that, what we discovered was that the cost continued to climb and increase because we were trying to fit within the unworkable and inflexible requirements of the ACA."

Ommen said that several adjustments were made to the Stopgap Measure proposal in order to make it comply with the 1332 State Innovation waiver, but those adjustments ultimately undermined the goal of the plan by making it too similar to the system already in place.

"Ultimately the 1332 waiver has proven itself to be unworkable," said Ommen. "The ACA's 1332 section says that states can file for innovative waiver, but it was crafted actually to be very inflexible."

Ommen cited the Stopgap Measure's method of changing the benefit structure in order to attract younger individuals back into the market as one of the issues that kept the 1332 waiver from being approved.

"I talked to [CMS Administrator] Seema Verma this morning, and she reiterated her disappointment to me that we couldn't get this done in a timely manner," said Governor Reynolds.

Reynolds said that the Alexander-Murray bill circulating around Washington would loosen some of the 1332 waiver restrictions, but that is too far off from being useful now.

"That wasn't going to get done in a timely manner that we thought would address what we were looking at with the inflexibility of the 1332 waiver," said Reynolds. "It just came down to the law. It just did not afford the flexibility that we need to be creative."

MEDICA

With the Stopgap Measure off the board for 2018, Iowa's individual health insurance market will be left to Medica, the single remaining insurance carrier to participate in the healthcare exchange.

Medica continuing to participate in the Iowa market comes at a cost. Initially, Medica filed for a 43.5 percent increase from their average 2017 premium rate. In August, Medica refused to increase rates by 56.7 percent instead due to lack of certainty that the federal government would continue to fund cost sharing reductions that offset the costs of providing lower-price insurance plans. On October 12, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that ended those cost-sharing reduction payments.

"The (ACA) plan provides more coverage, and the cost sharing reductions were what funded those lower deductibles, so if that funding goes away, it has to be made up for with higher premiums," said Medica Director of Communications Larry Bussey. "We set our premiums assuming we would not be getting the cost sharing reduction."

For most Iowans participating in the exchange, the 56.7 percent premium increase will be partly or entirely absorbed by the premium tax credit subsidy.

The premium credits subsidize the cost of health insurance for families and individuals by setting a cap for the maximum percentage of income one is expected to pay for health insurance. Once this cap is reached, tax credit subsidies cover the rest. This cap works on a sliding scale, with lower income people expected to contribute a lower percentage of their income to healthcare and higher income people expected to

contribute a higher percentage.

In an example provided by Medica, a hypothetical 25-year-old living in Des Moines and making \$30,000 had already hit their income percentage cap in 2017. Even though their 2018 premium will increase on paper, because they've already hit their cap, they will pay the same amount in 2018 as they did in 2017, with the tax credit subsidy making up the difference.

On the other hand, a hypothetical 40-year-old living in Des Moines and making \$48,000 per year hadn't yet hit their income percentage cap in 2017. This year's increase in premiums will bring them up to that percentage cap, so while this hypothetical 40-year-old will receive a subsidy for some of that increase, he or she will still see a large increase in out-of-pocket costs.

"Most people are eligible for subsidies, so people should definitely shop and make sure they check that out," said Bussey.

Open enrollment to sign up for a 2018 health insurance plan began on November 1. In previous years late applicants had until the end of January to sign up for coverage, however this year the deadline is December 15.

"Over the next week consumers who have previously purchased coverage through healthcare.gov will receive information from CMS and Medica explaining to them their options and the process to finalize their coverage choice for 2018," wrote Medica in a statement following the withdrawal of the Stopgap Measure. "We strongly encourage consumers to see if they qualify for a premium subsidy. Those subsidies can dramatically reduce the costs of coverage, and more people will be eligible for subsidies in 2018."

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Ehlers, Wibben top area harriers in 2A state race

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
FORT DODGE – The weather in Iowa can make it difficult for cross country runners to prepare.

Andy McQuillen, coach of the Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck cross country team, thought the three runners representing GCGR handled the chilly, windy weather well during Saturday's Class 2A race at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge.

Lily Ehlers led the area girls contingent with a 35th-place finish in 20:49, only eight seconds slower but finishing three places higher than her sophomore race. Ehlers' teammate, Reagan Zinkula, finished in 106th place in 22:30 in what was the third consecutive state appearance for the duo.

"We challenged the kids to get out of the chute early, which they did," McQuillen said. "Lily did a great job of holding up over the course of the race and Reagan has been a gritty performer for all of her career and this was a gutsy performance by her."

Derek Ciddio placed 90th in the 2A boys race in 18:19, his first trip to state cross country after qualifying for state track and field in the 1,600-meter run earlier this year.

After finding success in getting out early at the state-qualifying meet, Ciddio again had

a fast start to around the top 25 runners before the pack moved up.

"I didn't want to worry about passing anyone late again," Ciddio said. "Right at the end, coming down the hill, I sped it up a lot and saw a bunch of guys coming that I could catch from the next one to the next one."

McQuillen added, "I think he has a better feel for the race now and will be better due to this experience."

GCGR is hopeful for next season with additions from the junior-high rankings joining the team, including the GCGR girls, who return all varsity runners next season.

Also running in Fort Dodge were a pair of individual runners from Dike-New Hartford. Ellie Foster was 71st in 21:41 in the girls race and Seth Wibben, making his state debut, ran 17:37 for a 44th-place finish.

"It wasn't as fast as I wanted to be, but it felt good to be out here running," Wibben said. "Any downhills helped a lot, especially in the last 600 meters."

Wibben also appreciated the support shown for Foster and himself from a Dike-New Hartford fanbase that has rallied around the Wolverines' various athletic success this fall.

"It's been a goal for six-ish years to just come to state and being here feels good," Wibben said, "It's cool to show the team that we can get out here and that

we worked hard enough to get here."

George-Little Rock/Central Lyon's Gable Sieperda won the 2A individual boys title with a 15:18 finish, the fastest 5K time of the meet on Saturday, regardless of class. G-LR/CL won the team title, with Mid-Prairie second and Tipton in third.

Foster was able to get out fast and pushed hard late in her second trip to state, finishing close to her 68th-place run as a freshman.

"Teammates pushed me along the way," Foster said of her journey back to the state meet. "It takes the whole team to get here, even if they don't qualify, they're a big part of me getting here. You gotta build those friendships, that's the only way to get here."

Mid-Prairie won the 2A state girls team title on the strength of a 1-2 finish by Marie and Anna Hostetter in 17:51 and 18:06, respectively. Monticello was 2nd in the team race and WC-KP placed third.

Class 2A Iowa State Cross Country Championship Meet
At Lakeside GC, Fort Dodge
Girls
Area individuals–35. Lily Ehlers, GCGR, 20:49; 71. Ellie Foster, Dike-New Hartford, 21:41; 106. Reagan Zinkula, GCGR, 22:30.

Boys
Area individuals–44. Seth Wibben, Dike-New Hartford, 17:37; 90. Derek Ciddio, GCGR, 18:19.

Fisher, Meyer finish season at state

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
FORT DODGE – Aubrie Fisher, a junior on the Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR cross country team, finished 25th overall in the Class 3A girls race at the state cross country meet at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge on Saturday.

Fisher, making her third appearance at state, finished in 19:45. Fisher's teammate, freshman Ellie Meyer, finished 123rd overall in 21:46.

While Fisher wasn't able to improve on her 11th-place medalist finish at last season's state meet, she said the end result only fuels her quest for one last run at state next October.

"I'm disappointed but I ran hard," Fisher said. "Definitely next year I'll be looking to be on that medal stand."

Adrianna Katcher, a sophomore from Center Point-Urbana, repeated as 3A state individual champion with a final time of 18:23. Dubuque Wahlert won the state title with Pella placing second and Decorah taking third.

Fisher was glad to have Meyer, who goes to school at IF-A, come along with her to Fort Dodge after flying solo in 2016. She'll help lead the charge as a senior next season and is hoping to drive up participation numbers to bring a Cadet team to state.

"It was a little lonely last year," Fisher added. "I'm really happy for Ellie though, she's been working hard all season and ran well today."

Class 3A Iowa State Cross Country Championship Meet
At Lakeside GC, Fort Dodge
Girls
Medalists (top 15)–1. Adrianna Katcher, Center Point-Urbana, 18:23; 2. Mary Blanchard, Grinnell, 18:35; 3. Gabby Moran, Dubuque Wahlert, 18:44; 4. Sophia Gilbert, Benton, 18:51; 5.



Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR cross country junior Aubrie Fisher rounds a turn during the final mile of the Class 3A girls race at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge on Saturday. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

Bryce Gidel, Humboldt, 18:59; 6. Kiki Connell, Charles City, 19:04; 7. Grace Herber, DW, 19:05; 8. Katie Nimrod, Decorah, 19:06; 9. Megan Sievers, Carlisle, 19:11; 10. Kaylee Osterberger, DW, 19:13; 11. Caroline McMartin, Pella, 19:13; 12. Raegan Andersen, Denison-Schleswig, 19:14; 13. Camille Mac,

Iowa City Liberty, 19:16; 14. Whitney Martin, CC, 19:23; 15. Amber Aesoph, Bishop Heelan, 19:25.

Area individuals–25. Aubrie Fisher, Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR, 19:45; 123. Ellie Meyer, IF-A/AGWSR, 21:46.

BCLUW's Silver falls short of state medal

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
FORT DODGE – Caleb Silver wasn't able to run his race the way he wanted.

The end result at Saturday's Class 1A race at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge left the BCLUW junior disappointed, but hungry to return to the course next fall.

Silver finished 20th overall in 17:03 as the lone Comet representative, five spots short of the medalists in the top 15.

"I feel like I didn't do enough," Silver said. "I wanted that top 15. ... But I'm grateful for the opportunity that I was given to run here."

Silver's time at Lakeside Golf Course was 44 seconds faster than his performance at last year's state meet, which resulted in a 46th-overall finish.

The strategy for Silver just didn't pan out how he wanted.

"I couldn't get out in the start, I was boxed in," Silver said. "I just had to keep my calm and see what I could do to get out of it."

That took Silver out of his usual game plan of chasing down the race leaders, as he had to climb out of a pack that was outside of the top 50 and expend more energy quickly.

"It's a hard adjustment," BCLUW head coach Donna Fiscus said. "Do you do what you've been doing all year or do you give a little bit more to do what the leaders are doing? ... I thought he maybe had something to get a couple guys at the end, but they all had something, too."

North Union's Riley Bauer defended his 1A individual title with a 16:09 finish. The North Iowa Cedar league was represented on the medal stand by Hudson senior Wyatt Kelly in fifth place.

Nodaway Valley repeated as 1A boys team champions, with Bellevue second and Madrid



BCLUW's Caleb Silver runs the final mile of the Class 1A boys race at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge on Saturday. The Bible verse written on Silver's left hand contains the quote: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

third.

Silver will work toward a third-consecutive state appearance next fall. Fiscus expressed the utmost confidence that the BCLUW frontrunner will stand on Lakeside's clubhouse deck as a top-15 finisher next October.

"I want to do some big things next year and show what I can really do," Silver added.

Class 1A Iowa State Cross Country Championship Meet
At Lakeside GC, Fort Dodge
Boys

Medalists (top 15)–1. Riley Bauer, North Union, 16:14; 2. Sean McDermott, Madrid, 16:20; 3. Brycen Wallace, Nodaway Valley, 16:23; 4. Jerry Jorgenson, Treynor, 16:30; 5. Wyatt Kelly, Hudson, 16:31; 6. Buddy Darting, Wilton, 16:32; 7. Zach Nie, Don Bosco, 16:35; 8. Carson Rygh, Lake Mills, 16:38; 9. Grant Brouwer, Sibbey-Ocheyedan, 16:39; 10. Hunter Rickels, Calamus-Wheatland, 16:40; 11. Skyler Rawlings, NV, 16:41; 12. Noah Nelsen, AC-GC, 16:43; 13. Brock Dietz, Nashua-Plainfield, 16:44; 14. Jacob Wessel, Edgewood-Colesburg, 16:44; 15. Levi Geyer, Iowa Mennonite, 16:45.

Area individuals–20. Caleb Silver, BCLUW, 17:03.



GCGR's Lily Ehlers leads a chase pack early in the 2A state cross country meet at Fort Dodge on Saturday. Ehlers was the top individual finisher from the Register area with a 35th-place finish. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photos)



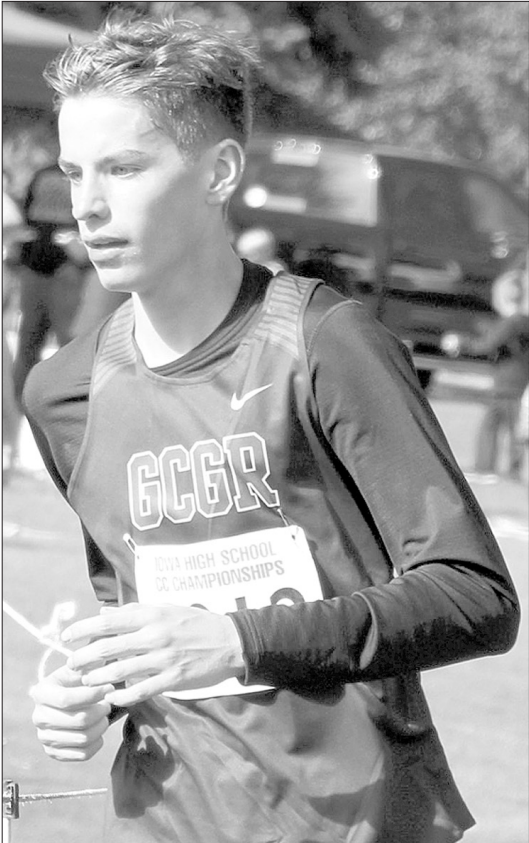
GCGR's Reegan Zinkula competed in her third-consecutive state cross country meet on Saturday in Fort Dodge.



D-NH's Ellie Foster placed 71st in her return to the state cross country meet.



D-NH's Seth Wibben impressed with a 44th-place finish in his state cross country meet debut.



GCGR's Derek Ciddio, making his first appearance at the state cross country meet, placed 90th overall in 18:19.

Chickasaws score late, eliminate D-NH

By SCOTT BIERLE
Mid-America Publishing

NEW HAMPTON – A late scoring strike lifted New Hampton over the Dike-New Hartford football team, 21-14, during a hard-fought Class 2A first-round playoff contest here Friday.

The host Chickasaws scored the game-winner with 69 seconds remaining when a scrambling Keagan John connected with Josh Fenske at the goal line for a 15-yard touchdown pass.

The score answered the Wolverines' second touchdown and capped a short 29-yard march after Braydon Fisher returned the kickoff 61-yards deep into D-NH territory. Four Fisher runs along with one for John pushed the pigskin to the 15 and set up the third-down pass play.

Behind sophomore quarterback Drew Sonnenberg, D-NH pulled even at 14-14 with 3:34 showing in the fourth. Sonnenberg called his own number for a two-yard QB sneak to pull within 14-12 and then needing two to tie, Sonnenberg under heavy pressure lofted a two-point pass to Tim Koop.

The Wolverines reached the two when Sonnenberg connected with the shifty Cade Fuller on a third-and-15 at midfield and 48-yards later Chickasaw defenders corralled the junior at the two.

"We had a slow start and finally got our feet under us in the second quarter, but by then we were down two touchdowns," stated Dike-NH coach Don Betts.

A steady diet of Fisher powered New Hampton to a 14-0 advantage at the mid-way mark of the second period.

The Chickasaws marched their first possession 62-yards for six that finished with Fisher from three-yards. Fisher had his hands on the football on 10 of the 11 plays, including a 21-yard run and 13-yard reception.

New Hampton's third possession doubled the lead again on the strength of Fisher, who accounted for all 59-yards, including a 41-yard ramble.

Fisher was the Chickasaw offense as the senior ran for 215 yards on 37 carries while the team finished with 214 rushing yards and 242 total. Besides Fisher, NH rushing had 10 attempts for a minus one-yard.

"Defensively, we played well. Fisher and John were tough, but the guys stayed with it," Betts noted.

The Wolverines found the end zone in the final seconds before halftime when Sonnenberg and Fuller once again connected – this time on a 52-yard scoring strike with five-seconds showing. New Hampton blocked the kick and led 14-6.

Both defenses dominated the second half before the late scoring flurry. Dike-NH forced three punts and held on a fourth down, while New Hampton grabbed two interceptions, both in Chickasaw territory with one inside the 10, and forced a punt.

"We didn't take advantage of some scoring opportunities we had," said Betts.

He added, "We didn't run the ball as well as I was hoping we would, but we passed the ball well despite the windy and cold weather."

Down seven, the Wolverines final chance with the ball ended at the Chickasaws' 39 when time expired. Sonnenberg hit 5-of-7 passes to go from their own 20.

Dike-NH generated 266 yards of offense as Sonnenberg completed 18-of-28 passes for 188 yards, while Fuller amassed 179 yards receiving, rushing and passing. He grabbed eight receptions for 131 yards with two big ones for 100, rushed for 30 and passed for 18. Ryan Moore had four catches for 28 yards and Cade Bennett rushed for 20 yards.



The Wolverines' Cade Fuller, with sod stuck in his helmet, looks for running room as New Hampton's Keagan Kane closes in for the tackle during post-season football action Friday. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing photo)

Defensively, Nathan Graves was credited with 10.5 tackles with six solos, followed by seven for Grant Bixby, 5.5 for Owen Goes and five for Noah Epley and Moore.

The Wolverines' campaign closed at 6-4 with the loss and the Chickasaws, champions of District 2 in 2A, improved to 8-2.

New Hampton has a second home playoff game Friday against 9-1 Waukon. Waukon beat the Chickasaws 28-20 back in week two.

Friday's battle matched two playoff-rich teams with a combined 15 straight seasons in the post-season – eight for Dike-NH and seven for New Hampton. In the Wolverines' eight year run,

this is the first time suffering a first-round loss. Dike-NH was a state semi-final playoff qualifier the past two falls.

New Hampton 21, Dike-New Hartford 14 Team Statistics				
	DNH		NH	
First Down	11		11	
Rushing	2		8	
Passing	8		2	
Penalty	1		1	
Rushes-Yds	22-60		47-214	
Passing	21-31-2		4-10-0	
Passing Yds	206		28	
Total Yards	266		242	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		0-0	
Punts-Avg	5-32.4		5-27.4	
Penalties-Yds	3-25		1-10	
Scoring by Quarters				
D-NH	0	6	0	8
NH	7	7	0	7
Scoring Summary				
NH – Braydon Fisher 3-yard run (Austin Hemann kick).				

NH – Fisher 2-yard run (Hemann kick).

D-NH – Cade Fuller 52-yard pass from Drew Sonnenberg (kick blocked).

D-NH – Sonnenberg 2-yard run (Sonnenborg to Tim Koop pass).

NH – Joshua Fenske 15-yard pass from Keagan John (Hemann kick).

Individual Stat Leaders

Rushing:
D-NH – Cade Fuller 9-30, Cade Bennett 7-20, Drew Sonnenberg 3-7 TD.

NH – Braydon Fisher 37-215 2TD, Keagan John 7-5.

Passing:
D-NH – Sonnenberg 18-of-28 for 188 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Fuller 3-of-3 for 18 yards.

NH – John 4-of-10 for 28 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving:
D-NH – Fuller 8-131 TD, Ryan Moore 4-28, Jake Landphair 3-15.

NH – Fisher 3-14, Josh Fenske 1-14 TD.

Resilient Rebels blank Warriors in playoff opener

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

FAIRBANK- The fact that the Gladbrook-Reinbeck football team has won the last two Class A state titles doesn't diminish senior quarterback Hunter Lott's desire to bring home another one at all.

"It makes you want it more," he said. "I've devoted so much of my life to football, and just working in the offseason and working during the season. I don't have much time left, so I'm going to give it my all."

Facing previously undefeated, fourth-ranked Wapsie Valley on the road and temperatures in the low 30s, the seventh-ranked Rebels remained unfazed and walked off the field victorious with a 14-0 triumph in the opening round of the playoffs on Friday night. G-R (9-1, 6-1) shut down two key Warrior drives and came through with just enough offense to get the job done. In the fourth quarter, they got a little help from an "unsung hero," as Coach John Olson called him—senior Seth Gretillat picked up a Paul Rundquist fumble with about two minutes to play and scampered 57 yards to seal the deal.

"Get this guy's name in the paper... he played defensive tackle, he played nose guard, he played defensive end, he plays fullback, he plays tight end, he plays outside linebacker," Olson said. "He doesn't get 100 yards receiving all the time, but this guy's a big part of what we do on offense and defense."

After a scoreless opening frame, the first momentum swing of the night came early in the second when the G-R defense stuffed Wapsie Valley's Jake Kuhlman on fourth and goal and took over on downs. Eighteen plays and 96 yards later, the Rebels culminated a drive that took up over half of the second quarter, as Lott connected with senior receiver Matt Johannsen a total of four times—including a third down, a fourth down and a touchdown.

On a third and long at the Warrior 13, Lott scrambled

and just reached the first down marker, and three plays later, he found Johannsen on a slant route to make the score 6-0 after a failed point after attempt.

"We just worked on it all week, and we've been playing with each other forever," Johannsen said. "Lott just has a good ball, and he stepped it up."

Wapsie Valley did respond, however: the offense moved down the field on passes to Austin Wittenberg and Ben Erhardt and moved into the red zone with less than a minute to play until halftime. The Rebels once again bent but never broke, defending the end zone vigorously and stopping Kuhlman at the 10-yard line on the last play before the horn.

"It feels really good to stop them, especially after a long drive like that—making them earn every play," Gretillat said. "Letting them get down to the goal line is a little unwanted, but making that stop feels even better."

The two teams went scoreless in the third quarter, but the Rebels kicked off another long drive at the tail end that would result in the final touchdown of the night. Senior Walker Thede came up with a pair of big plays on an end around run and a 17-yard pass, and bruising running back Gage Murty picked up the slack in Warrior territory. He converted a crucial fourth and one at the 30, and Lott found Keagan Giesking on a bootleg play to set up a first and goal at the three.

Murty finished the job with a straight ahead run, and on a two-point conversion trick play, Thede took a handoff before passing it to his quarterback and making it a two-possession game with seven minutes remaining. An emotional Lott could barely contain his enthusiasm.

"I'm normally pretty calm out there, and I try to stay calm. But when we went up 14-0... I was like, we've got a good shot at winning this," he said. "Everybody on our team wants it so bad."

Wapsie Valley still held out hopes for a comeback and moved down the field metic-



Gladbrook-Reinbeck wide receiver Matt Johannsen (right) cuts up field and makes a move on Wapsie Valley's Austin Wittenburg (20) after catching a pass during Friday night's Class A playoff opener. The Rebels won 14-0. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

ulously: quarterback Tanner Sauerbrei's toss to Wittenburg put the Warriors at the 13-yard line with plenty of time for an onside kick. Two plays later, however, Giesking forced the ball out of Rundquist's hands as he broke toward pay dirt on a swing pass, and Gretillat made the biggest play of his career thus far.

"I was hoping I could get in the end zone, but they were a lot faster than I was," he said of the fumble recovery. "Maybe next time."

The weather issues that plagued the Rebels during a sloppy October 7 loss to Hudson were a non-factor on Friday: Lott finished an efficient 10-for-16 passing with 88 yards and a touchdown, and G-R did not turn the ball over. Murty was the leading rusher with 15 carries for 54 yards and a score, and Johannsen led all receivers with five grabs, 45 yards and a touchdown. Kyle Koppen (8.5 total tackles), Lott (7.5 total tackles) and Mason Skovgard (seven total tackles) anchored the defense.

Kuhlman led all rushers with 22 carries for 107 yards, and Sauerbrei went 9-of-18 for 75 yards. Despite rushing for over 200 yards as a team, the Warriors were unable to find the end zone.

G-R will have to take down another undefeated foe on the road if it hopes to return to the dome this fall: ninth-ranked St. Ansgar, whom the Rebels met in the state semifinals last year. The Saints ran for 388 yards in their playoff opener against East Buchanan and attempted just three passes. For Olson, the task at hand will require him to revert to one of his favorite hobbies.

"I've got to stay up a little later and watch some more film," he said.

Box score		
WV	0	0
G-R	0	6
Second Quarter		
G-R- Johannsen	8	pass from Lott (Pass failed)
Fourth Quarter		
G-R- Murty	3	run (Thede pass to Lott)
Team totals	WV	G-R
Rushes-yards	45-208	34-117
Pass yards	75	88

Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-18-0	10-16-0
Total Offense	283	205
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Punts-avg.	3-27.0	4-35.8
Penalties	3-15	1-5

Individuals
Rushing- WV: Jake Kuhlman 22-107; Colin Schrader 18-79; Tanner Sauerbrei 5-22. G-R: Gage Murty 15-54, 1 TD; Walker Thede 5-43; Hunter Lott 10-15; Keagan Giesking 2-6; Matt Johannsen 2-(-1).
Passing- WV: Sauerbrei 9 for 18, 75 yards. G-R: Lott 10 for 16, 88 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving- WV: Ben Erhardt 4-41; Austin Wittenburg 2-19; Paul Rundquist 2-8; Kuhlman 1-7. G-R: Johannsen 5-45, 1 TD; Thede 3-19; Giesking 1-14; Murty 1-10.

Tackles (Solo-Assists)- G-R: Kyle Koppen 4-9; Lott 3-9; Mason Skovgard 2-10; Johannsen 3-4; Bronson Wrage 1-7; Thede 3-2; Giesking 2-4; Murty 0-7; Rhett Barnes 1-3; Bryce Schick 0-5; Seth Gretillat 0-3; Josh Peterson 0-1; Sam Mussig 0-1; Christian Kibe 0-1. WV: Kuhlman 6-2; Ben Weepie 6-1; Austin Schares 6-1; Erhardt 6-0; Peyton Brown 3-1; Bryce Kleitsch 3-1; Carson Kerns 2-2; Sauerbrei 2-2; Kaleb Krall 2-0; Donny Schmitt 1-0; Wittenburg 1-0.

Tackles for loss (Solos-Assists)- G-R: Skovgard 2-0; Barnes 1-0; Wrage 0-1; Koppen 0-1. WV: Erhardt 2-0, Sauerbrei 2-0; Kerns 1-0; Brown 1-0.

Fumble Recoveries- G-R 2 (Gretillat).

Interceptions- None.

Wolverines

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in those seven points to boost the Wolverines one step closer to a return to the state tournament.

The Buccaneers broke D-NH's match point four times before Weber slammed down the game-winning kill.

Madison Hedges distributed 29 assists to the Wolverine attackers.

"Morgan Weber did really good tonight," Hedges said. "Harms told me to set the ball more outside so we can get past the block more and these past few practices were very helpful."

Baylee Petersen had eight kills and Amber Rickert contributed seven kills.

"We were passing the ball well to our setter to allow her to go wherever she wanted," Harms said, "and have some one-on-one matchups for our hitters to have success."

D-NH 25-25-25
East Buchanan 5-12-12
Kills-EB (Kaitlyn Murphy 7); D-NH (Morgan Weber 12, Baylee Petersen 8, Amber Rickert 7, Sydney Lage 5, Carlee Dove 4, Madison Hedges). Assists-EB (Katie Gee 9); D-NH (Hedges 29, Sydney Petersen 2, B. Petersen, Courtney Bolhuis). Digs-EB (Nicole Pettinger 6); D-NH (Hedges 5, S. Petersen 5, B. Petersen 4, Weber 4, Bolhuis 3, Lage 2, Allie Aalderks). Blocks-D-NH (Weber 3, Rickert, B. Petersen). Serving-EB (Alexa Riniker 8-10, ace); D-NH (Bolhuis 21-22, 4 aces; S. Petersen 20-22, ace; Aalderks 5-6, ace; Hedges 14-15, Weber 4-5, B. Petersen 2-3).

Volleyball

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serving and Sydney Mathews 10-of-10 with one ace each. K. Luhring picked 17 digs, Willis 10 and L. Luhring eight.

"Serving is our number one priority in any match. We want to be able to serve them off the court and our girls did a phenomenal job of hitting their zones," Willis noted.

Along with the six kills, Swanson registered seven digs and four blocks – two solos and assists each. Madison Ubben added two kills, Cate Nason had nine assist and Kaylee Goecke ended with nine digs and was 8-of-8 serving.

"I didn't know if we would be a 20-win team this season and we put up 22 wins. It was a good season," said Garber. The Comets opened the post-season with a sweep of East Marshall and then edged Belle Plaine in a come-from-behind five sets.

BCLUW finished 25-9 last season and lost in the second-round to the Spartans, and two years ago, ended 22-9 with a first-round loss to Grundy.

The victory vaulted the Spartans to 35-6 on the season and into the Region 5 final against Pella Christian at Grinnell on Tuesday.

Grundy Center 25-25-25
BCLUW 15-12-13
Kills-BCLUW (Easton Swanson 6, Madison Ubben 2, Lauren Anderson, Bailey Ashton, Kerrigan Hatch, Kennedy Williams); GC (Kylie Willis 13, Landry Luhring 7, Hailey Wallis 7, Brooke Flater 6, Emerson Kracht 5). Assists-BCLUW (Cate Nason 9, Ubben); GC (Sydney Mathews 20, Kracht 16).

Digs-BCLUW (Kaylee Goecke 9, Swanson 7, Nason 6, Ubben 4, Ashton 2, Hatch 2, Taryn Gall 2, Parker Scurr 2, Anderson); GC (Kyah Luhring 17, Willis 10, L. Luhring 8, Mathews 5, Kracht 4, Wallis 3, Hannah Stahl 2).

Blocks-BCLUW (Swanson 4, Ubben, Anderson, Williams); GC (Kracht 4, Flater 3, Willis 3, Wallis, Claire Verly).

Serving-BCLUW (Nason 9-9, Goecke 8-8, Swanson 5-6, Ubben 4-6, Gall 4-4, Ashton 2-3, Williams 2-2, Anderson 1-2, Trinkle 1-2); GC (K. Luhring 14-14, ace; Kracht 13-15, 2 aces; L. Luhring 10-13, 2 aces; Mathews 10-10, ace; Willis 9-9, 2 aces; Wallis 9-10, Stahl 3-3, ace).

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Wolverines cruise past Buccaneers

By JAKE RYDER
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JESUP – Courtney Bolhuis took her time on Thursday night.

The Dike-New Hartford volleyball team's lone varsity freshman didn't want to rush a single serve in the Wolverines' Class 2A regional semifinal with East Buchanan.

"I definitely have to tell myself to slow down," Bolhuis said. "I tend to speed up and then I have a better chance of not getting a good toss and hitting it into the net. I just needed to slow down and focus to get it over."

Bolhuis had the momentum in the first set, part of a 13-point

run that put D-NH ahead early in a straight-set sweep of the Buccaneers in Jesup.

The Wolverines (46-3) won 25-5, 25-12, 25-12. D-NH played Bellevue in Delhi in a regional final on Tuesday, with the winner advancing to the 2A state tournament starting Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Bolhuis finished 21 of 22 from the service line with four total aces as she also helped D-NH jump out to an 11-3 lead in the second set. Morgan Weber led the D-NH attack with 12 kills and added three blocks.

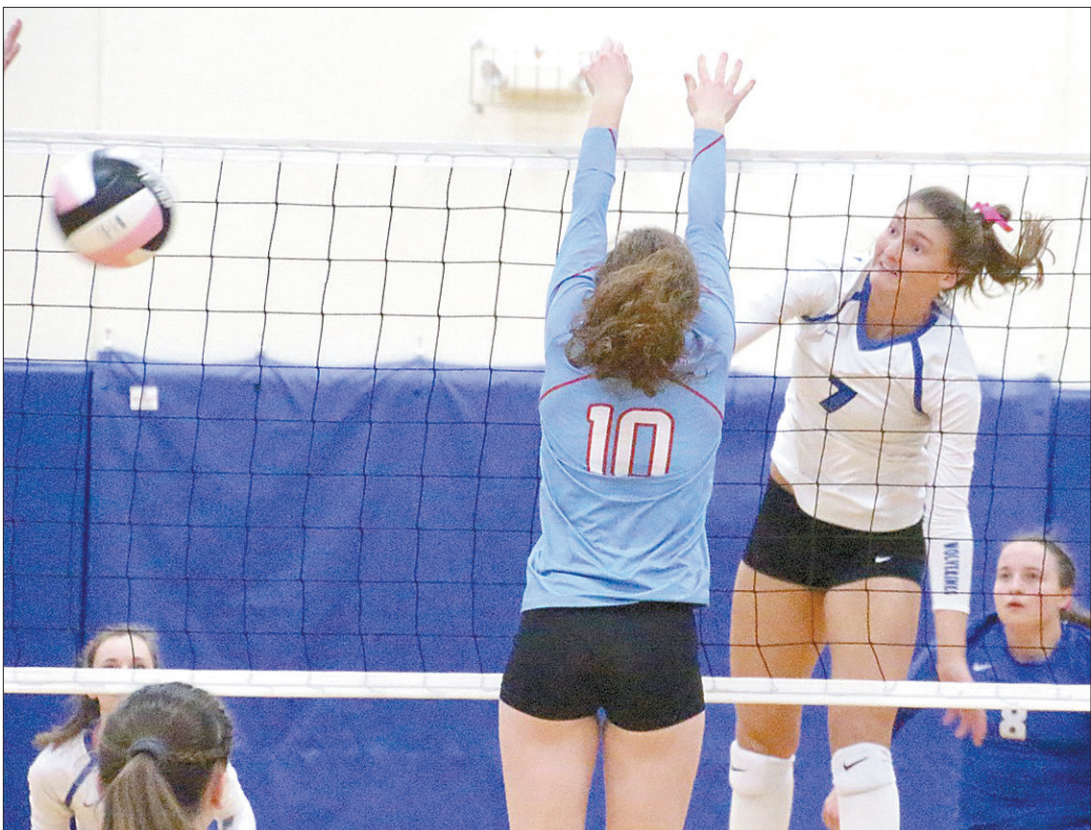
When keeping East Buchanan on their heels, hitting the corners on the serves was key, Bolhuis said.

"They were putting their passers in the middle," Bolhuis said. "I went for the corners and they'd have a better chance of not getting a good pass out of it."

D-NH coach Diane Harms added with regard to Bolhuis' performance: "It's great to have different people step up on different nights. She was driving the serve, hitting good spots and we were able to get some easy points."

In the third set, East Buchanan had one of its strongest starts, staying within 17-8 before a seven-point run powered by Weber, accounting for five kills

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D-NH outside hitter Morgan Weber watches one of her attacks go over the net during a 2A regional semifinal match with East Buchanan in Jesup on Thursday. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

Spartans sweep Comets in regional semi

By SCOTT BIERLE
Mid-America Publishing
GRUNDY CENTER – For a third straight season, the BCLUW volleyball team's campaign closed in Grundy Center and at the hands of the rival Spartans.

Third-ranked Grundy Center overpowered the Comets and scored a straight set victory 25-15, 25-12, 25-13 in a Class 2A, Region 5 semi-final Thursday.

"It's always tough to face Grundy at Grundy. It happens a lot, but we just talked about how we weren't supposed to beat Belle Plaine at their home on Monday," BCLUW coach

Kristen Garber said. "We talked about 'ignore their uniforms, they're just girls, just play one ball at a time', and I felt like we did a really good job of that Monday night. But tonight we just never found that rhythm."

The Spartans buried 38 kills to the Comets' 12 behind a balanced attack. Kylie Willis led the host's attack with 13 kills on 16-of-19 hitting followed by Hailey Wallis and Landry Luhring seven each, Brooke Flater six and Emy Kracht five. Grundy's frontline also blocked well with a dozen, including four assists for Kracht three assists for Flater, and two assists

and one solo for Willis.

Grundy coach Lori Willis noted she was focused on her team with an eye on Comet standout Easton Swanson: "Our focus was on us, making sure that we play clean, we play crisp. I really wanted us to overwhelm them with communicating with our diverse hitting, which really did work because there were some really puzzled looks on the other side of the net at times."

Willis added, "We also wanted to focus on Easton. We knew she would get her kills, but we didn't want her to go off. We did a good job of getting up a block."

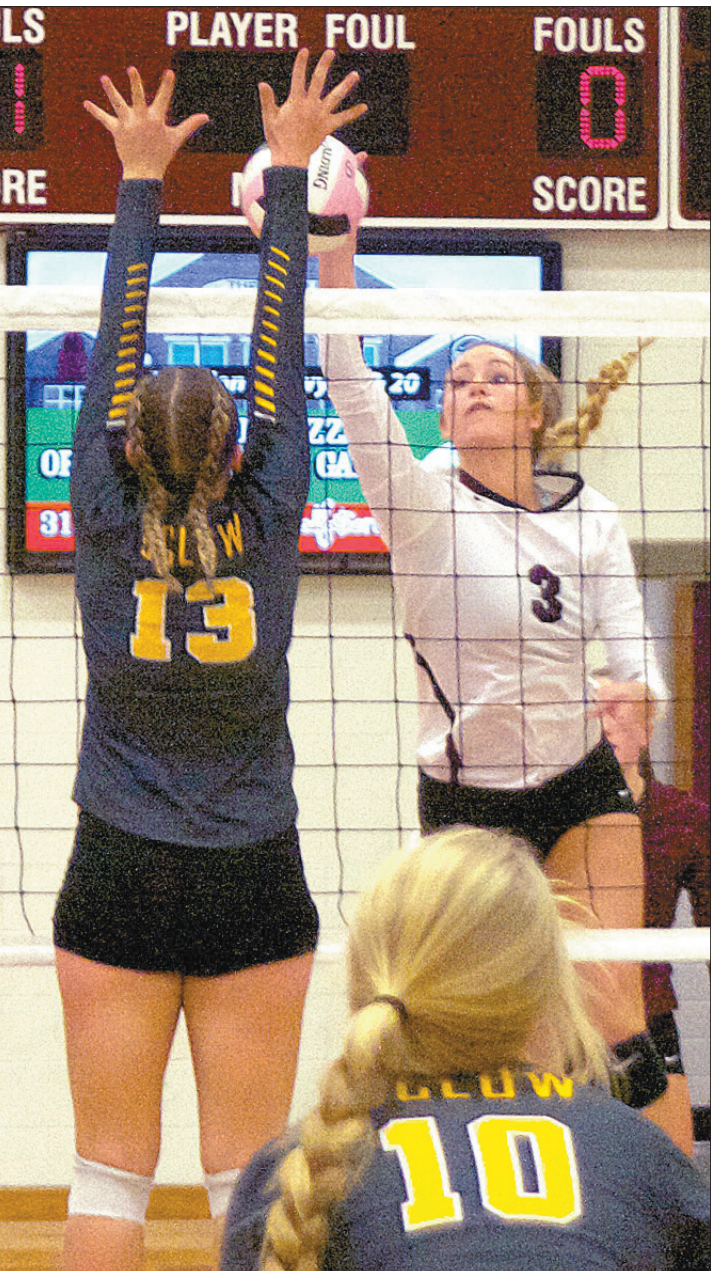
Swanson was credited with six of the team's dozen kills on 15-of-17 hitting. The junior finished with 436 kills for the fall – an average of over 11 per match. The Spartans also limited Swanson earlier in the season during a conference match to seven kills.

BCLUW led 5-3 in the first game and were within striking distance, down 16-13 when Grundy pulled away. The Spartans ended on a 9-2 run as Willis drilled three kills and a game-ending service ace.

Grundy Center then jumped to early advantages of 7-2 in the second set and 8-3 in game three. The Comets battled back to 11-8 in the third, but the Spartans never looked back.

"We were competitive at the start, but the difference was our ball handling," noted Garber. "We didn't handle that first pass very well which led to having a tough time getting the set to the front row. The first pass starts everything."

The Spartans booked nine service aces with none for the Comets. Willis, Luhring and Kracht landed two aces each. Kyah Luhring was 14-of-14



Grundy Center's Brooke Flater goes to hammer an attack as BCLUW's Easton Swanson attempts to block during Thursday's regional semifinal in Grundy Center. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing photo)



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