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Winter is coming



A county plow on D-67 between Beaman and Conrad clears snow on Monday morning. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

School officials, road crews face long days and tough decisions

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY COUNTY- The simple act of stepping outside has become a hazard as some of the coldest temperatures to ever hit the area are projected in

the next few days. As a result, schools are closing yet again, and a local government shut-down—with the exception of the Sheriff's office and the secondary roads department—is on the horizon in Grundy County.

"This is a typical bad storm for us. I don't know how else to put that," County Engineer Gary Mauer said. "It hasn't happened for three or four years,

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Sheriff's office warns residents to avoid travel, take precautions this week

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

Despite the mixture of sleet, snow, ice, strong winds and sub-zero temperatures, Grundy County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Tim Walthoff says the department hasn't really seen a spike in accidents over the last week, mainly due to drivers taking precautions while on the road.

"It seems like when people know this stuff is coming, they take notice, slow down and drive cautiously, so we haven't really had too many accidents because of weather," Walthoff said. "It's when we get those unexpected bursts of snow or bad weather that all of a sudden, people go sliding into the ditch because they're going too fast or not being as careful."

But with more bad weather - mainly dangerously low temperatures - heading towards the area during the middle part of this week, law enforcement and

safety officials are reminding citizens to take safety precautions this week.

Currently, there is a wind chill warning in effect for the coverage area, which is set to last through Thursday.

With the wind chill, the real feel temperature is expected to dip as low as 60 below zero - meaning frostbite on exposed skin could occur in as little as five minutes and could be life threatening.

According to the National Weather Service, an extended and rarely seen outbreak of extreme cold and dangerous wind chills will impact the state through Thursday morning.

"Those venturing outside for any extended period will be in a potentially life threatening situation and should take appropriate precautions," the report states. "Please continue

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Waterloo man charged in Johns murder

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CHARLES CITY- A Waterloo man who had long been suspected as a person of interest in the 2017 death of Michael Johns has been formally charged with first degree murder, according to a press release issued by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Armando Adame III, 27, who is currently serving a prison sentence on federal gun charges, was arrested on Tuesday as the result of a joint investigation between the Iowa DCI, the Grundy County Sheriff's Office and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, after a warrant was issued on Monday. Johns, a 28-year-old Grundy Center man, went missing for over a month before his body was found south of Charles City on December 1, 2017.

An autopsy revealed that Johns died by a gunshot wound to the head in a manner consistent with a homicide. The criminal complaint against Adame, which was released on Tuesday, indicates that video, cell phone and witness records indicate that he, Johns and another individual were seen together on October 25, 2017, and traveled in the areas around Black Hawk, Grundy, Tama, Butler, Marshall, Buchanan and Floyd Counties. The last traceable activity on Johns's cell phone occurred at 6:05 a.m. that morning.

About three weeks later, Adame admitted to police officers that he was with Johns on the night of his disappearance

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Knudsen to be resentenced on February 4

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- A rural Cedar Falls man who was convicted of sexual abuse in Grundy County in 2017 and sentenced to life in prison will be resentenced on Monday after an Iowa Court of Appeals judge ruled that it could not be determined whether he entered into a prior offense stipulation knowingly and voluntarily.

Paul Knudsen, now 40, has been incarcerated since the dramatic four-day trial in Grundy Center two years ago, which included graphic depictions of the aforementioned acts over a period of several years. A jury took less than an hour to return a guilty verdict on three counts of Third Degree Sexual Abuse (each a Class C Felony) and one count of Lascivious Conduct with a Minor, a serious misdemeanor.

In November, the Court of Appeals rejected the evidentiary complaints (including a claim that the victims had previously been abused by a separate perpetrator who wasn't mentioned due to "Rape Shield" laws) and charges that the state suppressed expert testimony in Knudsen's motion, filed by State Appellate Defenders Mark C. Smith and Vidhya K. Reddy. It did rule, however, that a sentencing enhancement resulting in a term of life imprisonment—due to a prior sexual abuse conviction 11 years earlier—would be reversed and that "on remand, Knudsen may enter into a new stipulation regarding the prior offense compliant with Harrington (a case establishing

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Residents voice opposition to DOT proposed three lane conversion

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - Discussion of a DOT-suggested three lane conversion in Grundy Center has sparked conversation amongst citizens - with many saying that a three lane roadway would not solve speeding issues in Grundy Center, and could even create more problems than it solves.

It all kicked off at last week's Grundy Center City Council meeting, when council members reviewed a recent TEAP (Traffic Engineering Assistance Program) study conducted by the DOT to address the issue of speeding on G Ave.

Council members directed Police Chief Doug Frost to commission the study from the DOT over a year ago to find possible solutions for the speeding problem on Grundy Center's main street.

When the city got the results of the survey back, the DOT suggested not to lower the speed limit or add more stop signs, but to convert G Avenue/Highway 175 from a four lane road into a three lane road, starting at the west edge of town and spanning to the Highway 14 intersection. In the recommendation, the DOT stated that the conversion would

be mostly covered by safety funding, and the city would be responsible for minimal costs, including the non-traveled section of the road such as parking areas along G Ave. in the downtown area.

The DOT report stated that a three lane conversion would improve safety of drivers and pedestrians compared to a four lane road, and noted that a three lane conversion has been shown to reduce crashes by up to 50 percent.

Strong objections

After council members discussed the recommendation from the DOT at last week's meeting, The Grundy Register detailed the discussion in a story that ran on January 24th. When that story was posted online through the Grundy Register's Facebook page, citizens came out to voice their opinions on the topic - with the vast majority of their comments opposing a conversion.

One commenter was Gary Ciddio - a resident of Grundy Center who has lived on G Ave. for over a decade - who said he thinks the DOT's suggestion of a conversion is a bad idea.

"I have lived on G Ave. for over 17 years," Ciddio wrote. "I am very aware of traffic flow



Residents have spoken out in opposition of the DOT recommended three lane conversion in Grundy Center, though the City says any discussions so far are only informational and very preliminary. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

outside my front door. Yes it's true, most cars traveling on G Ave. are going at least five miles per hour over the posted speed limit - a few more maybe a little faster. I think the DOT's proposal is a knee jerk reaction without much thought on how it affects our community. Their solution is just a bad idea. Traffic needs to be slowed down as it is coming in from the west side of town. A permanent stop sign at

the swimming pool intersection would help. Also, we see most kids crossing G Ave. to arrive/leave the elementary school are doing so at 9th St., since that's the side the front door is located. A crosswalk and stop sign is needed at 9th St. more than at 10th St. Finally, law enforcement needs to start writing more speeding tickets on Main St. If they don't have the manpower I suggest they consider doing what Water-

loo has implemented - use speed cameras to catch speeders. One hundred percent of the monies generated from this program go directly into their city's general fund."

Other commenters suggested that a three lane conversion could create other problems like diverting traffic to side streets, creating issues for emergency

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Wellsburg Fire Dept. purchases Thermal Imaging Camera

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

WELLSBURG - For small town, volunteer fire departments like the Wellsburg Fire Department, it can be hard to find enough money in the city budget to purchase necessary equipment - but that doesn't mean there's not a need for that equipment.

Luckily for the Wellsburg Fire Department, a dedicated fundraising team and lots of support from the community means that the department is able to keep their equipment up to date, and purchase new equipment when needed.

Just recently, the Wellsburg Fire Department was able to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. This high tech piece of equipment converts infrared waves from heat into a video or image that department members can use for a variety of purposes - from search and rescue, to finding hot spots.

Chase Babcock, a member of

the Wellsburg Fire Department, says the new camera will help move the department forward and help them on calls.

"You can use the camera for a lot of different things," Babcock said. "One thing you can use it for is search and rescue. So, if a child were to wander off into the woods or into a field, we could use the camera to detect body heat and locate the child. It will even show you foot prints or hand prints, anywhere where body heat was left. You can also use it to find hot spots, and if you're at a fire, you can use it to make sure nothing is burning anymore - not even the smallest flame."

The new camera cost close to \$8,000, Babcock said, and was purchased using funds raised by the Wellsburg Fire and Rescue Association (which is a group of volunteers dedicated completely to fundraising for the needs of the Wellsburg Fire Dept.) and from donations from community members and local business-



Thanks to support and donations from the community, the Wellsburg Fire Department was recently able to purchase a thermal imaging camera to assist firefighters and rescue personnel on scene. Shown above are members of the Wellsburg Fire Department. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

es - including a recent donation of \$500 from Green Belt Bank and Trust.

Babcock - who is also a member of the Wellsburg Fire

and Rescue Association - says it's thanks to the support of the community that the department is able to purchase these kind of items, which hugely assist fire-

fighters and rescue personnel on scene.

"We're a small department so we rely on help from the

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Winter



Cody Floyd of Grundy Center drives his remote control four wheeler near the fire station on Monday morning. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)



A view from a snowplow near Dike. (Photo from Diane Paige/The Grundy Register)

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but we've been through these types of storms."

Wednesday's predicted low of 30 degrees below zero would come close to an all-time record, and wind chills are expected to dip as low as 55 below as snow continues to fall. According to Mauer, his crews have been working 13-hour days, and they won't be running machinery on Wednesday due to the freezing conditions. County residents, he added, have been understanding.

"We've had some minor breakdowns, but the colder it is, the more brittle the steel gets," he said. "So we're trying to avoid a major breakdown or catastrophe."

And for local school superintendents, two of whom are in their first year on the job, the weather has thrown a wrench into their plans. Along with county road crews and transportation directors, they're some of the first to drive out in the morning (as early as 3:00 a.m.) to examine the conditions and determine what to do next.

Grundy Center has been off for six days and counting, and Superintendent Neil Mullen said the only time he can remember something comparable was in 2008 at Union of La Porte City, when the district closed for 12 days.

"The ditches are full of snow currently which makes it very difficult to travel on gravel roads when the wind is blowing," Mullen said. "Add the terrible temperatures and wind chill, and we have some very dangerous conditions."

As BCLUW's Ben Petty explained, the chief consideration is always student safety. His district has already missed five days heading into February, which is the most by that date during his eight years as superintendent.

"Deciding to cancel due to snow is never an exact science, as often times the amount of

snow forecast or that has occurred might be less important for road conditions and student safety than what the winds are doing (or expected to do later in the day)," he said. "The timing of the storm, along with how long it can be expected for county plows to get out on the roads after a storm also plays a role in the decision."

Dike-New Hartford Superintendent Justin Stockdale has taken to social media to detail his decision making process, and he says he's received positive feedback for being thorough.

"I want to see it myself," he said. "It's just my preference. When (others) see it, there's zero questions about why you make the decision."

Gladbrook-Reinbeck has called off six days, and Superintendent David Hill said the district hasn't faced a predicament like this in several years.

"We want to have the kids in school, but we simply must prioritize student safety," he said.

AGWSR Superintendent Erik Smith noted that because of his district's massive geographical size, safe transportation is of utmost importance, and he has already cancelled classes four times in the last two weeks.

"We have a very large district and our busses will could be 10 miles or more from one of our attendance centers, which makes driving to get students off a stalled or stuck bus difficult and time consuming," Smith said. "Each storm is unique, which means using one standard to make every decision doesn't always work, but making sure I have as much information as possible is important."

Relief is imminent, however, as forecasts are calling for temperatures as high as 40 degrees by the weekend. But as residents of this state have certainly learned by now, schizophrenic weather patterns come with the territory.

"You never know," Mauer said. "You're in Iowa."

Weather

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to monitor the latest forecasts and updates to current warnings, advisories and watches. In addition, strong winds will create areas of blowing snow; especially across portions of east central and northern Iowa where the heaviest snow fell Sunday night and Monday. Impacts will include snow covered and slippery roads along with reduced visibility to 1 mile or less at times."

Wolthoff suggested citizens stay inside if possible and avoid traveling or going outside.

"If you have to go out, make sure you have a full tank of gas, a strong car battery and a fully charged cell phone. Make sure you're adequately dressed, and are wearing boots, gloves, a hat and other protective clothing," he said. "If you can, prepare an emergency kit for your car that includes a shovel, sand, rock

salt, heating fuel, a blanket, and food. If you have pets outside, bring them in if at all possible, or keep them sheltered and warm."

If you have to be outside, avoid overexertion, keep dry, and watch for signs of frostbite - which includes loss of feeling and white or pale appearance of extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.

Wolthoff encouraged residents to sign up for the Grundy County Emergency Notification System - a text messaging system that routinely sends out updates on weather alerts in the county. Messages can be issued via landline or wireless phone, by email, fax or social media.

To sign up for the alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/grundy_ia/wens.cfm

Verdict reached in care center pill theft case

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The former Grundy Care Center nursing director who was charged with stealing opioids prescribed to her patients in 2015 has pled guilty to a pair of aggravated misdemeanors and will receive a two-year suspended prison sentence.

Laura Townsend-Edler, age 53, was convicted of Tampering with Records and Wanton Neglect of a Resident of a Health Care Facility on January 23, and as part of her plea, two felony counts of prohibited acts with a controlled substance were dis-

missed. On the first two charges, she will be required to pay a total of \$1,250 in fines with a 35 percent surcharge and remain on probation for two years.

In February of 2018, Edler pled guilty to one count of Prohibited Act with a Prescription Drug in Polk County after similar charges were filed against her while she worked at a Polk City facility, and two other counts were dismissed. She received a one-year suspended prison sentence, credit for time served, a year of probation and a \$315 fine.

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November 8, 2018
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Grandparents: Leon & Brenda Abels and John & Jyll Malotky

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Proposal

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responders trying to get around traffic, parking issues downtown and issues with loading and unloading trucks and semis on main street - with many pointing to the controversial three lane conversion in Waverly.

Matthew Schneider, a Waverly resident who is in charge of a Facebook page called Keep Waverly Moving (a group that is attempting to reverse the three lane conversion in Waverly and make statewide legislation against future three lane conversions) says that although he believes the conversion hasn't worked for Waverly, that's not to say it couldn't work in other places.

"Bremer Ave. in Waverly [the site of the recent conversion] and G Ave. in Grundy are two very different roads," he said. "Traffic is a lot different. Here on Bremer Ave., the conversion has caused more issues than it solved, even if it was unintentional. There's nowhere to divert traffic, unless you want to take a two or five mile detour, and there are long lines of traffic backed up to a mile or more at times. We've also seen more accidents both on Bremer and citywide. We've talked to emergency responders who have told us it's not working for them. Most small town emergency responders are volunteers, and if they're trying to get to the fire station or ambulance, they're in their personal vehicles and they're at the mercy of the speed of the vehicle leading the pack. That can slow down emergency response times."

Schneider says in Waverly, the conversion has become a messy issue that's spiraled out of control, but that Waverly's situation is hard to compare to other situations.

"Each town is different and you can't really compare them," he said. "Waverly is different than Cresco, and Cresco is different than Grundy Center. But, if I was a citizen in Grundy Center, there are measures I would want to try first before I would introduce a road diet/three lane conversion."

Law enforcement: there's no easy fix

Grundy Center Police Chief Doug Frost says even before the TEAP study was done, the city looked at other options of slowing down traffic - but there is no easy fix for the problem.

"We've been issuing more speeding tickets for quite a while now, both on G Ave. and other areas of town," Frost said. "But for every one person you stop, there's three or four more drivers speeding by. We can't stop everyone."

Frost says the department is already extremely busy, and that it's hard to have an officer patrolling the road 24/7 when there are other issues to deal with.

"Our calls are way up, and they have been for a while," he said. "We're so busy with calls for service and casework and other things that pull us off the street, so we can't always do as much with traffic and enforce it as much as we'd like. With only one officer at a time in 12 hour shifts, we can't be everywhere at once."

Frost says the department has tried using the mobile speed trailer, which shows drivers how fast they are going and if they are speeding, but that even that doesn't work 100 percent of the time.

"Some people see how fast they're going and slow down, other people just ignore it or aren't paying attention," he said. "A lot of people might be driving and so focused on their own thoughts they don't even notice it. I've been driving that road in the marked patrol car and had people fly by me, and when I pull them over and ask why they're going so fast, they tell me they were just lost in their thoughts, thinking about work, or family or something like that, and they didn't even notice how fast they

were going."

In addition, the mobile speed trailer is run on a solar powered battery, making it basically unusable in the colder winter months or cloudy days.

In response to residents calling for more stop lights, stop signs or speed cameras on G Ave., Frost says the city originally thought of pursuing more stop lights or stop signs when they ordered the TEAP Study from the DOT.

But, since G Ave./Highway 175 is a state highway, the DOT would have to give their blessing to add stop lights or stop signs on the road, and as of now, the DOT is suggesting a three lane conversion instead.

Ultimate decision lies with the city

The DOT's recommendation for a conversion, though, is just that: a recommendation. Ultimately, the city will be the entity to decide whether or not they want to go forward with the conversion, and as of now, council members agree that they would like to do more of their own research on the topic before moving forward with anything.

Mayor Al Kiewiet stressed that the discussion is only informational and preliminary for now, and that the city will not be making any decisions about it right away.

"The recent introduction of the 'Road Diet' to the council was only meant to be an informational and preliminary discussion," Kiewiet said. "The city will need to discuss this idea and do the necessary due diligence to determine if this is indeed the right thing for our community. Our process will take into consideration input from a variety of people including public safety, EMS, fire, local businesses and homeowners on and near the Highway 14/175 route, and the general public. We will also reach out to other towns who have faced the same DOT recommendations. We want to make sure that community members have access to as much accurate information as possible and to assure our residents that decisions being made at the City level are researched, well-thought out and accounting for all possible outcomes and effects on the City of Grundy Center."

Council member Butch Kuester said there are pros and cons of a possible three lane conversion, but that there are a lot of factors to consider before he feels comfortable making any decisions.

"I believe one benefit of the three lane would be that it would slow traffic down, but on the down side, I believe that the one lane of traffic would really cause problems with parallel parking and also with unloading of deliveries [on main street by large delivery trucks and semis]," he said. "Also in our Ag-based community, with the two businesses of Titan and Van Wall, the combines and planters are not getting smaller, and the farmers coming through town would have a really hard time maneuvering the three lane road."

Kuester says he has had quite a few people that have commented on the three lane conversion to him, saying they were not in favor of it. He said it's important to keep residents' concerns and opinions in mind before making any decisions.

"I plan on visiting some towns that have done the three lane and also some that have parallel parking [to see it for myself]," he said. "I believe we need to take all scenarios into consideration."

Council member Janetta Miller said she could see how a three lane conversion would be beneficial in slowing down traffic, especially where children are crossing the highway by the swimming pool. She noted that in the DOT's recommendation for a three lane conversion, they also recommended adding a push button pedestrian crossing

light at the pool crossing, which would help make it safer for children to cross.

"The obvious benefit is that three lanes slows down traffic," she said. "Some benefits that folks might not have considered is that when our kiddos cross the highway by the pool, the traffic coming upon that [crossing] would be moving considerably slower. There would be a push button stop light at that corner, and I agree with them about that."

Miller says she can speak about the safety of that area from personal experience, as her son was hit by a car at that intersection.

"My oldest son Sage was hit by a car at that intersection when he was a kid," Miller said. "Thankfully the car was rolling through on a California stop and he wasn't hurt, but it caused me to be concerned about the speed of traffic through our main street. Business owners and other citizens have voiced their concern about the speed of traffic that moves through Grundy Center. These concerns are what led to the traffic study and the recommendations from the DOT."

Miller said she will be doing her research on three lane conversions to get the most information possible about how it could work in Grundy Center, before making any decisions.

"I have visited Manchester and plan on visiting other communities that have made the transition," she said. "I've talked to some citizens and it appears that the initial response seems negative. I'm not surprised. Change is difficult. I will be sure to be completely informed, and I hope our citizens will do the same before making a conclusion."

DOT: conversions improve safety

Tony Gustafson, P.E., who is the Assistant District Engineer for the DOT's District 1 - which includes Grundy County - says the push for three lane conversions across Iowa is because the conversion has been shown to increase general safety.

"There's been years and years of research and studies done that have shown three lanes are safer for drivers and pedestrians, and they've even been shown to reduce crashes by up to fifty percent," he said. "General safety is our biggest thing. Even for a town like Grundy Center, it's not a town with the highest crash rate, but it's about predicting and preventing future crashes and doing what we can do to increase safety in general."

On the Iowa DOT website, information about three lane conversions states that the conversion has a number of benefits: it has been shown to reduce crashes by about half; it has been shown to decrease left turn and rear end crashes because of the dedicated center turn lane; it provides the opportunity to make enhancements such as parking or bike lanes; it can improve walkability by having fewer lanes for pedestrians to cross, along with traffic being located further from the sidewalk; and it can regulate speed and calm traffic, as speeds are more consistent with just one lane in each direction.

Gustafson said the three lane conversion suggestion from the DOT is not mandatory, and is simply a suggestion from the DOT to the city of Grundy Center, which the city can act on as it likes.

"A three lane doesn't work everywhere, but for a town like Grundy Center with less than 5,000 vehicles passing through a day, a three lane would be easily doable," he said. "Ultimately the council will have the final say on it, though. We just offer it to them and give them information, but they are the ones who will decide."

For more information on three lane conversions, visit <https://iowadot.gov/traffic/4-to-3-lane-conversion/3-lane-roads>

Lawsuit alleges wrongful firing from Dike factory

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER- A Dike woman is suing Easton Technical Products over claims that she was fired from the company's local factory due to an injury she sustained at work in 2014.

Jennifer Briggs-Moen filed the suit in Grundy County District Court on January 16, and according to the documents, "the defendant jeopardized this public policy by discharging

the plaintiff in retaliation for her work injury; (the) plaintiff was engaged in protected activity pursuant to Iowa Code § 85.18 when she made a claim for workers' compensation, and this conduct was the reason she was discharged; and (the) defendant had no overriding business justification for plaintiff's termination."

It goes on to allege that the termination has resulted in damages including the loss of back pay, front pay and emotional

distress.

Through her attorneys from the Des Moines based firm Hopkins and Huebner P.C., Briggs-Moen is requesting a jury trial, and a court date has not yet been set. At press time, lead counsel Chandler M. Surrency had not responded to a request for comment.

A spokesperson for Easton Technical Products declined to address the lawsuit when contacted by *The Grundy Register*.

Supervisors hash out budget details

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy County Board of Supervisors heard its final round of budget requests and got to work on parsing the numbers during Monday morning's regular meeting.

Katie Thornton-Lang and Michelle VanDeest of Grundy County Public Health presented first and laid out their budget along with some of their recent work. GCPH recently received a \$3,700 grant for suicide prevention, which they hope to implement at all of the county's high schools, and Thornton-Lang told the board it came as a surprise.

"I was literally doing dances in the hallway that day. We did not expect that," she said.

In response to a question from Supervisor Jim Ross, Thornton-Lang noted that the anti-vaccine movement has not been a major problem in Grundy County, but there are a few religious and medical exemptions each year. The widely discredited claims of a link between vaccines and autism, however, have been difficult to deal with at times.

"It seems like the negative gets out there more than the positive, and that's what stays with people," Thornton-Lang said.

VanDeest thanked County Auditor Rhonda Deters and her staff for their excellent working relationship and stressed that communication had never been better.

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging Director Cara Ferch requested just over \$3,000, though the official figures varied, and she explained some of her group's Meals on Wheels initiatives and programs designed to benefit local seniors.

Todd Rickert briefly outlined his social services budget, and

Deters discussed an uptick in passport business along with a state law that she believes could adversely affect cities, schools and counties as they hold elections.

"As passports and job responsibilities grow, something's got to give," Deters said. "We're busting ourselves every day."

Deputy auditor Angie Martin added that the process can be lengthy, and some people come from other counties (specifically Black Hawk) because of the efficiency of the passport system here in Grundy County.

Deters then mentioned that she had received correspondence from Gladbrook-Reinbeck Superintendent David Hill about the new laws combining city and school elections and how they could negatively impact local decision making.

She is currently serving on a committee of county auditors tasked with finding solutions.

"It's a political hot potato, and (legislators are) not going to touch it. I'm not very confident that we're going to be able to come up with something that's going to be voluntarily adopted by 99 counties," Deters said. "I'm very concerned for our cities and schools."

Deters later noted that Grundy County has some of the oldest election equipment in the state, and it may be time to consider purchasing something new.

As the conversation shifted toward the budget numbers themselves, Supervisor Barb Smith said she was against a proposed \$10,000 increase in annual funding for the Grundy County Fair because of the subsidy rate compared to other counties and suggested keeping it at \$50,000. "I'm totally favorably inclined, but I just can't support that," she said. "(But) I love their enthusiasm and their inventiveness about creating new revenue streams."

Supervisor Chuck Bakker told the board he was opposed to the proposed card security system at the courthouse after a quote came in at just under \$11,000, and he and Smith revived their recurring debate over county funding for Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH).

Bakker, who represents the Dike and Stout areas, has long held that the hospital should receive less funding as it is doing fine financially.

"I think Grundy County has gone way above what we had to do to get the hospital where they are. We've given them money for 25 years," Bakker said.

Smith, who represents Grundy Center and serves on the GCMH board, is a staunch advocate for the facility. She replied that because it is one of just two veteran's memorial hospitals in the state, GCMH can't directly levy taxes, but the \$263,000 it receives still ranks near the bottom in county support.

"It's an asset to the county," she said.

On another familiar issue, Ross, a frequent critic of the Grundy Road paving project who represents the southwest corner of the county, reported that among the constituents he's spoken with, "nobody approves" when the topic comes up in discussions.

The board also considered grants for soil and water conservation, tourism, economic development, emergency management and discussed insurance contributions for employees.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved a low fuel quote from Mid-Iowa Cooperative.
- Approved a resolution to vacate a portion of K Avenue from 160th Street to the Highway 20 intersection after a brief public hearing.

Donation

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community a lot, and their support is always great," he said. "I think the community realizes that we're here to serve them, and they understand that this equipment helps, even though it's not cheap. We're so lucky to have their support."

Babcock said the Fire Association's next fundraising goals

are to purchase new extrication equipment and a new skid unit for the department's grass rig.

"We'll be doing our annual fundraisers like our golf tournament, pancake breakfast and things like that, and we're hoping to really get to work on getting some grants, too," he said. "We're always looking forward and making sure our department

is best equipped for our volunteer members to serve the community, and serve them in the safest and most effective way possible."

If anyone is interested in donating to the Wellsburg Fire and Rescue Association, they can contact anyone on the fire department, or with the Fire and Rescue Association.

Knudsen

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precedent) or may choose to proceed to trial to determine whether he meets the enhancement requirements.

"The question on appeal is not whether [the defendant] suffered no prejudice because evidence existed to establish the prior convictions, but whether [he] knowingly and voluntarily admitted the prior conviction," the court wrote.

Grundy County Attorney Erika Allen explained that because a specific question of whether or

not Knudsen had been represented by counsel during his 2006 case had not been addressed, the sentencing enhancement could be scrutinized under the recent Harrington decision, which held that a man who was convicted of robbery "did not knowingly and voluntarily admit his prior convictions because he was not informed of his constitutional rights and the consequences of his admission," thus calling into question his "habitual offender" status.

"Ultimately, the sentencing

decision is in the hands of the judge," Allen said. "Sometimes (appellate courts) take cases in order to answer a very narrow question which isn't even raised (during the original trial)."

Knudsen will stand before Judge Joel Dalrymple at the Grundy County Courthouse, with proceedings set to commence at 11:00 a.m. Smith, Knudsen's appellate counsel, could not be immediately reached for comment.

Murder

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but denied any knowledge or involvement, and during a search, an illegal sawed off 12-gauge shotgun was found at his residence.

The Iowa DCI's lab analysis revealed that some of the 12-gauge ammunition in Adame's possession was within the size range of the wound found on Johns's body at the time of his death.

The other individual who was with Johns and Adame on October 25 told investigators that the two had gotten into an argument inside the vehicle, and Adame had pulled Johns out of the car and shot him fatally with a sawed off shotgun.

According to court documents signed by DCI Special Agent Scott Reger, Adame had previously been convicted of both Conspiracy to Commit a Forcible Felony and Felon in Possession of a Firearm in 2008 and 2015, respectively. The 2008 case stemmed from a home invasion and robbery at a Waterloo apartment, during which Adame, who was 16 years old at the time, and two accomplices allegedly tied up the occupant and stole two video game systems, a television and a computer. In May of 2018, Adame pled guilty to two of the most recent weapons charges—Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a National Firearms Act Device Not Registered to Possessor—in the U.S. District Court for Northern Iowa in Cedar

Rapids, and he is currently serving a 25-year sentence. He is also facing a separate charge of Possession of Firearms and Offensive Weapons by Felon as a result of the current investigation.

Adame made an initial appearance on Tuesday, and a preliminary hearing has been set

for February 7. Grundy County Sheriff Rick Penning and Johns's mother Julia Chaplin could not be reached for immediate comment, and Special Agent in Charge Mike Krappf of the DCI declined to comment beyond the information provided in the press release.

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Garage fire in Stout is a total loss

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

STOUT - Over a dozen volunteer firefighters from Stout and Dike braved the bitter cold on Monday night to battle a garage fire in Stout.

According to Stout Fire Chief Jim Folkerts, the fire was reported around 9 p.m. on Monday night, after the resident noticed their garage was in flames. Folkerts says by the time firefighters got to the scene, the garage was almost fully engulfed.

Firefighters were on scene battling the blaze for around three hours, but the garage and its contents - which includes at least one vehicle - was a total loss.

"We got pretty lucky with the weather and the wind, though, that the fire didn't spread to the house," Folkerts said. "The garage was close enough to the house that it could have spread but it didn't so we're thankful for that."

On top of dealing with the

blazing fire, the extremely cold temperatures that night made it tough for the fire fighters, who had to work around frozen hoses.

"In cases like this we have to be mindful," Folkerts said. "We had an issue with our hoses freezing, making them unusable at the time but in this case we were able to move to a different hydrant and make it work."

Folkerts said he couldn't release an exact cause of fire or damage estimate at this time.

GRUNDY COUNTY Magistrate Court

The following citations were issued in Grundy County by all agencies.

Levi Peddle, Waterloo, failure to maintain or use safety belts.

Korrapati Srinivasarao, Waterloo, speeding.

Michael Henely, Grundy Center, dark window or windshield.

Jemal Killingsworth, Dubuque, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, operating non-registered vehicle, failure to maintain control and driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Juli Morris, Cedar Falls, speeding.

Olivia Woodley, Dike, speeding.

Leonardo Cardenas-Cardenas, Waterloo, speeding and driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Randall Brown, Sandia Park, NM, speeding.

Christopher Hirsch, Waterloo, speeding.

Tyler Opperman, Waterloo, speeding, operation without registration and driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Dennis Blanchard Jr., Nashua, speeding.

Kyle Westra, Hull, speeding.

Cameron Warneka, Aplington, speeding.

Brandon Bailey, Pocahontas, failure to comply with safety regulations.

Jessica Gannaway, Gilman, speeding.

Ernesto Martinez-Galicia, Franklin Park, IL, speeding.

Don Brown, West Des Moines, speeding.

Kayla Harr, Grundy Center, driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Shamya Bell, West Lafayette, IN, violation of instruction permit and speeding.

Elicia Fisher, Waterloo, no valid driver's license and failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.

Brandon Kail, Marshalltown, failure to maintain control and failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.

Blaine Groth, Traer, speeding.

Michael Limkemann, Plainfield, speeding.

Mario Alvarado-Aguilar, Waterloo, speeding and registration violation.

Harvin Rust, Grundy Center, failure to maintain or use safety belts.

Nadia Nix, Waterloo, failure to maintain control.

Tori Johnston, Ackley, registration violation.

Richard Rockhart, Cedar Rapids, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Erin McDonough, Dubuque, speeding.

Derek Noteboom, Grundy Center, failure to comply with safety regulations.

Dale Rawson, Winthrop, speeding.

Jackie Harle, Sheffield, speeding.

Kearstin Loper, Waterloo, speeding.

Ralph Ray, Fort Dodge, speeding.

Rodrick Mukuna, Grand Rapids, MI, speeding.

Diego Palacios-Lopez, Waterloo, speeding.

Melanie Seehusen, Madrid, speeding.

Camiel Zenti, Waukegan, IL, speeding.

Jolynne Thein, Waterloo, speeding.

Donald Allspach, Parkersburg, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Khaing San, Des Moines, speeding.

Andrew Roberts, Lansing, KS, speeding.

Elizabeth Duffield, Humboldt, speeding.

Kathleen Morel, Ackley, maximum group axle weight violation.

Patrick Schatzline, Keller, TX, speeding.

Jacey Beiner, Cedar Falls, speeding.

Jacob Geren, Ankeny, operation without registration card or plate.

Joshua Subbert, Des Moines, speeding.

Drew Hansen, Fort Dodge, speeding.

Marc Hoodjer, Eldora, speeding.

John Marks, Grundy Center, speeding.

James Peters, Independence, speeding.

Marcus Collier, Waverly, failure to have valid driver's license.

GRUNDY COUNTY District Court

Kailey Jean Riggle, age 28, Dike. Pled guilty to Trespass, a simple misdemeanor, on January 14. Received a \$100 fine.

Jacee Thomas Chesick, age 18, Albion. Pled guilty to Fifth

Degree Theft, a simple misdemeanor, on January 14. Received a \$65 fine.

Shelby Anne Coy, age 19, Grundy Center. Pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled

Substance—Marijuana First Offense, a serious misdemeanor, on January 14. Received a deferred judgment, a \$100 civil penalty and six months of informal probation.

Green to attend Girls State

Miss Deidra Green was selected by the Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit 681 to attend the annual session of the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, to be held from June 16 to 21 of 2019 on the campus of Drake University. Deidra is the daughter of Deb Beeghly and Larry Beeghly and the late Charles Green.

Deidra attends BCLUW High School and is involved in Science Club, show choir for two years, band for three years, wrestling manager, honor society, student ambassador three years, FFA three years (she is secretary), 4-H Buckingham Barnstormers for 11 years (she is the current president). Deidra has been a member of the Conrad ALA Juniors for 17 years. She is this year's third district junior president. Deidra helps out Conrad American Legion Auxiliary with projects and decorating the legion hall.



Deidra Green

Deidra was chosen to attend Iowa Girls State on the basis of interest, leadership and scholastic qualities. Iowa Girls State is sponsored by the Department of Iowa American Legion and is staffed by Auxiliary members and former Iowa Girls State citizens, who volunteer their time.

Deidra will be one of approximately 300 young women attending Iowa Girls State, who have completed their junior year of high school and will study city, county and state government processes. Iowa Girls State citizens set up their own city, county and state government processes. The girls also participate in legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, debating and voting along with learning deeper knowledge of parliamentary procedure. In addition to their political activities, the girls hear several motivational speakers along with local and state government officials. The culmination of the week on Friday evening, June 21, 2019, is the inauguration of the newly elected state officials. The public is invited to the inauguration.

Armadillos-coming soon to a place near you?

By KEVIN WILLIAMS
Grundy County Conservation Director

I told you last week that Tyson Brown had two interesting animals to talk about when he had stopped by the office. Well, this week's column is about the second. He had pictures of a *Dasylops novemcinctus*!!!

That is an animal related to sloths and anteaters. In this case, it is the scientific name for the Nine-banded Armadillo. Loosely translated, "armadillo" means "little armored one" in Spanish.

But armadillos in Iowa? Yes, Tyson had pics of one killed by a combine in a cornfield in Marshall County. I was told that this was the farthest north report this year. 2018 seemed to be a year with increased sightings of armadillos in Iowa. "We're not sure how they will affect native wildlife likes plants and animals here," according to Todd Goselink, Wildlife Biologist with the Iowa DNR. "We'll just have to wait a few years and see if they are in fact heading north."

Their closest populations are in southern Missouri, a bit of a trek for the little armored animals that aren't suited for harsh Iowa winters. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, armadillos seem to be pretty common in the southern half of the state but have been reported almost all the way to the Iowa border. In Missouri, armadillos often end up as roadkill because they have a habit of jumping up into the air (three to four feet) when they're spooked — a deadly trait when they're trying to cross highways underneath moving cars.

In the meantime, here are



some interesting facts:

They typically weigh between 11 to 14 pounds. Each year, armadillos can eat up to 200 pounds of insects, which consist of 90 percent of their diet. In the summer, they are active from twilight to the early morning hours. In the winter, they only come out during the afternoon when the temperatures are warmest. Armadillos can carry slow-moving leprosy bacterium. Always wear gloves when handling armadillos - dead or alive - and cook meat thoroughly before eating. I don't plan to do this last thing.

You may think first of Texas when you hear "armadillo" — it's the Texas state (small) mammal. The nine-banded armadillo ranges from Argentina and Uruguay to the United States.

They've been expanding northward from Texas and Mexico for more than 100 years.

Their armor may steal the show, but these little mammals have impressive claws, which they use to burrow underground. But they don't just stick to land — they can't swim well but armadillos can walk underwater and hold their breath for up to six minutes!

If you encounter armadillos, I would love to hear about it, especially if they are Grundy County reports. I will be happy to pass along the info to the State. Or feel free to pass the info including pictures, specific location details as well as your contact information to: James.Coffey@dnr.iowa.gov so that he can track armadillo sightings in Iowa.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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*A look back through The Grundy Register
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10 Years Ago This Week - 2009

Over 1,100 Iowa National Guard soldiers were a part of the U.S. Presidential Inauguration last Tuesday, and among them were two Grundy County natives. Mark Greiner who now lives in Holland with his wife Anne, and Trent Dirks, a Grundy Center native and now a Cedar Falls resident, both participated in the Inauguration as members of the Iowa National Guard Charlie Company 133rd Infantry. Greiner said they arrived in Washington D.C. Sunday morning, stayed at the Gage Eckington Elementary School in northwest D.C., and returned to Iowa Wednesday morning. They had a dress rehearsal Monday and were on duty from 11 p.m. Monday to 8 p.m. Tuesday working nearly 21 hours straight. Stationed three blocks north of the US Capitol, the Iowa soldiers duties included crowd and traffic control and watching for suspicious behavior. "It was an honor to be chosen for it. I could say I was there [when Barack Obama was sworn in] even though I didn't get to see the actual inauguration," Greiner said. Although they were three blocks away, the capitol was between where they were stationed and inauguration, Greiner explained. Greiner said they were in radio communication with other law enforcement agencies and deputized by the Washington D.C. Police Department. They were authorized to arrest anyone who was out of line. However, Greiner said his unit did not arrest anyone.

A Pamida spokesman announced Friday, Jan 23 that they would be closing 11 stores nationwide, including the Grundy Center store on Saturday, Jan. 31. Dean Williamson, vice president of human resources at Pamida's corporate office in Omaha, Nebraska, said the decision was made over the course of the last few weeks. Pamida, 2201 Commerce Drive, has been in Grundy Center since 2000, when it was converted from a Place's, which had been there since 1998. Pamida currently has 215 locations in 17 states. Pamida team leaders in Grundy Center declined to comment on the situation. Williamson said the decision came down to economics. "The current state of the economy is not helpful for retailers," Williamson said. "Unfortunately, the sales at the stores [that are closing] are insufficient to keep them open." Williamson confirmed the Pamida store has been without a general manager for some time, although was not sure how long, and Pamida team leaders in Grundy Center would not disclose how long that has been the case. Williamson said they decided not to have a liquidation sale, but instead will be packing up the inventory and shipping it to other locations. Although they are closing the store Saturday, Williamson said they will need employees to pack up their inventory and fixtures for a couple weeks.

25 Years Ago This Week - 1994

A proposed new elementary building in Grundy Center will be voted on in 2 weeks, but the planning for a new facility began more than a year ago. It was in early 1993 that Grundy Center teachers and administrators first met with an educational facilities planner, who gave staff a glimpse of the schools of the future and the potential for facility improvements in Grundy Center. Staff first toured modern elementary facilities in other Iowa communities, including Pella and Jefferson. What they found, according to Physical Education instructor Rick Schupbach, was eye-opening. "I was in awe," says Schupbach, who visited the Jefferson elementary. "I couldn't believe the things that were offered to their children that we can't begin to offer ours because of the shortcomings of our building." Schupbach says the school visits were a way of "expanding the horizons" of local teachers, who are trained in the use of technology but haven't had a lot of opportunity to utilize it because of facility limitations. He says the plans local teachers came up with would drastically improve the delivery of education at the elementary level, and proposed high school changes would be very welcome, too. "The open classroom concept at the high school is not an ideal learning environment. Today's learning takes place in an atmosphere where student exchange of dialogue and small group work is very important. It's infrequent that a class simply listens to a lecture anymore," says Schupbach. His health classroom is adjacent to the open IMC, which would be moved to the center of the High School/Middle School under the bond issue proposal. The remaining space and surrounding classrooms would be closed off with a corridor and doors.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1969

Construction bids on the new Grundy Center municipal swimming pool will total about \$137,000 - well within the \$170,000 bond limit approved by voters here last summer - but the exact figure hinges on a city council decision to accept certain alternates. Apparent low bid on the general contract is \$69,870, submitted by Beck-Ericsson Construction Company of Cedar Falls. Low bid on the pool contract apparently was \$47,933 by Pathfinder Pools, West Des Moines. Brockway Plumbing and Heating of Grundy Center is the apparent low bidder on the plumbing contract, with a bid of \$13,860.

The Grundy County Municipal Civil Defense Agency plans to install warning siren systems at Grundy Center, Dike and Reinbeck. Agency chairman Dean Wiarda of Grundy Center said each warning siren will cost an estimated \$5,000 per unit. The sirens will be used to sound civil defense alerts as well as warning to area civilian populations in the event of natural disaster.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1944

Sparks from the chimney started a fire on the roof of the Earl Wical house in Grundy Center Monday evening. The fire company responded promptly and put the fire out before it did much damage. A hole was burned in the roof.

One team at the Grundy horse sale yesterday brought \$298. Another team brought \$295. Both teams belonged to Joe Greany. About 35 head of horses were sold at the sale. The horses were a better quality and they brought higher prices than were paid at the sale two weeks before.



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Sweeney from the Iowa Senate

We had an abbreviated week due to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday. Much of the week was spent working in subcommittees. It is the first step in the legislative process and gives interested parties an opportunity to support, oppose, or suggest changes to the proposed legislation.



Sen. Annette Sweeney

Wednesday was Veterans Day at the Capitol and I had the opportunity to see several veterans groups and hear their priorities for us this year. Among them, they discussed how we can help with services that focus on mental health and trauma for veterans.

In our first weeks here, one of the most important topics discussed is the increase in education funding for the next fiscal year. The legislature has set a goal of establishing funding levels for K-12 education within 30 days after the governor's budget is submitted. It is our goal to approve this funding within that time frame, so Iowa schools can work on budgeting and planning for the next school year.

Each legislative session for the last several years, education funding in Iowa has gotten an increase. The most significant part of our discussions is how much of an increase is sustainable. After years of over-promising and under-delivering, being able to give a sustainable number to school districts is crucial.

To keep up to date on what's going on at the Statehouse, use the Legislature website.

Morning Prayer

On Thursday morning, I had the honor to lead the Senate in prayer just after we had gavelled-in for the day. Below is the prayer that I gave:

Lord of the nations, bless our nation and all our people. We pray for our President and Congress, our Governor and Legislature, our judges and magistrates, and all who serve in public office, and for those having rule and authority over all the nations of the Earth. May these leaders rule in wisdom and justice, according to Your moral law. Prosper agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, and every lawful industry. Bring an end to war, promote domestic and international peace, cleanse our society from besetting sins, and lead us to forbid practices that offend against Your Holy Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lowest Unemployment Rate in the Country

Senate Republicans worked the last two years to pass policies that create a pathway to improve Iowa's business climate. It is outstanding to see those successes come to fruition each and every week. The most recent piece of great news: Iowa now stands alone as boasting the lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

Iowa Workforce Development announced recently the December unemployment rate remained strong at 2.4 percent. November's data had Iowa tied with Hawaii, which experienced a slight increase to 2.5 percent in December.

Nearly 2,300 Iowans entered the workforce in December bringing the total number of Iowans employed to more than 1.65 million. More Iowans are now working than at any time in this state's history. This is a first in Iowa, and it illustrates what Senate Majority Leader Whitver said in his opening day speech.

He said, "two years ago, we set out to implement a better job climate in the state of Iowa. Today, we have the lowest unemployment rate in the entire nation. We went from a state asking "where are the jobs" to a state asking "where are the workers?"

Senate Republicans are very proud of the work that has been done the last two years, but it is important not to rest on our laurels. We must work to bolster new career opportunities in our cities, county seats, and throughout rural communities across our great state.

This is going to be an exciting session as we move forward sowing the seeds to help Iowa continue grow and succeed.

Iowa Soybean Visit

Every week there are a number of events put on by various groups that myself and my fellow legislators attend. Here a fellow Senator and I braved the cold to attend an event put on by the Iowa Soybean Association. Pictured are myself, April Hemmes, and Sen. Miller-Meeks. It was a cold night, but warm at their reception!

**Grassley Q & A:
Flags for Fallen Heroes**

Question: What is the Fallen Heroes Flag Act?

Answer: This federal law provides the American public one way to pay tribute to the legions of heroes across the country who pay the ultimate sacrifice in service to their neighborhoods and communities. Community helpers and first-responders who run towards danger to save others put their lives on the line, every day of the week, 365 days a year, in the line of duty. These ordinary individuals often take extraordinary measures to save neighbors and strangers, alike. Whether on-the-clock or off-the-clock, local law enforcement, fire fighters and emergency response crews serve on the front lines of public safety and go the extra mile to save lives. On any given day, these hometown heroes perform life-saving rescues with one mission in mind: to protect and serve. From house fires, to boating accidents, traffic collisions, medical emergencies or crime scenes, first responders are on the scene, often putting themselves in harm's way to save others. We owe a debt of gratitude for our first responders who report for work every day. We grieve for those who don't return home from the call of duty at the end of the day. For those heroes who lose their lives in the line of duty, Congress adopted legislation in 2016 to provide a symbolic measure of the public's gratitude and devotion for their patriotism and service. The Fallen Heroes Flag Act authorizes the U.S. Congress to provide a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol in honor of fallen heroes to memorialize their service and sacrifice. The flag will be flown and shipped at no cost to an immediate family member. As the President pro tem of the U.S. Senate, one of my duties includes signing legislation before it's sent to the White House for the president's signature. For the next two years, I am honored to also sign the certificates from the Senate that will accompany each flag flown over the people's house, the U.S. Capitol, in tribute to a fallen hometown hero. For grieving families left behind, the flag reflects the American spirit, patriotism and pride that unites our men in women in uniform. For those who serve in the Armed Forces to defend freedom and liberty on the battle field, Old Glory symbolizes valor, bravery and vigilance. For those who serve on the front lines as forces of good in our hometown communities, the stitches and stripes of the Star Spangled Banner represent the social fabric of civic life that connects neighbors in society. The Fallen Heroes Flag Act salutes those who gave their lives to make our communities safer and stronger.

Question: How can a surviving family member request a flag for their fallen hero?

Answer: The Architect of the Capitol administers the program and has set the following guidelines. A request must be submitted within 180 days of the fallen hero's passing. Only one request per fallen hero may be fulfilled. Requests must be made through a Member of Congress. Iowans who would like to have their fallen family member recognized with a flag flown above the U.S. Capitol may contact my office at (202)224-3744. Remember, there is no cost to families who qualify for the Fallen Heroes Flag program.

In addition to the Fallen Heroes Flag program, the Architect of the Capitol also will fly U.S. flags over the Capitol for constituents who would like to commemorate a special birthday, anniversary or event. Note, no flags are flown on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day. A personal flag no larger than 8'x12' may be submitted for a \$7 fee plus shipping and handling; all flags must be made in the United States. Alternatively, flags are available for purchase in different sizes, in nylon or cotton. Requests must be made at least seven days in advance and must not exceed 45 days in advance of the requested flying date. Secure online payment is available. Payment must be received before a request can be processed. A certificate of authenticity that includes the personalized dedication will be shipped with the flag. To request and purchase a U.S. flag for commemorative purposes, go to the Constituent Services tab on my website at www.grassley.senate.gov.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER**

Friday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., February 1
Wilts Room
Exercise, 9:00 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

Sunday • **Grundy Comm. Center** KAWANIS Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wilts Room February 3

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Wilts Room
Exercise, 9:00 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

Tuesday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., February 5
Wilts Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

Wednesday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – No Walking February 6
Heartland Coop, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wilts and Legion Rooms
Exercise, 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Council Chambers
AMVETS/American Legion, 6 p.m., Legion Room

Thursday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – No Walking February 7
GCMH Gala decorating, Wilts Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m., Legion Room

Put your event in the Grundy Center Community Calendar!
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Nutrition site menu

Friday, February 1 — Chicken Supreme, Red Potatoes, California Vegetable Blend, Multi-Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit

Monday, February 4 — Potato Crusted Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Tartar Sauce

Tuesday, February 5 — Beef Chili with Beans, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Saltine Crackers, Mixed Fruit Cup, Sour Cream, Italian Salad Dressing

Wednesday, February 6 — Baked Chicken Breast, Lemon Dill Sauce, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Seasoned Green Peas, Wheat Roll, Cookie

Thursday, February 7 — Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Red Potatoes, Parslied Carrots, Multi-Grain Bread, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Grundy Center Senior Center at (319) 824-3843.

News from Ivester

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Education Team met with parents of school age children. The group evaluated Children's Church and will continue to take turns coordinating the lesson and activity. This will be evaluated again in June. The Children's Church will not be held in the summer months, and will resume in the fall.

FEBRUARY 3
Leadership Team will meet after potluck.

FEBRUARY 10
Rev Paul will provide the meal of baked fish. All are asked to bring salads, bread, or dessert for this meal. We welcome exotic expressions of your cooking to share!

Chapter AR, P.E.O. meeting

On Monday, January 21, 2019 members of Chapter AR, P.E.O. held a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the education room of Grundy County Memorial Hospital. The hostesses were Marilyn Hawn, Deb Myers, and Marci Rouse. January 21, 2019, marked the 150th anniversary of the founding of this philanthropic educational organization which was established by seven college women in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. To commemorate this momentous occasion, there was a livestream program from the Chapel Auditorium at Iowa Wesleyan University which the local chapter gathered to watch. In addition, there was another video about the ladies who formed the organization which the group watched for the Founders' Day program.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Wilson

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TRIVIA

Who am I? Brain Teasers
Movie Stars Popular Music

Barb Harms, Randy & Jean Thoren are winners of the Trivia Question in the Jan 24th Grundy Register. The answer is the Chicago White Sox. Great Job!

There are two sites from Grundy County included in the National Register of Historic Places. Can you name them?

If you know the answer to the trivia question, send an email with "Trivia" in the subject line to grundyeditor@midamericapub.com or drop by our offices during business hours.

**CENTER THEATRE'S
Reel-to-Reel**

At the Center Theatre on Friday, February 1 at 7:00 will be the true story/comedy *The Upside*, starring Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart & Nicole Kidman. This movie is rated PG-13 for language, running approximately 120 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the family movie *A Dog's Way Home*, starring Ashely Judd & Barry Watson. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 95 minutes in length.

Movies coming soon include: *Cold Pursuit*, *The Lego Movie 2: Part 2*, *Captain Marvel*, *Isn't It Romantic* & many more!

Save even more money at the Center Theatre on Friday evenings! Attend a movie on Friday evenings & everyone can receive their choice of any drink for just 50 cents!

In the #2 movie in the USA, the heartfelt true story/comedy *The Upside*, Phillip is a wealthy quadriplegic who needs a caretaker to help him with his day-to-day routine in his New York penthouse. He decides to hire Dell, a struggling parolee who's trying to reconnect with his ex & his young son. Despite coming from two different worlds, an unlikely friendship starts to blossom as Dell & Phillip rediscover the joy of living life to the fullest.

A Dog's Way Home chronicles the heartwarming adventure of Bella, a dog who embarks on an epic 400-mile journey home after she is separated from her beloved human, Lucas, an aspiring medical student & VA hospital volunteer. Bella touches the lives of many during her unwavering quest; from an orphaned mountain lion cub to a homeless veteran down on his luck, Bella brings joy & comfort to everyone she meets with her unique spirit & faith. Don't miss *A Dog's Way Home*, a heart-warming, mildly humorous & occasionally thrilling family movie that reminds us to be grateful for man's best friend.

For the most up-to-date movie information, please check out our new website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.grundycentertheatre.com"](http://www.grundycentertheatre.com) www.grundycentertheatre.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



OK, here is the next mystery picture. Can anyone tell us anything about this photo? Maybe when and where it were 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 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. Keep the memories! Photos from the Register's 'From the Archives' series are now available for purchase! The cost is \$5, and the photos are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The following information was received about the photo that ran on Jan 17: Vernon Klosterboer called the office and said the third person sitting by the table is Ed Klosterboer not Bud Bergman. Ed Klosterboer was at one time the County Recorder.



Bill Harken call into the office with the following information on the picture that ran last week: This picture was taken at

the Opening of the JC Penny's store here in Grundy Center. The two girls in the front row from left to right are Verlynn Henze & Louise Grimmus.



Palermo Clovers 4-H Club and GC Woman's Club combine efforts working on a service project

Fifteen members of the Palermo Clovers 4-H Club participated in a service project with the Grundy Center Woman's Club on Martin Luther King (MLK) Day.

MLK Day is the only national holiday that is also a national day of service. It's a day when Americans can pitch in and work together doing service work to honor Dr. King's legacy.

Woman's Club is a service organization with similar fundamental principles of community service as those of 4-H. Both organizations are committed to improving their clubs, their communities, their country and the world through service to

help others.

On January 21, the 4-H'ers and the Woman's Club combined efforts to make personal hygiene packets for the local domestic violence/abuse and sexual assault agency, Crisis Intervention Services. The local agency's Kellie McClanahan and Sharla Ashby spoke to the combined group about the services they provide to victims. A very interesting fact - Kellie is a former Palermo Clovers 4-H member, as was her daughter when they lived in Grundy Center.

Crisis Intervention Services provide safety and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and survivors of

homicide. Along with counseling for victims and their loved ones, legal and medical advocacy, they accompany victims to hospitals, law enforcement agencies, court proceedings, etc. They also provide information and referrals, prevention and community education.

The personal hygiene packets contained the following items: Toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap, and combs. The bags holding all of these items were made from a wash cloth. 4-H members developed their sewing skills in sewing these bags for the project.

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Obituaries

Charles "Charlie" Riek

Charles "Charlie" Edward Riek, 91, of Coralville, formerly of Grundy Center, passed away January 22, 2019, at Lantern Park Specialty Care in Coralville. Visitation was held January 29th at Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-Engelkes Chapel in Grundy Center. The funeral service was held on January 30th at the United Methodist Church in Grundy Center. Burial followed services at the Rosehill Cemetery in Grundy Center. Memorials may be directed to the family, where they will donate to a charity of their choice at a later date. Tributes and messages of condolences may be left for the family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



Charlie was born on July 14, 1927 in Muscatine the son of William & Gwen (Holiday) Riek. He was raised in Muscatine, where he attended school, later graduating from Muscatine High School in 1945. After High School, Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy on June 20, 1945 (serving in the Philippines at the end of World War II) and was honorably discharged on August 19, 1946, as a Seaman First Class.

After his stint in the Navy, Charlie went on to attend Iowa State Teacher's College (now known as the University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls, where he played varsity basketball and earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1950. While in college, he met the love of his life, Patricia Graham. The couple married on December 27, 1952, in Patricia's hometown of Springville.

After Charlie and Patricia were married, the couple moved to Grundy Center, where their oldest three boys, Norman, Charles & Robert, were born. The family then relocated to Clarinda where Thomas and Scott were born and then to Iowa Falls, where their only daughter Kay, was born. In 1964, the entire family moved back to Grundy Center, where Charlie remained until 2008.

For most of Charlie's career, he was a teacher and coach in the Grundy Center School District, of which some of that time, he was the Activities Director.

Charlie was a member of the Grundy Center United Methodist Church, the Grundy Center American Legion and longtime leader and member of the Manly Drug Coffee Club. In addition to his busy work schedule, Charlie always found the time to follow his children's athletic activities including basketball games, golf meets and tennis matches. He also enjoyed traveling and as a young family, Charlie, Pat and their kids went on annual camping trips all over the country, mostly out west and throughout the Midwest. It was a tight squeeze, but they all enjoyed every moment of it! In later years, Charlie and Pat continued their travels, with a cruise to the Panama Canal and a European vacation to London and Paris, a true highlight of their retirement. Above all, Charlie loved spending time with his children and especially his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his children Norman (Christie) Riek of Crossville, TN, Charles (Linda) Riek of Placerville, CA, Robert (Linda) Riek of Dallas, TX, Thomas (Frances) Riek of Elmhurst, IL, Scott Riek of Iowa City and Kay (Frank) DiLeo of Iowa City; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; wife Patricia (2003); sister Theo (William) Graham.

Sandra J. "Sandy" Seemann

Sandra J. "Sandy" Seemann, 80, of Waterloo, died January 20, 2019, at Covenant Medical Center.

Services were Monday, January 28, 2019, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and interment will be in Garden of Memories cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Cedar Bend Humane Society or to the Waterloo Center for the Arts. Locke Funeral Home, Waterloo, is assisting the family. Condolences may be left at www.LockeFuneralHome.com.



Sandy was born January 15, 1939, in rural Grundy County, the daughter of Elmer F. and Ada M. Hanisch Lorenzen. She married the love of her life, LeRoy W. "Lee" Seemann on September 6, 1957, at Jubilee Church in rural La Porte City. He died October 19, 2000. She graduated from Reinbeck High School 1956, and attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI).

She was a graphic artist at Morris Printing and Allbee Printing for many years. She was also self-employed for several years before retiring in 2005. During her time there she designed and produced many ads and publications for the local businesses and schools, as well as designing the Waterloo Black Hawks programs. She and Lee housed many players for the Black Hawks, which they enjoyed tremendously. They kept in touch with several of their former players.

She was a former member First Lutheran Church, Waterloo. She also volunteered at Waterloo Center for the Arts. Her door was always open to friends and family. She and Lee cared for their children and their children's friends unconditionally. She loved her brothers and sister dearly and instilled in her children that family always came first. The family would like to thank Dutch Harn, who was a dear friend to Sandy and helped care for her after Lee died. He helped Sandy through many tough times and took the burden off of her children.

Sandy is survived by two sons, Steve (Jody) Seemann and William "Bill" (Kris) Seemann, both of Waterloo; one daughter, Kara (Todd) Turcotte Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren: Ben (Shelbie) Seemann, Morgan Seemann, Natalie Seemann, Cassie (Slo) Maljkovic, Mitch Seemann, Allie Turcotte, Elizabeth Turcotte, Matthew Turcotte, and Katerinne Turcotte; two great-grandchildren: Holland Turcotte and Bennett Seemann; two brothers: Russell (Francis) Lorenzen of Ventura, and Loren (Lu) Lorenzen of Traer; one sister, June Meikle of Sturgeon Bay, WI; one sister-in-law, Marian Lorenzen of rural Hudson, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; twin brothers, Don and Bill Lorenzen; brother-in-law, Roger Meikle; and sister-in-law, Billie Jean Lorenzen.

DIKE REGISTER

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Lake Ice

The Grundy County Lake has been through several freeze, and freeze cycles this winter. November the ice was thick and the fishing was great. The December weather brought on a thaw that had open water at the lake. Now with this January freeze the ice is back and so are the fishing huts. How thick is the ice? When and how do fishermen decide if it safe to be out in the middle of a frozen lake? I guess my questions will get answered on my next trip to the Grundy County Lake.

Snow Birds

The snow birds are now really enjoying the time spent away from Iowa. Temperatures this week are some of the coldest we have experienced in several years. If a call comes in from friends down south they are not complaining about their slightly cooler temps ranging in the 50's.

Florida, Texas and North Carolina family and friends are checking on all of us as we are in the middle of this severe cold snap. Stay safe Dike friends.

Winter Jobs

This is a reminder to all of us sitting on the inside looking out. The outside jobs get done by dedicated workers that put our needs before their own. When the weather get like we are seeing it this week and last, their clearing accomplishments are the best they can be. They fight snow, wind and cold and they need our help in all ways.

City workers, county employees, nurses, firemen and policemen. All called to duties for the public and we pray they all stay safe.



Huge snow pile

One snow pile has grown into one large mountain .

Dates for Dike

- Thursday, January 31**
HS and Jh Parent Conferences
- 4:15 JH wrestling at NH
- Saturday, February 2**
Ground Hog Day
Meistersinger Honor Band wrestling sectionals
State speech contest
- Sunday, February 3**
Local church services
Meistersinger Honor Band
- Monday, February 4**
Spring Drivers Training begins
- Tuesday, February 5**
5:00 Boys BB at Sum-Fred
Wrestling team dual regionals
- Thursday, February 7**
4:00 BB at W Marshall

Birthdays

- Thursday, January 31: Dane Bakker
- Friday, February 1: Joel Weber, Eric Meester, Barb Chapman
- Saturday, February 2: Paul Paige, Pat Fuller, Mark Muller Diane
- Sunday, February 3: Jane Christensen, Matt Opoien, Rhonda Myers, Joann Haan
- Monday, February 4: Brooke North, Mitch Weber, Tony Norton
- Tuesday, February 5: Emily Fuller
- Wednesday, February 6: Pat Middleswart, Ryan Petersen, Harold Saathoff
- Thursday, February 7: Randy Ehmen, Kristen Whipps

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Feb. 15th - March 1st

Registration will begin for DNH early childhood classes on Friday, February 15th. If you have a child you would like to register for Preschool, PreK, or Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, please do so starting February 15th.

Preschool and PreK attendance is on a first come, first served basis.

To register, you may stop in the Dike or New Hartford Elementary offices to get a packet. In the packet, there is one (blue) paper that needs to be filled out in order to get your child on the formal list for next year.

If you have any questions: For Dike classes, call 319-989-2487 and ask for Suzanne (Perez) Mohlis, or email suzanne.mohlis@dnhsd.org

For New Hartford classes, call 319-983-2206 and ask for Sabrina Mai, or email sabrina.mai@dnhsd.org

All classes will be offered in both the Dike and New Hartford locations. Preschool students must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 15th. Pre-K students must be 5 years old on or before September 15th. Preschool forms are needed to plan for class configurations and # of teachers. Kindergarten students must also be 5 years old on or before September 15th. Kindergarten registration forms need to be completed in order to send out Kindergarten Round-up dates and times.

Currently, Kindergarten Round-up is set for Friday, April 12th in New Hartford and Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th in Dike

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Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>Blue Collar Community Church 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9 a.m. Sunday Worship</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>DIKE</p> <p>Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. 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Youth program with meal</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Randy Russom, Pastor 319-824-3152 www.facebook.com/grundycenter-firstpres Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Study in Chapel</p> <p>Orchard Hill Church Brian Steenhoek, Campus Pastor 1800 G Avenue, Grundy Center 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org 9:15 a.m. services 10:45 a.m. services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during both services</p> <p>United Methodist Church Jerry R. Miller, Pastor 319-825-5408 Follow us on Facebook at: Grundy Center United Methodist Church Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Celebration Wednesdays WOW: 5:30 p.m., Family Meal</p>	<p>6 p.m., Classes pres-school thru adults 6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship</p> <p>HOLLAND</p> <p>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</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church Rev. Rick Vollema 319-346-1090 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available)</p> <p>IVESTER</p> <p>Ivester Church of the Brethren Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church Noon Potluck</p> <p>LINCOLN</p> <p>Salem Church of Lincoln The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>LISCOMB</p> <p>Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>MARSHALLTOWN</p> <p>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</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 and 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium</p> <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>	<p>Cornerstone Presbyterian Church 641-847-3188 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School www.cornerstone-pca-church.com</p> <p>First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Steve Mulder, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study</p> <p>St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class</p> <p>St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour – No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service</p> <p>United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Worries 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>WHITTEN</p> <p>Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>
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Confessing Our Sins

"If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
—John 20:23 NIV



We live in paradoxical times. While many share the most intimate details of their life on social media for all the world to see, the practice of confession as a spiritual discipline has fallen by the wayside. In surveys of practicing Catholics, three-quarters of them "report that they never participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation or that they do so less than once a year." (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) Among mainstream Protestant denominations, confession as a ritual is practiced only in the Lutheran church, and one wonders how often Christians of any sect adhere to the Biblical injunction to "confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." (James 5:16 NIV) Whether as a society we are more or less confessional than in times past is

certainly debatable. Reconciliation tribunals, psychotherapy, and encounter groups are arguably all modern versions of confession. The flip side of confession is the Biblical injunction to tell others when they have sinned: "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you." (Matthew 18:15 NIV) While it is easy to notice and point to the faults of others, we often chafe at the slightest perceived criticism, and instead of thanking the person for helping us to be a better person, we reject their critique. A periodic examination of one's conscience and a willingness to confess one's sins is healthy for the soul. Therefore, confess your sins and pray that you will be forgiven. — Christopher Simon

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July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

	Beginning Balance	Total Revenues collected	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Balance Ending	Revolving ding Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	1,944,247.27	2,188,112.08	1,687,045.70	11,844.58	2,557,158.23	181,396.94
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	429,078.23	599,014.78	494,823.82	-3,918.15	529,351.04	1,414.17
0010 - MH-DD SERVICES FUND	63,470.32	373,475.58	353,772.88	13,854.36	97,027.38	14,467.85
0011 - RURAL SERVICES BASIC	591,911.51	1,361,343.44	1,326,861.65	19,389.20	645,782.50	21,297.42
0012 - RURAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL	1,387.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,387.00	0.00
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD	1,424,718.90	3,934,180.64	3,500,784.66	140,449.11	1,998,563.99	186,141.50
0021 - HWY 20 FUND-SECONDARY ROAD	888,299.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	888,299.78	0.00
0022 - REAP MONIES FUND	153,417.50	8,578.00	101,000.00	0.00	60,995.50	0.00
0024 - RECORDER'S RECORDS MANAGEMENT	14,180.72	1,620.00	0.00	0.00	15,800.72	0.00
0027 - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	152,874.31	34,980.85	111,970.81	0.00	75,884.35	0.00
0029 - LANDFILL CLOSURE TRUST FUND	708,288.38	4,064.16	19,481.37	0.00	698,271.96	5,506.54
0030 - STATE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND	2,439.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,439.85	0.00
0031 - FEDERAL DRUG FORFEITURE FUND	2,223.00	0.00	0.00	5,400.79	2,223.00	0.00
0032 - SHERIFF'S GRANT FUND	265.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.25	0.00
0033 - CONVENIENCE CNTR CLOSURE FUND	11,087.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,087.00	0.00
0034 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARD MATERIALS FUND	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
0035 - SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	516.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	516.58	0.00
0100 - DRAINAGE DISTRICTS	21,255.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,255.13	0.00
0800 - CO IND PARK TIF FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0820 - BACON VENEER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0825 - WELCOME CENTER TIF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0830 - OLDEROG TIF	338.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	338.30	0.00
0835 - TITAN TIF	426.19	-426.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0840 - OXBO TIF	2,509.11	3,172.60	2,509.11	0.00	3,172.60	0.00
0845 - CARDINAL CONSTRUCTION TIF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0850 - IND. PARK TIF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1500 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1501 - CAPITAL PROJECTS-ANNEX	131,852.24	0.00	8,122.78	0.00	123,729.46	0.00
2000 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 - DEBT SERVICE FUND-HOSPITAL 09	0.00	155,756.25	155,756.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002 - DEBT SERVICE FUND-HOSPITAL 16	0.00	45,882.50	45,882.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003 - DEBT SERVICE-ANNEX BLDG	131,086.44	72,364.98	10,700.00	0.00	192,751.42	0.00
4000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	87,394.13	7,870.00	357.51	0.00	94,906.62	0.00
4001 - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN	31,486.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,486.59	0.00
4010 - E911 - TELEPHONE OPERATING	148.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.26	0.00
4011 - E911 - TELEPHONE SURCHARGE	161,655.72	140,211.85	47,276.45	556.68	255,147.80	2,085.19
4020 - TAMA 28E AGREEMENT	22,177.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,177.21	0.00
4100 - ASSESSORS FUND	201,697.62	180,913.64	148,807.15	11,145.46	244,949.57	13,715.86
4101 - SPECIAL APPRAISERS FUND/ASSESSORS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4140 - CO. AGRIC. EXTENSION	603.28	114,140.83	112,173.31	0.00	2,570.80	0.00
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND	30,630.58	5,938,612.81	5,833,729.96	0.00	135,513.43	0.00
4300 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FUND	2,825.82	495,749.63	487,454.79	0.00	11,120.66	0.00
4400 - CORPORATION FUND	21,001.16	2,474,268.74	2,472,633.06	0.00	22,636.84	0.00
4450 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS-CITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4700 - TOWNSHIP FUND	15,855.69	157,504.17	161,445.96	0.00	11,913.90	0.00
4800 - BRUC. & T.B. ERADICATION	7.57	1,412.61	1,388.39	0.00	31.79	0.00
4900 - DIKE FIRE DISTRICT	97.82	25,742.65	25,151.65	0.00	688.82	0.00
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE AUTO REG.	271,515.00	1,651,284.50	1,551,241.34	30.00	371,588.16	30.00
5020 - MOTOR VEHICLE AUTO USE TAX	207,649.13	1,024,801.50	1,056,575.45	0.00	175,875.18	0.00
5040 - TRANSPLANTATION FUND	29.00	178.00	179.00	0.00	28.00	0.00
5090 - PREPAID TAX FUND	44,586.04	-28,168.04	0.00	0.00	16,418.00	0.00
5100 - UNAPPORTIONED TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5130 - TAX SALE REDEMPTION	0.00	43,214.00	43,214.00	21,415.00	21,415.00	21,415.00
5300 - RECORDER'S ELECTRONIC FEE FUND	251.00	1,685.00	1,658.00	0.00	278.00	0.00
Report Totals:	7,785,484.63	21,011,541.56	19,761,997.55	320,167.03	9,355,195.67	447,470.47

PUBLIC NOTICE
BCLUW SCHOOL

January 21, 2019
 The BCLUW Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the BCLUW High School in Conrad. Answering Roll Call was Vice President: Eric Engle, Board Members: Lynn Kock, Todd Pekarek, LJ Kopsa and Brian Feldpausch. Also present was Superintendent: Ben Petty, Board Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Benson, High School Principal: Kristyn Kell, Elementary Principal: Mitch Parker, Activities Director: Lynn Silver and several teachers. Board President: Beth Neff and Board Member: Adam Probasco were absent.
 AGENDA: Motion by Kopsa, second by Pekarek to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
 MINUTES: Motion by Feldpausch second by Kopsa to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
 FINANCIALS: Mr. Petty went over the financial reports. The General fund is trending very similar to last year. The Management fund has a healthy balance and we are slowly rebuilding the SAVE fund after last summer's projects. Motion by Pekarek, second by Kock to approve the financial reports and payment of invoices as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
 2017-18 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES REPORT: Mr. Silver went over several of the program accomplishments, milestones and also the costs and revenues of sports at BCLUW for 2017-18. Some sports show a loss due to no gate taken and also the cost of officials. Official costs are one of the largest costs that we have along with the cost of an athletic trainer. Other continuing expenses are for memberships, field aeration, a scheduler, registrations and office supplies. Mr. Silver commented that the Sports Boosters have been a huge help with purchases.
 ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM REPORT: Elementary teachers Tiffanie Nederhoff, Vicki Anderson, Jill Van Cleave & Kristen Garber gave the elementary science curriculum report. In Kindergarten, students meet weekly and most standards align with the reading curriculum so the activities match the "Story of the Week". Forces and Interactions with animals, plants and their environment, weather and climate, engineering and design are the major areas of focus. There are also mystery science activities and STEM projects. In first grade, students meet twice in a six day cycle and the standards are: Waves and their applications in technologies for information transfer (sound and light waves), from molecules to organisms (how plants and animals survive) Earth's place in the universe and matter and its interactions. There are also mystery science activities and STEM kits for plants and force. In second grade, students meet twice in a cycle and the standards are: Structure and properties of matter, interdependent relationships in ecosystems, processes that shape the earth and engineering design. Foss Next Generation Science kits are used - solids and liquids, insects and plants, pebbles, sand and silt. STEM kits are used and students collaborate with classmates to design and build a pinball machine. In third grade the students meet each day but rotate with social studies on a 3-4 week cycle. FOSS Next Generation science kits are used, which aligns with the 3rd grade standards: Water & climate, structures of life, and force and motion. Students have built ramps to predict the pattern of motion of an object rolling down the ramp and also figured out the best design for a spinning top to work on a flat surface. In fourth grade, Foss science kits are used and also mystery science activities. Foss kits are: Environments, soils, rocks and landforms and energy.

The mystery science units include: Human machine, the birth of rock, waves of sound and energizing everything. Mystery Doug Mini Lessons are also used when time is short.
 POSITIVE SHARING: Elementary Principal Mitch Parker shared Mrs. Zoske and Mrs. Garber's 4th grade students have been working in teams for a cross-subject area unit about weather and natural disasters. The students are working to become experts in an area such as blizzards. The students are reading books and online sources. As a team, the students decide the subtopic to then focus individually on - example: avalanches. The team then develops a Google slide presentation that they will share with the class. In Mrs. Severson's 3rd grade science, classes are studying weather patterns. Students teamed up to analyze previous monthly weather conditions and had to explain the weather pattern to the rest of the class. The students are learning how over time they can observe and predict the potential weather patterns in a specific region of the country. The elementary is up and running with the new ipads and students are very excited to use them. Training has been received from Mrs. Hammers, technology coach and Mrs. Teske from the AEA. The goal is that all elementary teachers have access and understanding of the learning opportunities that can be provided to students through the ipads. 70 students are in new leadership roles in the elementary - students completed job applications and met with staff to discuss expectations and met with staff to discuss expectations and to congratulate them. Middle school principal Dirk Borgman positive sharing included 5th & 8th grade students took a field trip to the Smithsonian Hometown Hero exhibit at the library and also went to the Conrad Museum for the display about girls basketball in Iowa and our school district and community history. This tied in to their study of US history in both grades. In Mrs. Geelhart's class, students were working on finding words in their reading that match the endings of words they are reviewing. This is from the Words Their Way program; language arts teachers learned this fall. Mrs. DeBoer's students had to read their narrative stories they had been working on the 2nd quarter to their classmates. Writers Workshop emphasizes that students need a broad audience for their work to increase the relevance of their work. This authentic assessment was an excellent way to show their work to their classmates. The annual Geography Bee was held and the BCLUW school champion was Reyundo Palomo. Reyundo took the test to see if he qualifies for state. Spectacular Spades and Awesome Aces FIRST Lego League teams went to state this past Saturday. The Aces received a first place trophy for their project. High school principal Krystn Kell shared in Mrs. Hinegardner's Health II classes; students learned about 5 components of total fitness and viewed pictures of obstacles from American Ninja Warrior and had to identify what component(s) were used. This year, creating the yearbook is a formal class, being taught by Mrs. Daters. Students have begun creating pages for the fall sports and activities. Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Hammers, Mrs. Vanderah and Mrs. Kell visited New Hampton HS to view the J-Term. It was great for the staff to see a project based learning week in action as BCLUW prepares to have our first May Term. The teachers walked away with many tips and new knowledge and the most recent PD was spent planning for May Term. Teachers now have their courses, course descriptions, the standards they will teach to, their essential questions and what students will know and be able to do. Students will sign up in February. The high school ended the semester before Christmas break. It has

been many years since this has happened and there has been lots of positive feedback. Mrs. Kell also shared there are 43 students taking college classes this semester, including 21 taking Nutrition on campus with Mrs. Vanderah.
 OUT OF STATE SCIENCE TRIP: Motion by Feldpausch, second by Kock to approve the out of state science trip to Chicago, Illinois on March 8-11, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.
 PERSONNEL: Motion by Kopsa, second by Feldpausch to pay Cari Teske \$360/day when she works at BCLUW and to pay Shelly Wogan an additional .50/hour while she is head cook at the middle school. All ayes. Motion carried.
 BUS SPECS: Motion by Feldpausch, second by Kopsa to approve sending out bus specs for a bid of a 2020, 77-passenger conventional model diesel or gas bus. The bus must be delivered by 7/31/19. All ayes. Motion carried.
 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER REMAINING DEBT SERVICE FUNDS TO THE PPEL FUND: Motion by Pekarek, second by Kock, resolved that the Board of Directors of BCLUW Community School District will transfer \$58,354.76 from the debt service fund to the PPEL fund after all debt from GO bonds are paid in full per 281-98.68(2)e of the Code of Iowa.
 Roll call vote: Feldpausch, Pekarek, Kock, Kopsa Engle: Ayes.
 No Nays. Motion carried.
 REVIEW OF POLICY 803.1, DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: This will have its final reading in February 2019.
 2019-2020 BUDGET CALENDAR: Motion by Kopsa, second by Pekarek to approve the calendar for the upcoming 2019-2020 budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
 2019-2020 DISTRICT VALUATION: The Board reviewed the district valuations for 2019-2020 and compared it to 2018-2019. The 2019-20 increase is \$8,939,339.
 COMMENDATIONS: Motion by Feldpausch, second by Pekarek to approve the following commendations:
 Karl King Honor Band: Kalia Stover, Elijah Bond, Sarah Garber, Calvin Zoske, Amber Parks, Mr. David Bartling, Instructor \$1,373 fundraised for the U of Iowa Dance Marathon charity, Spearheaded by: Parker Pike, Seaven Simpson, Jacob Geelhart, Sydney Anderson, Maliah Gunderson, Lindsay Beeghly and Mrs. Steckelberg and Mrs. Geelhart.
 All ayes. Motion carried.
 DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS
 Mr. Petty talked about supplemental state aid - it has not been set but the governor is recommending a 2.3% increase. With BCLUW's declining enrollment, we would see no new money with this increase. BCLUW would receive budget guarantee funds but that is only a one-year cushion and then it is gone so next school year is when we will see the biggest impact of the declining enrollment. Mr. Petty also spoke about hiring a shared social worker with a couple of other schools - as long as we have 20% of the contract, we would qualify for operational sharing which would pay for the cost of the social worker. Social workers would complete mental health evaluations and needs and take some of the load off of our counselors that are also taking care of all of the academic needs. The last thing that Mr. Petty talked about was the possibility of replacing lights with LED's. We are getting several quotes and will have them to the board next month.
 NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2019 at the High School in Conrad.
 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
 Eric Engle, Vice President
 Paula Benson, Secretary/Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
DIKE-NEW HARTFORD SCHOOL

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on January 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library for the regular monthly meeting with Lotts presiding and members Freese, Hinde and Tott. Nielsen was absent. Also present were administrators Stockdale, Petullo and Tector.
 Visitors present included Stacy Ascher, Sid Hayes, Chad Bixby, Wrayton Bern and Amy Seitz.
 Minutes of the December 17, 2018 regular meeting and the January 7, 2019 special meeting were approved as written on motion of Hinde and second of Tott. Vote all aye.
 The agenda was approved on motion of Tott and second of Freese. Vote all aye.
 Sid Hayes addressed the board and thanked school district administration and staff for the planning, preparation and setting offered during the funeral for one of his family members. He expressed appreciation to all staff members involved. Principal, Technology and Buildings & Grounds reports were reviewed with no action taken.
 Laube arrived at 6:20 p.m.
 CVW Coordinator Stacy Ascher and DNH Senior Lauren Vanderlind shared information regarding Lauren's internship experiences in journalism at DNH and marketing at GCMH. She also is working on organizing an upcoming gala event for the hospital. Stacy showed numbers of students participating in internships, job shadows and worksite tours through CVW.
 Special Education contracts with Cedar Falls and Storm Lake Schools were approved on motion of Tott and second of Freese. Vote all aye.
 Resignations from Brooklyn Hamilton - Dike Elem para and from Alexis Ostiguy - JH Social Studies teacher were approved on motion of Hinde and second of Tott. Vote all aye.
 On motion of Tott and second of Freese, contracts were approved for Brooklyn Hamilton - NH Night Custodian and Shantel Garwood - Shared HS Speech Coach. Vote all aye.
 On motion of Tott and second of Hinde, Superintendent Stockdale is authorized to affect staff reductions in the areas of the Pre-K-12 program that bring 2019-20 costs within resources in compliance with the collective bargaining agreement. It was noted that staff reductions are not anticipated at this time. Vote all aye.
 The standard form of agreement with Emergent Architects for master planning and pre-bond services was approved on motion of Freese and second of Tott. Vote all aye.
 Stockdale and Bern reviewed proposed summer projects which will continue to be researched including more bids and final cost estimates.
 On motion of Hinde and second of Tott, the Preventative Maintenance Proposal and Automation System Upgrade agreements with Woodman Controls were both approved as presented. Annual review and analysis of the programs will occur to monitor their cost effectiveness. Vote all aye.
 The purchase agreement for a small parcel of land to accommodate construction of the new NH bleachers was approved on motion of Tott and second of Freese. Vote all aye.
 The Grundy Register was named the official newspaper of the Dike-New Hartford School for 2019 on motion of Freese and second of Tott. Vote all aye.
 Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of Tott and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.
 On motion of Hinde and second of Freese, financial reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented. Vote all aye.
 A contract with The Donovan Group for services to market our school district including graphic design, presentation preparation, video, editing, media relations, possible bond referendum planning, branding, communication audits, and crisis communication, was approved on motion of Tott and second of Hinde. Evaluation will occur in 6 months. Vote all aye.
 Stockdale reported on the upcoming Iowa Leadership Academy for administration and instructional coaches. Also process for development of the 2019-20 school calendar which will be brought to the board for approval in February.
 Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Dike-New Hartford January 2019 Bill Listing
 Vendor Name/Description/Amount
 A.y. Mc Donald, Plbg Supplies ... 278.82
 Act Finance, Testing Services ... 832.00
 Afiac, Insurance ... 348.04
 Advantage Fs, Diesel ... 5,768.07
 Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal Services ... 4,266.50
 Alliant Energy, Utilities ... 24.81
 Arnold Motor Supply, Repair Parts, Supplies ... 87.75
 Auditor Of State, Audit Filing Fee ... 625.00
 B&B Lock & Key, Locks/Keys Supplies ... 368.39
 Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas ... 7,049.33
 Bucket Fillers, Supplies ... 62.15
 Casey's General Stores Inc, Gasoline, Supplies ... 846.64
 Cedar Falls Community Schools, Open Enrollment ... 42,570.16
 Central Iowa Distributing, Inc./Cleaning/Maint. Supplies ... 4,895.20
 Central Iowa Distributing, Inc./Cleaning/Maint. Supplies ... 1,018.10
 Century Link, Telephone Charges ... 1,024.71

City Of Dike, Utilities ... 10,710.99
 City Of New Hartford, Utilities ... 283.15
 City Sanitary Service Lc, Garbage Service ... 219.00
 Continental Research Corp, Maint Supplies ... 1,563.67
 Dove, Burnette, Mileage ... 53.04
 East, Kathryn, Mileage ... 187.20
 Ecowater Financial Services ... Water Conditioner ... 23.00
 Eiklenborg, Laura, Registration Fee ... 120.00
 Farmers Feed & Supply Inc, Grounds Supplies ... 38.46
 Folkets, Nicole, Supplies ... 7.29
 Hawkeye Bookstore, Textbooks ... 675.00
 I&S Group, Inc., Architect Service ... 4,502.75
 Iowa Assn Of School Boards/Registration Fee ... 1,100.00
 Iowa Communications Network Internet, Long Distance ... 75.45
 Iowa Department Of Human Services ... Medicaid ... 3,883.01
 Iowa School Employee, Insurance ... 4,879.18
 Johnstone Supply, Plbg/Htg Supplies ... 30.09
 Knudsen, David, Bus Physical ... 100.00
 Konken Electric, Inc., Electrical Repairs ... 381.12
 Kwik Star Stores, Gasoline/Supplies ... 657.17
 Lon's Plumbing & Heating, Plbg/Htg Supplies ... 417.84
 Mackin Educational Resources Supplies ... 228.44
 Marshalltown High School, Entry Fee ... 10.00
 Mastercard Corporate Clients ... Supplies ... 2,887.35
 Mid American Energy Electricity/Natural Gas ... 4,896.18
 Mid-America Publishing Co Publications ... 258.04
 Modern Piping Inc, Plbg/Htg Repairs ... 3,286.99
 Napa Auto Parts, Repair Parts ... 495.16
 Nolte, Conrman & Johnson Pc, Audit Services ... 6,300.00
 O'neal Steel, Inc, Ind Tech Supplies ... 292.00
 One Source, Background Checks ... 81.00
 Plunkett's Pest Control, Pest Control ... 1,179.92
 Purchase Power, Postage ... 1,039.47
 R&D Industries, Inc., Equip Repair/135.00
 Record Automatic Doors Inc, Repair Service ... 296.77
 Riley's Floors, Bldg Repairs ... 1,747.00
 Rite Environmental, Garbage Service ... 246.00
 Robotlab, Inc., Supplies ... 5,860.00
 School Bus Sales, Repair Parts ... 421.29
 School Specialty Inc., Supplies ... 363.89
 Seitz, Amy, Registration Fee ... 400.00
 Superior Welding Supply, Supplies ... 203.15
 Swisher & Coht, Legal Services ... 402.75
 Thomas Bus Sales, Repair Parts ... 169.01
 Timberline Billing Service, Medicaid Claims ... 252.19
 Ubben Building Supplies, Supplies ... 186.01
 United Healthcare Plan, Insurance ... 75,570.78
 Van Meter Company, The, Electrical Supplies ... 1,116.88
 Walsh Door & Hardware Co, Repair Service ... 1,880.00
 Wbc Mechanical, Inc. Boiler Parts/Service ... 693.31
 Weber Paper Company, Maint Supplies ... 1,077.30
 West Music Co, Music Supplies/Equipment ... 10,124.25
 Woodman Controls, Repair Service ... 632.50
Fund Total ... 222,379.71
Activity Fund
 Adrenaline Fundraising, Fundraiser ... 1,140.00
 Agwrs High School, Nicl Meals ... 300.00
 Allman, Steve, Official ... 100.00
 Aluminum Athletic Equipment, Athletic Supplies ... 1,025.00
 American Cancer Society, Coaches Vs Cancer ... 2,500.00
 Apple Computer, Inc. Computer Supplies/Equip ... 1,794.00
 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Supplies ... 2,286.52
 Bargman, Hugh, Nfl Card Winner ... 5.00
 Bcluw High School, Entry Fee ... 60.00
 Big Daddy's Dream Machine. Dj Service ... 125.00
 Blough, Lizzy, Coaching ... 250.00
 Bsn Sports, Athletic Supplies ... 8,227.80
 Byerly, Brianne, Official ... 100.00
 Callan, Dewey, Nfl Card Winner ... 20.00
 Central Rivers Aea, Services, Supplies ... 102.88
 Clark, Kyle, Official ... 100.00
 Club Husky Volleyball, Entry Fee ... 75.00
 Cornfed Designs, Supplies ... 403.04
 Crawford, Brian, Official ... 200.00
 Cross, Kevin, Nfl Card Winner ... 10.00
 Dall, Ben, Nfl Card Winner ... 100.00
 Davis, John, Nfl Card Winner ... 60.00
 Dean, Randolph, Official ... 150.00
 Dike-New Hartford SchoolProm Supplies ... 11.07
 Dunkelberger, Josh, Official ... 230.00
 Earles, Doug, Nfl Card Winner ... 200.00
 Eiklenborg, Brad, Official ... 175.00
 Eiklenborg, Laura, Cheer Supplies/315.11
 Ellsworth Comm College, Entry Fee ... 75.00
 Espenscheid, Thad, Official ... 100.00
 Ewald, Gary, Official ... 100.00
 Frahm, Erin, Vb Registration ... 48.00
 Franken, Jordan, Coaching ... 250.00
 Galaxy Volleyball, Entry Fee ... 75.00
 Garwood, Shantel, Play Cast Meal ... 194.69
 Gbpac, Tickets ... 279.00
 Grundy Center Comm. School/Entry Fee ... 50.00
 Grundy Center Volleyball Club/Entry Fee

Hames, Brad, Nfl Card Winner ... 40.00
 Hedges, Madison, Coaching ... 250.00
 Hensley, Linda, Nfl Card Winner ... 40.00
 Hicks, Jacey, Vb Fees ... 68.00
 Hildman, Mark, Official ... 100.00
 Hoffer, Casey, Official ... 100.00
 Ihsbca, Registration Fee ... 75.00
 Iowa Central Community College, Meals-Honor Band ... 40.00
 Iowa Elite Vbc, Entry Fee ... 160.00
 Iowa High School Athletic Assn Awards, State Wrest Tickets ... 924.60
 Iowa High School Speech Assn, Entry Fees ... 219.00
 Iowa Sports Supply, Athletic Supplies ... 734.00
 Ixl Learning, Software ... 914.00
 J.w.pepper, Music ... 583.04
 Jacobs, Brian, Nfl Card Winner ... 40.00
 Johnson, Becky, Nfl Card Winner ... 5.00
 Johnson, Randy, Nfl Card Winner ... 5.00
 Josten's, Annual Printing ... 674.00
 Kalvig, Michael, Official ... 100.00
 Kopriya, Tim, Nfl Card Winner ... 40.00
 Kwik Star Stores, Gasoline/Supplies ... 335.64
 Latwessen, Steve, Nfl Card Winner ... 20.00
 Leonard, Sean, Reimb Hotel ... 115.12
 Luckeroth, Robert, Official ... 115.00
 Luther College, Registration Fee ... 83.00
 Lynch, Alex, Nfl Card Winner ... 60.00
 Martin Bros Distributing Co, Food Products/Supplies ... 643.66
 Marx, Justin, Nfl Card Winner ... 60.00
 Mastercard Corporate Clients, Supplies ... 2,061.68
 Mcmaster-Carr, Supplies ... 303.24
 Meeks, Marcus, Official ...

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRUNDY CENTER

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2019 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Miller, and Steff. Absent: Grineski and Hamann. Steff moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflicts of interest noted. Motion carried three ayes. Kuester moved and Steff seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held January 7, 2019. Motion carried three ayes. Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:33 p.m. No public comment. Steff moved and Miller seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:33pm on Ordinance 545, an ordinance amending Chapter 106-08 1(A) Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Fees. No public comments. Kuester moved and Miller seconded action to close the public hearing, motions carried three ayes. Steff moved and Miller seconded action on the First Reading on Ordinance 545, an ordinance amending the Chapter 106-08 1(A) Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Fees. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Miller moved and Steff seconded action on Resolution 2019-04, a resolution to approve the Investment Policy for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Kuester moved and Steff seconded action on Resolution 2019-05, a resolution approving the depositories for the City of Grundy Center. No further comments, motion carried three ayes. Steff moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolutions 2019-06, a resolution approving the Credit Card Policy and procedures for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Kuester moved and Miller seconded action on Resolutions 2019-07, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kiewiet to enter into a preconstruction agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for intakes repairs. Bagasser explained this is for two intakes on East G Avenue along Highway 175. No further discussion, mo-

tion carried three ayes. Mayor Kiewiet began a discussion on the Road Diet presentation that we received from the Iowa Department of Transportation. This means that G Avenue may be converted from a four lane road down to three lanes. A video was shown explaining the conversion. Lengthy discussion about the positives and negatives of this type of conversion. Iowa DOT says many cities have already converted to this. Steff commented that a concern would be parallel parking and how much traffic would get back up. Miller suggested that visiting some communities our size that already have this. Lisa Bienfang, GC Chamber-Main Street Director, commented that a meeting was recently held with Cody Leseman, Transportation Planner with INRCOG, and suggested the Council speak with Leseman regarding his experience with this type of conversion. Katie Lewis, Main Street Grundy Center representative and business owner, commented on potential issues with large deliveries from semis. No formal action was taken on this project. A decision must be given to Iowa DOT if the City wishes to apply for a grant for this project by May 2019. Finance Committee commented budget amendment will be discussed at next meeting; FY2020 budget requests have been turned in; Design Guideline Ordinance is with City Attorney for review; City Attorney also proceeding with Development Agreement for 801 8th Street; and travel baseball team requesting to use the Sports Complex on May 4-5, 2019 for tournament. Public Safety Committee commented on yearly stat packet of information; discussion on parking on G Avenue from 2a-6a and will proceed with ordinance; discussion on one-way driving on 9th Street from I to J Avenue in front of Elementary School and need for updated signage. Public Works Committee commented that sidewalk maintenance for snow removal needs to be address; and streets were being blown shut with winds today by Creekside. Steff moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried three ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:30pm. Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk GR5-1 Al Kiewiet, Mayor

BOARD PROCEEDINGS GRUNDY COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in the Supervisors' room at the Grundy County Courthouse on January 14, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. Chairperson Schildroth called the meeting to order with the following members present: Smith, Bakker, Nederhoff, and Ross. The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Ross and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried unanimously. Motion was made by Nederhoff and seconded by Bakker to approve final payment voucher with Iowa Bridge and Culvert of Vouching, Iowa, on Bridge No. C-30, Project No. BROS-C038(101)-8J-38, and to authorize the chairperson to sign said document. Carried unanimously. Motion was made by Bakker and seconded by Smith to approve the 2019 Weed Commissioner Certification as Harlyn Riekens effective May 1, 2019, and to authorize the chairperson to sign said document. Carried unanimously. Gary Mauer, County Engineer, reviewed the FY2020 Secondary Road and Weed Department budgets and department matters with the Board. Erika L. Allen, County Attorney, reviewed the FY2020 County Attorney and Court Services budgets with the Board. Mark Jungling, Custodian, reviewed proposed maintenance projects for FY2020 with the Board. There was a consensus

by the supervisors that the roof on the annex building should be repaired by Shay Wical. Carie Sager, Zoning Administrator and Sanitarian, reviewed her FY2020 Zoning and Sanitarian budgets with the Board. Kevin Williams, Conservation Board Director, Ann Smith and James Mutch, Grundy County Conservation Board members, reviewed the FY2020 conservation budget with the Board. Todd Rickett, General Assistance Co-Director, Chemical Dependency Fund Co-Director, and County Safety Coordinator, reviewed the FY2020 General Assistance, Chemical Dependence, and Safety budgets with the Board. Jared Gutknecht, President, Kyle Dudden, Vice President, Jodi Michael, Treasurer, and Justin Lynch, Grundy County Agricultural Society, reviewed the FY2020 grant request of the Grundy County Fair Board with the Board. At 10:40 a.m., Supervisor Ross left the meeting. Motion was made by Bakker and seconded by Smith to appoint Jarrod Bakker as a Grant Township Trustee with a term ending December 31, 2020. Carried unanimously. Following a general discussion regarding the fiscal year 2020 budget, motion was made by Bakker and seconded by Smith to adjourn. Carried unanimously. Mark Schildroth, Chairperson Rhonda R. Deters, County Auditor GR5-1

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harold R. Skramovsky, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102302 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold R. Skramovsky, Deceased, who died on or about 14th day of November, 2018: You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of January, 2019, the last will and testament of Harold R. Skramovsky, deceased, bearing date of the 17th day of July, 1969, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Ken R. Skramovsky was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 15th day of January, 2019. Ken R. Skramovsky Executor of estate 602 Reo Rd, PO Box 464 Conrad, IA 50621 John S. Livingston, #AT0004729 Attorney for Executor 710 King Street, PO Box 280 Gladbrook, IA 50635 Date of second publication 31st day of January, 2019. GR4-2

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Don Hammons Vreeland, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102304 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Don Hammons Vreeland, Deceased, who died on or about January 9, 2019: You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of January, 2019, the last will and testament of Don Hammons Vreeland, deceased, bearing date of December 13, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Roger William Vreeland and Mary Louise Hawk were appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested

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to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 17th day of January, 2019. Roger R. Schoell Attorney for Executors Grimes, Buck, Schoell, Beach & Hitchins 102 E Church Street, PO Box 776 Marshalltown, IA 50158 Date of second publication 7th day of February, 2019. GR5-2

Activity Fund Board Report - December 2018

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts for the December 2018 activity fund report.

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts for the January 2019 Additional Bills report.

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts for the January 2019 Board Report.

PUBLIC NOTICE BCLUW SCHOOL

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts for the BCLUW School report.

Table with columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts for the BCLUW School report.

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lois J. Skramovsky, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102301 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lois J. Skramovsky, Deceased, who died on or about 12th day of February, 2016: You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of January, 2019, the last will and testament of Lois J. Skramovsky, deceased, bearing date of the 17th day of July, 1969, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Ken R. Skramovsky was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Dated this 15th day of January, 2019. Ken R. Skramovsky Executor of estate 602 Reo Rd, PO Box 464 Conrad, IA 50621 John S. Livingston, #AT0004729 Attorney for Executor 710 King Street, PO Box 280 Gladbrook, IA 50635 Date of second publication 31st day of January, 2019. GR4-2

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Boys state soccer changes in 2020

The Iowa high school boys soccer state tournament will have some scheduling changes to insert rest days for teams playing at the Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines, beginning with the 2020 season.

The change, recommended by the soccer advisory committee, was one of the major topics approved at the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Board of Control meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24.

"We believe this will be an excellent change when it comes to the health, safety and performance of the student-athletes participating in state soccer," said Alan Beste, IHSAA executive director.

The 2020 state soccer quar-

terfinals will be held on Monday, June 1, with semifinals on June 3 and finals on June 5.

This year's state soccer schedule will remain unchanged from the three-day format, set to begin on May 30, with finals on June 1 in Des Moines.

The Board of Control also approved several other soccer adjustments, including a classification restructuring in time for the 2020 season. The new structure will have the 48 teams with the highest enrollment in Class 3A, then the next 56 biggest in Class 2A and the remainder in 1A. This will move the cutoff by eight teams from 2019, where the format is 48 teams in 3A, 48 in 2A and the remainder in 1A.

Kickbush sets Wartburg 3-point record

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

Cam Kickbush, a Gladbrook-Reinbeck graduate now in his senior season with Wartburg College's men's basketball team, is the new career record holder for three-point shots made at Wartburg.

Kickbush hit five 3-point shots in Wartburg's 82-65 victory against the University of Dubuque on Jan. 19.

The previous record belonged to Pat Morrison, who hit 223 three-point shots in his career. Kickbush has drained 61 3-pointers in his first 18 games with the Knights this season, second on the team with a 15.2 points-per-game average.

The Knights are 12-6 overall with a 6-3 record in the American Rivers Conference.

Winter postponements

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

Schedule changes due to extreme weather are as follows:

Gladbrook-Reinbeck at West Marshall girls/boys basketball moved to Thursday, Jan. 31.

BCLUW at AGWSR girls/boys basketball moved to Jan. 31.

Aplington-Parkersburg at Dike-New Hartford moved to Monday, Feb. 4.

Gladbrook-Reinbeck at Sumner-Fredericksburg girls/boys basketball moved to Feb. 4.

BCLUW at East Marshall girls/boys basketball moved to Thursday, Feb. 7.

Dike-New Hartford at Wapsie Valley girls/boys basketball postponed, boys game moved to Feb. 11, no girls game date set at press time.

Postseason path for girls set

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union issued postseason pairings for girls basketball teams in Class 1A, 2A and 3A.

The Grundy Center girls kick off their road to Wells Fargo Arena at home in the home gym at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 between the winner of Lake Mills and Eagle Grove, which will be played on Feb. 9.

Elsewhere in Region 3, BCLUW will open postseason play at Hudson on Feb. 9. The winner of that game will play at Jesup on Feb. 12.

A Class 2A Region 3 semifinal will also be in Grundy Center on Feb. 15. The regional final is planned for Feb. 18 at Denver or New Hampton.

Dike-New Hartford will begin postseason play in Class 2A Re-

gion 7 on Feb. 12 in Dike against the winner of Ogden and South Hamilton. The regional semifinal will be in Huxley on Feb. 15 and the regional final will be played at either Waukee or Johnston on Feb. 18.

In Class 1A Region 3, Gladbrook-Reinbeck hosts Waterloo Christian at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7.

On the bottom half of the Region 3 bracket, AGWSR earned a first-round bye and will play the winner of Don Bosco/North Tama in Ackley on Feb. 12.

The regional semifinal in G-R's side of the bracket is scheduled for Feb. 15 in New Hampton or Cedar Falls. On AGWSR's side, the semifinal is scheduled for La Porte City. The Region 3 final tips off at 7 p.m. in Cedar Falls.

Kolthoff champion at NICL tourney

D-NH leads area teams in 4th

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

PARKERSBURG — Taylor Kolthoff wanted to be No. 1 this time around.

The South Hardin-BCLUW junior did that on Saturday with style, winning the 120-pound title at the North Iowa Cedar League tournament in Parkersburg, and picking up his 100th-career victory along the way.

Kolthoff pinned West Marshall's Jacob Vawter in 2:25 in the quarterfinal and held off AGWSR's Trey Lashbrook by a 3-2 decision in an intense semifinal match for Kolthoff's 100th career victory.

In the championship match against Denver's Jacob Moore, Kolthoff was dominant, scoring a 14-2 major decision.

"This is great," Kolthoff said. "I was second my freshman year, third last year, so I just really wanted to shoot for first place."

Denver won the team title with 287.5 points, followed by Union with 238 and East Marshall/GMG with 176.5. Dike-New Hartford finished fourth with 140 points, the Storm finished seventh with 102 points, Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 11th with 49 points and AGWSR 12th with 48.5 points.

Earlier this year, Lashbrook defeated Kolthoff in sudden victory at a Dec. 13 dual in Conrad. At last year's NICL tourney, Lashbrook beat Kolthoff in the first tiebreaker period.

Lashbrook led 2-1 heading into the final period on Saturday, but Kolthoff worked his way out from bottom position to score a reversal midway through the period, and was able to barely hold Lashbrook off from escaping before time expired.

"He's strong and lengthy, so I had to get a good defense against that," Kolthoff said.

Storm co-coach Stacy Simpson added, "Those two are so close in ability, it could've gone the other way last time and it could've gone the other way today. It's a matter of inches. We talked about him being smart and staying out of bad positions today."

Moore, who defeated Lashbrook for the 113-pound title at last year's NICL meet, was no match for Kolthoff on Saturday.

A takedown and three near-fall points got Kolthoff a 5-0 lead after the first period, stretching that to 9-1 after two periods.

"I had to overcome his strength of having a strong, tight collar tie," Kolthoff said of the match with Moore. "Just try to overpower him and be defensive."

Owen Fuller placed second for the Storm at 182, falling to Sumner-Fredericksburg's Weiland Steffen in the title bout. Carter Kolthoff and Coby Willett both finished third at 106 and 132 pounds, respectively.

Daniel Graves of D-NH placed 2nd at 220 pounds.

"This is a tough tournament, and sectionals will be, too," D-NH head coach Tony Norton said. "One thing to focus on this week will be being more consistent. All of our guys at points today looked good, and all of our guys at points today looked not so good. We gotta get them to stay focused."

Union's Lane Albertsen, ranked fourth in IAWrestle.com's latest rankings, shut out Graves in a 9-0 major decision for the 220-pound title.

Union will be one of five teams joining D-NH at Saturday's sectional wrestling tournament in Parkersburg, including A-P/GC, South Hardin-BCLUW, Waterloo Colum-

buss and Independence. In that sense, the NICL tournament showed the work ahead for several of the teams in attendance on Saturday.

"We've got to close that gap this week," Norton said. "Daniel's been a great leader for us all year and shown improvement all four years and especially this year."

The Wolverines also got fourth-place finishes from Zach Starbuck, Jacob Leohr, Nathan Graves and Grant Bixby. Caden Ragsdale, Jace Petersen, Reece Roberts, Tristin Cleveland, Aidan Walters all placed in fifth to boost D-NH up the leaderboard.

Lashbrook battled back to finish third for AGWSR, defeating Hunter Worthen in sudden victory and winning an 8-3 decision against Columbus' Sam Hackett.

Brody Roder was fourth, Ali Gerbracht sixth and Zach Johnson seventh.

A-P/GC's Brier Uhlenhopp battled his way back to the third-place match at 145 pounds and scored an early second-period fall against Lane Hennings of Union.

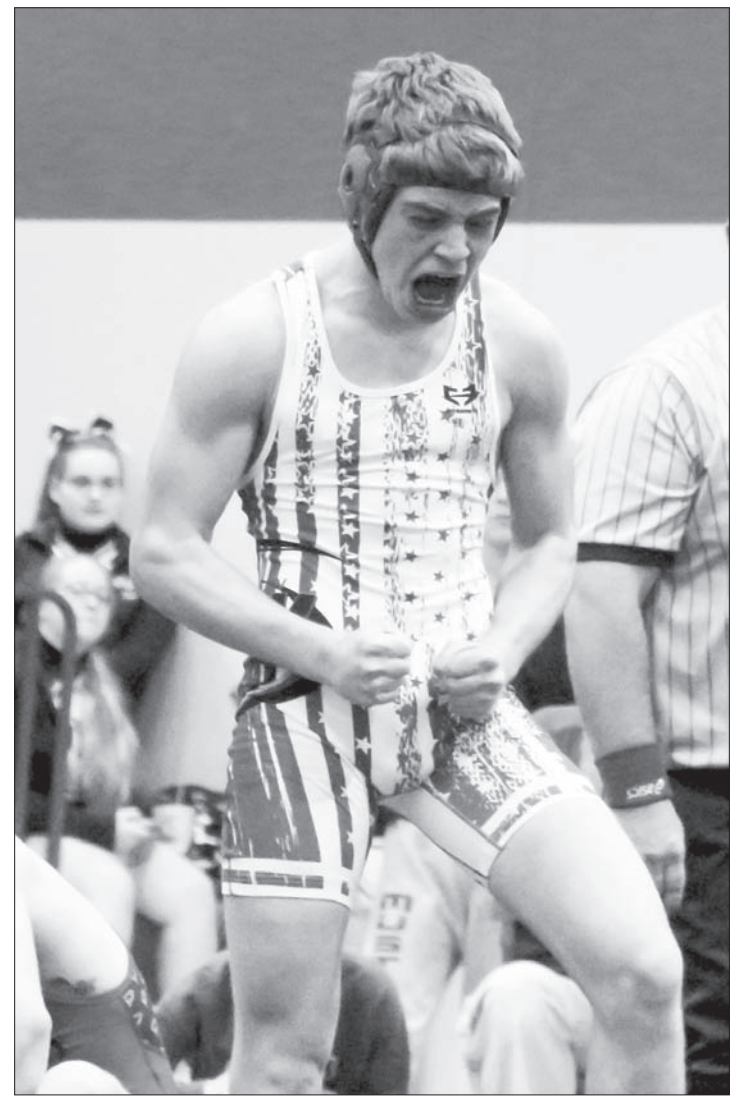
"He was seeded third coming in, and you always want to wrestle at or above your seed," A-P/GC head coach Brian Benning said. "It's that time of year, he looked good doing it."

Kolby Muller went 2-2 to finish in fifth at heavyweight. Nathan Klahsen and Cole Heideman finished seventh at 138 and 182 pounds, respectively, and Jayden Bowles (106), Zach Klahsen (113) and Austin Knaack (152) all finished eighth in their division.

"At this time of year, we want to be our best every time we go out," Benning said. "We've been working hard on our next-match mentality and I think we're getting somewhere with that."

Sectional wrestling action starts at noon on Saturday in Parkersburg.

"What we're doing is rewarding, it's just not measurable in gold and silver medals," Benning said. "But we've gotta have eyes on the future: How good do they want to be, and do they have the follow through to get to their vision. Hopefully their eyes are forward."



South Hardin-BCLUW's Taylor Kolthoff roars in celebration after winning the 120-pound title at the NICL Tournament in Parkersburg. (Jake Ryder photo)

NICL Tournament

At A-P High School

Team scores: 1. Denver 287.5; 2. Union 238; 3. East Marshall/GMG 176.5; 4. Dike-New Hartford 140; 5. Hudson 132; 6. Sumner-Fredericksburg 115; 7. South Hardin-BCLUW 102; 8. West Marshall 64; 9. Jesup 61.5; 10. Wapsie Valley 58.5; 11. Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 49; 12. AGWSR 48.5; 13. Waterloo Columbus 23.

Individual results

AGWSR

106—Ali Gerbracht, 6th, 1-3. 113—Zach Johnson, 7th, 2-2. 120—Trey Lashbrook, 3rd, 3-1. 152—Brody Roder, 4th, 2-2. 170—Dayton Haley, 0-2.

A-P/GC

106—Jayden Bowles, 8th, 0-3. 113—Zach Klahsen, 8th, 0-3. 138—Nathan Klahsen, 7th, 3-2. 145—Brier Uhlenhopp, 3rd, 3-1. 152—Austin Knaack, 8th, 2-3. 160—Ben Ogle, 0-2. 182—Cole Heideman, 7th, 2-2. 285—Kolby Muller, 5th, 2-2.

D-NH

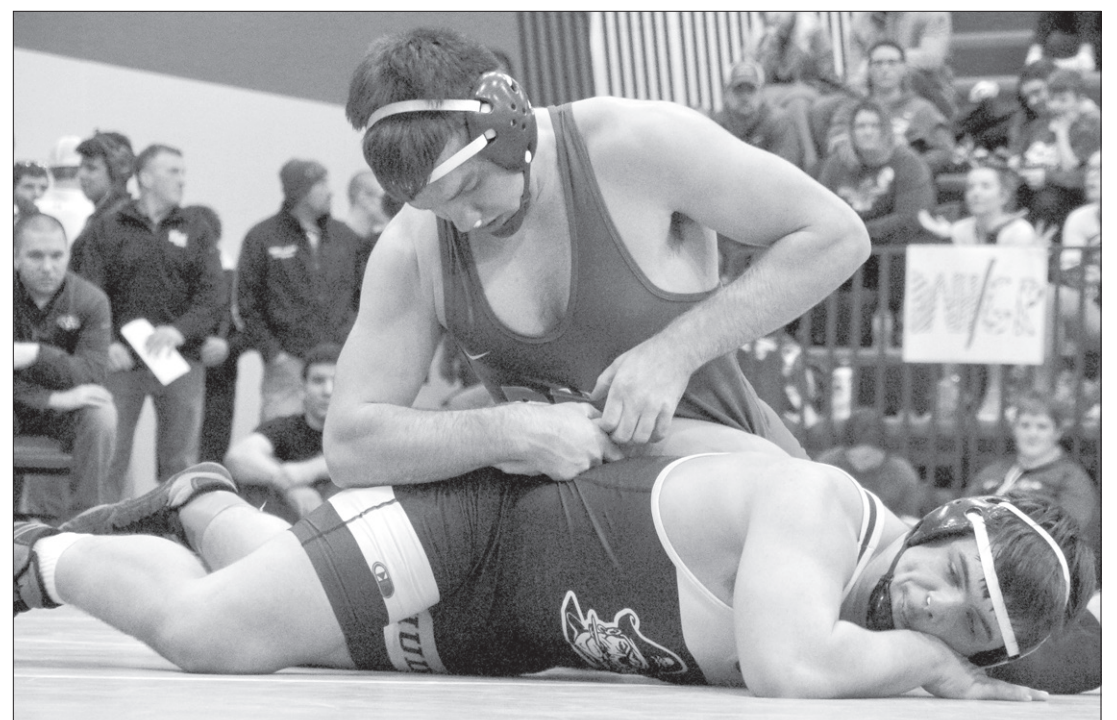
113—Caden Ragsdale, 5th, 3-2. 126—Grant Bixby, 4th, 2-2. 132—Cole Engel, 0-2. 138—Jace Petersen, 5th, 3-2. 145—Reece Roberts, 5th, 2-2. 152—Tristin Cleveland, 5th, 2-2. 160—Cole Graves, 8th, 1-3. 170—Aidan Walters, 5th, 3-2. 182—Nathan Graves, 4th, 2-2. 195—Zach Starbuck, 4th, 2-2. 220—Daniel Graves, 2nd, 2-1. 285—Jacob Leohr, 4th, 2-2.

SH-BCLUW

106—Carter Kolthoff, 3rd, 3-1. 113—Nick Feldpausch, 6th, 1-3. 120—Taylor Kolthoff, 1st, 3-0. 132—Coby Willett, 3rd, 3-1. 138—Neifer Ralston, 0-2. 145—Nick Curl, 7th, 1-2. 152—Kade Pekarek, 6th, 2-3. 182—Owen Fuller, 2nd, 2-1. 195—Lucas Gunderson, 7th, 1-2.



AGWSR's Trey Lashbrook looks for a reversal on Union's Hunter Worthen during their consolation semifinal match at the NICL tourney in Parkersburg. (Jake Ryder photo)



D-NH's Daniel Graves keeps a hold of Hudson's Blake Johnson during their 220-pound semifinal match at the NICL wrestling tournament in Parkersburg on Saturday. (Jake Ryder photo)

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The Spartans' Tanner Appel (44) and Derek Ciddo (32) stretch for the basketball along with AGWSR's Alex Hames (21) and Luke Starr (33) during Grundy Center's 66-56 victory over the Cougars. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Spartan boys trending upward

By SCOTT BIERLE
Mid-America Publishing
ACKLEY - Two teams heading in opposite directions battled here Friday and the recent trends remained intact.

A red-hot Grundy Center club defeated the AGWSR boys' basketball team, 66-56 during a key North Iowa Cedar League West Conference contest.

The Cougars lost the conference lead, slipping to 7-3 and are 9-7 overall, going 2-7 over the last nine games after a 7-0 start to the season.

The 10-point win was the Spartans' fifth straight, improving to 7-8 overall and 4-6 in the league after going just 2-8 over the first 10-games. The victory also avenged a 49-34 loss in the first meeting at Grundy Center.

A big third quarter for Grundy Center was the difference as the visitors outscored AGWSR, 23-12 and took command after the two were knotted 29-all at the break. The Spartans made 11 three-point goals and five came in the third with two for Travis Kuester and one each for Zach Opheim, Tanner Appel and Mitchell Munson.

Grundy unleashed a 14-2 run that turned a 34-32 deficit early in the third into a nine-point cushion. Appel scored seven in

the spurt. "They outthusted us and knocked down the shots. We didn't play as hard and execute as well as we needed. That is the short and simple of it," stated AGWSR head coach Russ Banzhaf.

The Cougars whittled a 52-41 deficit through three to five, 57-52 on a Tanner Weichers' bucket with 2:44 showing on an 11-5 start to the fourth. Titan Opperman fueled the rally with five points. The hosts were still within six at 61-55 on a Luke Starr three-ball before Grundy made late free throws.

"We cut it back to five once, but they deserve the credit. Grundy Center did what it takes to get the win tonight. They got the loose balls and we didn't get the rebounds, they were getting second and third chances," noted Banzhaf. The Cougars were out-rebounded, 37-18.

The first 16-minutes were back and forth as the two traded the lead six times and Weichers' bucket seconds before the buzzer deadlocked the game at 29s.

Starr scored a game-high and 17 points and made three of the team's five 3-pointers. Opperman added 14 points, Weichers 11 and Alex Hames 10. Starr was credited with five rebounds,

GC	10	19	25	12	-	66
AGWSR	12	17	19	8	-	56

GC scoring: Tanner Appel 14, Joe Johnson 14, Travis Kuester 14, Mitchell Munson 13, Cale Hendricks 8, Zach Opheim 3. Totals 23-46 9-16 66.

AGWSR scoring: Luke Starr 17, Titan Opperman 14, Tanner Weichers 11, Alex Hames 10, Jaden Penning 2, Josh Bartling 2. Totals 22-53 7-13 56.

3-pointers: GC 11 (Kuester 4, Appel 3, Munson 3, Opheim); AGWSR 5 (Starr 3, Opperman, Hames). **Rebounds:** GC 37 (Appel 12, Johnson 7, Kuester 7, Hendricks 5); AGWSR 21 (Opperman 5, three with 4). **Assists:** GC 19 (Kuester 7, Munson 5); AGWSR 19 (Penning 7). **Steals:** GC 9 (Hendricks 2, Kuester 2, Johnson 2); AGWSR 6 (Penning 4). **Blocks:** GC 3 (three with 1); AGWSR 0. **Fouls:** GC 16, AGWSR 15. **Fouled out:** AGWSR (Weichers, Opperman).

Opperman five steals and Jaden Penning seven assists and four steals.

The Spartans also booked four cagers in double figures with 14 points each for Kuester, Appel and Joe Johnson, and 13 for Cale Hendricks. Kuester connected on four treys with three for Appel and Hendricks as the winners were 11-of-25 beyond the arc.

Gienger goes off on Redhawks

G-R boys outpace North Tama
By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

REINBECK - Taylor Gienger scored a career-high 29 points as Gladbrook-Reinbeck girls basketball won a 60-56 battle with North Tama in Reinbeck on Saturday.

Gienger shot 10 of 29 from the floor and 7-of-9 from the free-throw line, adding six assists and nine steals.

Reagan Skovgard added 10 points and Saari Kuehl scored seven points with a team-leading nine rebounds.

With 13.1 seconds left, North Tama had the ball, facing a 58-56 deficit. A miscommunication

led to a bad pass that Gienger picked off. The Redhawks fouled Gienger, who hit her final two free throws of the night to put the game away.

G-R won its third consecutive game in the process, improving to 7-10 overall.

North Tama	11	13	17	15	-	56
G-R	18	12	15	15	-	60

G-R scoring: Taylor Gienger 29, Reagan Skovgard 10, Belen Ellenberger 7, Saari Kuehl 7, Rachel Cooley 6, Mahayla Olson 1. Totals 20-62 14-24 60.

3-pointers: Gienger 2, Skovgard 2, Kuehl, Cooley. **Rebounds:** Kuehl 9, Cooley 5, Ellenberger 5. **Assists:** Gienger 6. **Steals:** Gienger 9, Ellenberger 4. **Blocks:** Kuehl 2, Gienger.

Big first quarter

The Rebel boys outscored North Tama 15-5 in the first eight minutes of play, eventually closing out the 57-40 win over the Redhawks.

Tyler Tschertter scored 19 points to lead G-R (10-4), adding six assists and five steals. Jackson Kiburis had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds and Eli Thede scored nine points and contributed six steals.

G-R led 23-16 at halftime and outscored the Redhawks by 10 in the second half. The Rebels improved to 4-1 in non-league games this season.

North Tama	5	11	14	10	-	40
G-R	15	8	18	16	-	57

G-R scoring: Tyler Tschertter 19, Jackson Kiburis 18, Eli Thede 9, Dylan Riffey 8, Cullen Eiffler 3. Totals 20-52 10-15 57.

3-pointers: Tschertter 3, Riffey 2, Thede, Kiburis. **Rebounds:** Kiburis 10, Thede 4, Clark 4. **Assists:** Tschertter 6, Thede 3, Kiburis 3. **Steals:** Thede 6, Tschertter 5. **Blocks:** Eiffler.

Two big wins for D-NH boys

By JAKE RYDER
Mid-America Publishing
The Dike-New Hartford boys basketball team won a pair of big games in a 24-hour span in Dike on Friday and Saturday.

The Wolverines overwhelmed Hudson, 61-13, on Friday, Jan. 25 and pulled away from Charles City in the late stages of a 79-78 win on Saturday.

D-NH (13-1, 10-1 NICL East) has won nine straight games. Games are scheduled for Friday at Waterloo Columbus and Saturday at Union, weather permitting.

Second-half shutout

The Wolverines held the Pirates scoreless in the final two quarters of a 61-13 blowout in Dike.

Hudson shot 6 of 23 from the floor and D-NH outrebounded the Pirates 24-10. The Wolverines added 17 team steals.

The Wolverines also avenged their only loss of the season thus

far, a 64-56 defeat in Hudson on Dec. 14.

Colton Harberts scored 13 points with five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Dane Fuller added 10 points and Derek Kinney and Cade Fuller scored nine points each. Kinney added a team-leading seven rebounds with three assists. D-NH had a 32-13 lead at halftime.

Jacob Murray led the Pirates with six points and five rebounds.

Hudson	4	9	0	0	-	13
D-NH	15	17	15	14	-	61

D-NH scoring: Colton Harberts 13, Dane Fuller 10, Cade Fuller 9, Derek Kinney 9, Tim Koop 4, Isaac Jorgensen 3, Ryan Moore 2, Nathan Moore 2, Drew Sonnenberg 2, Noah Epley 2, AJ Wegener 2, Mason Dietrick 2, Parker Kiewiet 1. Totals 24-40 10-18.

3-pointers: D. Fuller, C. Fuller, Jorgensen. **Rebounds:** Kinney 7, Harberts 5. **Assists:** Koop 4, Harberts 4. **Steals:** Harberts 4. **Blocks:** Harberts, Kinney.

Fuller, Harberts score big

D-NH broke a 65-65 tie in the fourth quarter with a 9-1

scoring run and Charles City's potential game-tying 3-pointer with time expiring was off the mark as the Wolverines secured the 79-78 victory.

Cade Fuller scored a career-high 32 points on 12-of-19 shooting, including five 3-pointers. Colton Harberts added 21 points and 12 rebounds. Derek Kinney scored eight points with eight rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

The Wolverines got much better after a difficult first quarter put D-NH in a 16-7 deficit. By the end of the third quarter, D-NH had rallied back to a 53-50 lead.

Charles City	16	19	15	28	-	78
D-NH	7	21	25	26	-	79

D-NH scoring: Cade Fuller 32, Colton Harberts 21, Dane Fuller 8, Derek Kinney 8, Ryan Moore 3, Parker Kiewiet 3, Tim Koop 2, Owen Goos 2. Totals 32-60 6-11 79.

3-pointers: C. Fuller 5, Kinney 2, Moore, Kiewiet. **Rebounds:** Harberts 12, Kinney 8, C. Fuller 4. **Assists:** Koop 4, Kinney 4, D. Fuller 4. **Steals:** D. Fuller 2. **Blocks:** Kinney 3, Harberts 2.

Nine straight for D-NH girls

By JAKE RYDER
Mid-America Publishing
DIKE - The Dike-New Hartford girls basketball team defeated Hudson on Friday, 55-38, for the Wolverines' ninth-consecutive victory.

Morgan Weber led D-NH (12-2, 10-2 NICL East) with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting, adding five rebounds, three as-

sists and two blocked shots. Ellie Foster scored 15 points with four rebounds and four assists and Katie Knock scored eight points with four rebounds and three assists.

D-NH led 35-15 at halftime. The Wolverines made nine 3-point shots. Jill Eilderts led D-NH with six rebounds.

Hudson	7	8	15	8	-	38
D-NH	24	11	15	5	-	55

D-NH scoring: Morgan Weber 21, Ellie Foster 15, Katie Knock 8, Jill Eilderts 4, Sophia Hoffmann 3, Carlee Dove 2, Sydney Latwesen 2. Totals 22-56 2-9 55.

3-pointers: Weber 4, Foster 3, Knock 2. **Rebounds:** Eilderts 6, Weber 5, three with 4. **Assists:** Foster 4, four with 3. **Steals:** Three with 2. **Blocks:** Weber 2.

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The Grundy Center girls basketball team clinched a fourth-consecutive NICL West title with a 63-27 win against West Marshall on Saturday. (Contributed photo)

Spartan girls clinch NICL West

By **JAKE RYDER**
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER — The Grundy Center girls basketball team clinched an outright NICL West title for the fourth consecutive season in a 63-27 victory over West Marshall on Saturday. The Spartans are 16-0 overall and 11-0 in the NICL West. The Trojans entered Saturday's matchup one game behind the Spartans in the standings.

Hailey Wallis scored 19 points to pace the Spartan attack, adding five rebounds, five steals and three assists. Kylie Willis and Brooke Flater scored 10 points each. Willis had five rebounds and Flater contributed four rebounds and three steals. After the first quarter, Grundy Center led 22-7, stretching it to 43-17 at halftime. The Spartans were 23-of-41 shooting on Saturday.

West Marshall	7	10	6	4	—	27
Grundy Center	22	21	11	9	—	63

GC scoring: Hailey Wallis 19, Kylie Willis 10, Brooke Flater 10, Maddie McMartin 6, Cora Saak 6, Reegan Zinkula 5, Sarah Lindeman 5, Sydney Mathews 2. Totals 23-41 8-10 63.

3-pointers: Wallis 2, McMartin 2, Saak 2, Flater, Zinkula, Lindeman.

Rebounds: Wallis 5, Willis 5, Flater 4. **Assists:** Mathews 3, McMartin 3, Wallis 3. **Steals:** Wallis 5, Flater 3. **Blocks:** Wallis, Lindeman.



The Spartans' Brooke Flater shoots the basketball between Cougar defenders Alyssa Hames (12), Natalie Lippert (30) and Morgan Bakker (42) during NICL West play Friday. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Trojans halt Spartan momentum

By **JAKE RYDER**
The Grundy Register
Grundy Center's winning streak came to an end Saturday in a 73-37 defeat against a talented West Marshall team trying to maintain its top spot in the NICL West. The streak ended at five games for the Spartans, an impressive run after a difficult 2-8 start to the season. West Marshall (10-5, 7-2 NICL West) leads AGWSR by a half-game and Gladbrook-Reinbeck and South Hardin by a full

game in the NICL West standings. Weather-delayed games could make for a wild finish to the season. The Spartans (7-9, 4-7) could play spoiler for the Tigers in Grundy's final game of the league schedule, which is planned to be played on Friday in Grundy Center. Tanner Appel scored 11 points with seven rebounds, leading the Spartans in both categories. Cale Hendricks scored nine points with four assists and Zach Opheim scored seven

points with three assists. The Trojans led 33-18 at halftime, but a 25-9 margin in the third quarter helped West Marshall to the runaway victory. West Marshall 16 17 25 15 — 73 Grundy Center 7 11 9 10 — 37

GC scoring: Tanner Appel 11, Cale Hendricks 9, Zach Opheim 7, Joe Johnson 4, Matthew Sternhagen 2, Brady Jacobsen 2, Mitchell Munson 2. Totals 14-48 6-8 37.

3-pointers: Opheim, Hendricks, Appel. **Rebounds:** Appel 7, Johnson 4, Sternhagen 3, Kuester 3. **Assists:** Hendricks 4, Opheim 3. **Steals:** Drake Thran 2. **Blocks:** Five with 1.

Big time

Spartan post players strong versus AGWSR

By **SCOTT BIERLE**
Mid-America Publishing
ACKLEY — The one-two punch of Grundy Center post players Kylie Willis and Brooke Flater combined for 36 points as the No. 1 in Class 2A Spartan girls continued their perfect marks with a 64-46 win over the AGWSR girls' basketball team here Friday during North Iowa Cedar League West Conference play. The Spartans climbed to 15-0 overall and a league-leading 10-0 with the sweep of the ninth-ranked in Class 1A Cougars. Grundy Center won the first meeting 49-34 back in mid-December.

GC	9	25	21	9	—	64
AGWSR	15	7	11	13	—	46

GC scoring: Kylie Willis 21, Brooke Flater 15, Hailey Wallis 6, Sarah Lindeman 6, Sydney Mathews 5, Reegan Zinkula 3, Maddie McMartin 3, Cora Saak 3, Frannie Brown 2. Totals 25-52 8-13 64.

AGWSR scoring: Aubrie Fisher 14, Alyssa Hames 12, Rachel Sicard 8, Grace Finger 6, Whitanie Nederhoff 3, MaKenna Kuper 3. Totals 16-37 11-20 46.

3-pointers: GC 6 (Lindeman 2, four with 1); AGWSR 3 (Fisher 3). **Rebounds:** GC 21 (Willis 7, Wallis 6); AGWSR 31 (Hames 12, Sicard 6). **Assists:** GC 22 (Mathews 7, Wallis 5, Willis 4); AGWSR 9 (Hames 2, Fisher 2). **Steals:** GC 6 (six with 1); AGWSR 9 (Hames 2, seven with 1). **Blocks:** GC 1 (Brown); AGWSR 1 (Hames). **Fouls:** GC 18, AGWSR 18. **Fouled out:** GC (Lindeman).

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