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## Sweet treats

### New ice cream shop opens in Grundy Center

By MICHAELA KENDALL  
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GRUNDY CENTER - The people of Grundy Center have spoken: they want ice cream, and now they have ice cream ... along with malts, milkshakes, sno cones, and other sweet treats available at the community's newest business: Sweet Tooth Icy Treats.

Located in the former Grundy Motor building at 1309 G Avenue, Sweet Tooth Icy Treats opened for business late last month and has been teeming with customers ever since.

Vern Folkedahl, who owns the building, says the ice cream shop is a partnership between him and his 9-year-old granddaughter Jenna Blythe.

"The whole thing was Jenna's idea," Folkedahl said. "After I bought the building and was renovating it, she came in one day and asked if she could sell snow cones out of here in the summer. I had nothing planned for this particular spot in the building, so I said why not? Her idea was as good as any other idea."

So, the two sat down and planned out the business venture, bringing the whole

business to life in just a matter of a few months.

Though Jenna is too young to work at the shop at 9-years-old, she enjoys spending her time there, and seeing her vision become a reality.

"She just shines here, she's totally in her element," Folkedahl said.

And Jenna isn't the only one whose eyes brighten when they stop at the ice cream shop.

Since their opening day on Father's Day weekend, Folkedahl says he's been astounded at the amount of support they've received from the community.

"Our first weekend was phenomenal, and it's been busy ever since," he said. "You'd think with our location next to the pool it'd be a ton of kids, but for every one kid there's five adults that come in. We've got a lot of people with a sweet tooth around here, but it's been great. The community has been very supportive of us, and everyone is excited to have an ice cream shop in town."

Folkedahl plans to keep the shop

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Grundy Center's newest business - Sweet Tooth Icy Treats - is open for business. The ice cream shop offers an array of ice cream including sundaes, malts, shakes, and even sno cones. (Photo by Jillian Itzen/The Grundy Register)



Grundy County Fair Board President Jared Gutknecht (pictured) stands at the site of the new campground on the east edge of the fairgrounds last week. The 30-spot camping area is set to open during the fair from July 16-21. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

## Breaking ground

### New campsite set for unveiling at Grundy County Fair

By ROBERT MAHARRY  
*The Grundy Register*

GRUNDY CENTER- Jared Gutknecht has had a vision for both the Grundy County Fair and the fairgrounds as a year-round destination since he took over as the president of the Fair Board, and his ideas have been enthusiastically received among fellow board members and local supporters. One key piece of the larger puzzle is about to fall into place as the 30-spot campsite just east of the grandstand is set to be ready for action by the time this year's festivities commence on July 16.

According to Gutknecht, who farms between Dike and

Cedar Falls and graduated from D-NH, the planning process got serious about a year and a half ago, and it's been all hands on deck ever since. He took inspiration from the Grundy County Lake site in Dike and wanted to find a way to create something similar in Grundy Center.

"(Camping) is cheap, and it's a way to get family involvement," he said.

And as an added benefit, all of the work came from local contractors: Grundy Center-based Boulder Contracting did the dirt and earth moving (Owner Justin Lynch is also a fair board member), and Beard Plumbing, Konken Electric,

Tender Lawn Care and the city of Grundy Center were also key contributors. The fair board had been saving up for the project, which ended up costing around \$100,000, and got major help from local donors and sponsors. As Lynch noted, they received a huge supply of volunteer labor and equipment.

"The community really pulled together to make this happen, and the donations allowed the board to make their budget go much farther," Lynch said. "There were some concessions made during construction to keep costs low, but overall,

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## City of GC approves development agreement for upper elementary renovation

By MICHAELA KENDALL  
*The Grundy Register*

GRUNDY CENTER - As local daycares take on more new youngsters and the wait list for preschool spans three to four years, the City of Grundy Center is faced with the ever growing need for preschool and child care services in town.

In an effort to address the needs of families and children in the community, the city is taking a step towards action.

During their Monday night meeting, the council voted unanimously to hire 571 Polson Development, LLC, to assist in a plan for the renovation of the old upper elementary building.

This renovation - which is roughly estimated to cost around \$2 million - would make much-needed improvements to the building, and create more space for preschool and other child services at the facility. The cost of the renovation would largely be covered by \$1 million in potential historic tax credits and \$500,000 from a private donor. The remaining \$500,000 would need to be secured through fundraising or other methods.

Currently, the Grundy Center Community School District owns the building, and the city leases it and sublets the space



The old upper elementary building, shown above, could potentially be renovated to accommodate the need for more preschool and child services in town. (Grundy Register file photo)

to different community organizations including: the Grundy Family YMCA for its before and after school program, along with the local Head Start office and the Grundy Center Preschool and Childcare Center for preschool. The space is also utilized by the Grundy Center Archery Club, Robotics Club and school drama department.

Though the space already functions as a family/children's educational support center, the facility is in need of repairs and improvements, and could be re-

designed to accommodate more than 100 estimated children in need of preschool or child services in town.

For more than a year and a half, the city and school have each held countless discussions to explore possible options such as a renovation of the upper elementary or the construction of a new facility, along with the costs of either option and the feasibility of either option.

When a private donor came forward offering \$500,000 to

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## New sign in Conrad warns South Main speeders

By ROBERT MAHARRY  
*The Grundy Register*

CONRAD- In response to complaints directed to city hall and the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement officials have increased their presence along South Main Street in Conrad and installed a sign that reads "Slow Down,

Kids Playing."

According to Sheriff Rick Penning, deputies issued 10 warnings or citations in a one-week span after Conrad Mayor Jeff Martin and City Clerk Lori Stansberry reached out to ask for help in enforcing the 25-mile per hour speed limit from Duesenberg Drive north

through the rest of town. Because the road comes in from the country, drivers often fail to slow down and drive as fast as 60 miles per hour in the residential area between the Oakwood Golf Course and the Wolf Creek Bridge.

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A new sign on South Main Street in Conrad is part of an effort to more strictly enforce speed limit laws amidst several calls and complaints from residents in the neighborhood. The speed limit is 35 miles per hour up to Duesenberg Drive and 25 miles per hour from there to the north edge of town. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)



Jodi Rowe with the Operation Threshold Grundy County Food Pantry received a donation of pork loins and a Henry's Heroes care package from the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation and Iowa Select Farms. (Courtesy photo)

## Iowa Select Farms donates pork loins to Operation Threshold Food Pantry

By MICHAELA KENDALL  
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - Early last week, the Operation Threshold Food Pantry in Grundy Center received a generous donation of 120 fresh pork loins from Iowa Select Farms.

Jodi Rowe, of Operation Threshold of Grundy County, said the donation is a huge help to the pantry's mission, saving them money that can be used to provide other necessities for families in need of some extra help.

"We want to give a big thank you to Iowa Select," Rowe said. "We appreciate their generous donation and support of the

pantry." In total, volunteers with Iowa Select Farms' "Haul out Hunger" team unloaded 10 cases, or 120 pork loins, to the pantry.

According to Rowe, the end of the month is always tougher on families, so the 120 pork loins that were donated will provide two to three meals per loin for each family.

The pantry is open every Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., though if someone is in need of services and can't make it during that time, they can call to schedule another time to pick up food.

Currently, the organization serves an average of 50 to 60

families each month, with more some months and less others.

For anyone interested in donating to or receiving from the Pantry, contact Grundy County Operation Threshold by phone at 319-824-3460.

In addition to the food pantry, the organization also organizes meal boxes for clients for holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and gathers and distributes school supplies to local children each year. The annual Back to School drive will be held later this summer, and bags will be distributed before school begins in August.

## Close encounters of the third kind

UFO enthusiast presents at Kling Memorial Library

By ROBERT MAHARRY  
The Grundy Register  
GRUNDY CENTER-

After speaking to a group of children and adults for about a half hour at the library in Grundy Center last Wednesday morning, Chad Lewis had them split almost evenly into who believed in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and who doesn't.

Lewis has been fascinated by the topic for as long as he can remember, perhaps in part due to his home state of Wisconsin: three of its cities claim the title of "UFO Capitals of the World." In Grundy Center, he shared several Iowa-centric stories, even including some of the downtown buildings from here in town.



Lewis (pictured), a UFO enthusiast from Wisconsin, presented at the Kling Memorial Library last Wednesday morning. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

One of the most notorious comes from Van Meter, just

west of Des Moines, where residents reported seeing a "winged monster" casting a beam of light from its forehead in 1903, a creature straight from a 1980s science fiction movie. Lewis touched on other cases and noted that for its population, Iowa has a relatively high level of UFO sightings that are reported.

But at the end of the day, he reiterated that his goal isn't to force anyone to believe anything. Lewis simply wants youngsters to think critically and loves to share the history of a strange phenomenon that's still ongoing—just a few weeks ago, it was revealed that the Navy had briefed President Trump on alleged UFO sightings.

The commander-in-chief, however, like about half of the kids in the audience, still isn't sold on UFOs. The debate continues.

## Council

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be used towards a renovation of the old upper elementary building last year, both entities began to focus more attention on researching the feasibility and cost of a potential renovation.

But, the donor's money - along with the historic tax credits - comes a deadline, which sets the clock ticking for the city and the school to figure out a plan.

During the Monday night meeting, council members spoke with Glenn Lyons of 571 Polson Development, who walked the council through the steps they would need to take to get the ball rolling on the project.

Over the next month, the council will work with Polson to discuss the renovation plan with an architect and contractor, solidify the costs and exact work that needs to be done, ensure that the current tenants will have their needs met by the space, and to form a non-profit group to take ownership of the

building if the renovation proceeds (since neither the city nor the school could own it if the building were to receive historic tax credit funding). The group will then submit the development plan to the private donor for approval. After that, the group would need to apply for the historic tax credit funding before the August deadline.

The council agreed that they needed to get the ball moving on this development plan sooner rather than later.

"The need for preschool and child care services has been critical for a long time, so I say yes, let's do it now," said council member Janetta Miller. "We can't afford to wait."

Representatives from the school district - including school board member Bob Johanns and the district's new Superintendent Robert Hughes - also came to voice their support for the project during the meeting.

"I truly agree that we need to embrace early childhood services, and that those services

need to be available for families," Hughes said. "From my perspective, the school board been very positive about the possibility and their willingness to work collaboratively to see this project through. The day-care and preschool are a great feeder system for our school, and we don't want to see families move or take their kids out of town to other daycares and preschools. We want to keep those families here in town and provide them the services they need, and I think the board is in support of that."

After approving the agreement to start working on a development plan, the city and 571 Polson Development will now have until August 1 to finish the report and have it approved by the private donor before moving forward with securing funding for the project. Though it's still in the earliest of stages, if the project were to be fulfilled, renovation work could potentially begin as early as next year.

## Byron found hope and healing from a skilled care stay at Creekside.

"Their commitment - they made me feel like I was their only patient," he said. "They would spend the extra time with me, even if I didn't want them to."



Perseverance paid off. Byron saw results from daily therapy and exercises. He is back home, now able to move and walk on his own. For that, he credits the entire staff at Creekside, who've given him hope for the future.

To hear the rest of Byron's story, visit [www.creeksidegrundycenter.com/skilled-care](http://www.creeksidegrundycenter.com/skilled-care)

If you're planning a surgery or want to have a plan in place in case of illness or injury, call Creekside Grundy Center to learn how the therapy team can help you after your hospital stay.

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## Grundy Register Bulletin Board

### Grundy Center

#### GC Junior Golf Tournament

The Grundy Center Junior Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, July 18 at Town & Country Golf Course in Grundy Center.

Who can play: any junior golfer ages 8-18 (or entering senior year in high school). High school age golfers play 18 holes and younger golfers will be playing 9 holes.

There is a small cost per golfer. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact John and Carol Freeman to register at carol197391@gmail.com or 319-269-3835. Please register by Friday, July 12th.

#### GCPH reminds citizens to

#### utilize Sharps Disposal Program

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Your container will NOT be returned.

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This program is for individual use only for sharps used in the home, and not for medical treatment facilities. For more information contact Grundy County Public Health, 319-824-6312.

### Reinbeck

#### New Life Church VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at the New Life Church in Reinbeck

on July 15, 16 & 17 from 6pm-8pm nightly. VBS is free and open to Kindergarten-5th Grade students.

### Stout

#### Stout Astrodome seeks softball teams

The Stout Astrodome is taking registrations for softball teams for this season. For registration and fees, please call Nolan Junker at 319-404-8389 or Brad Eiklenborg at 319-269-2019.

### Union

#### Bangor Church VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Bangor Liberty Friends Church - 1260 Hopkins Avenue, Union, Iowa July 14-19.

The week will start off with a Family Swimming Party at the Union pool on Sunday, July 14 from 5-7 pm. A picnic meal will be provided. It will continue at the church for the rest of the week from 6:15-8:30 pm.

The theme is: "ROAR! Life is Wild, but God is Good!" It is free of charge and open to all children preschool (4+) through fifth grade. If you have questions you may contact Dani Juncker at nichols.dani27@gmail.com or 641-750-2502.

### Campsite

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we're excited about the end product and hope to see it be the first of many projects in the fair's immediate future."

The new campground is generating a lot of buzz around the county, and locals and visitors alike have been cruising along the new gravel road to see what's going on at the fairgrounds. Reserved spots for the fair are filling up fast: 4-H families have already reserved all but two of them. The board may hold a ribbon cutting or grand opening celebration in the next few weeks as it puts the finishing touches on landscaping, marking and ensuring that the infrastructure is up to snuff.

"These facilities should provide accommodations for fairgoers and others that will attend our ever-increasing event schedule, while providing a steady source of revenue that the board can put towards other capital improvements," Lynch said. "We need to grow our infrastructure in order to host larger events and entertain larger audiences."

If things go well, the board could still add another 30 spots to the south and 30 to the east, and Gutknecht says that's a definite possibility in the future. He also mentioned a pond, a shower house and a playground as additions that could be part of the next phase.

"We just kind of want to use space that has been underutilized for a long time," he said. "I'm just hoping the community will enjoy it and utilize it like they should, (and) have fun here."

It's all part of an ambitious agenda to improve the fairgrounds and make them an attraction that everyone in the county can be proud of, and Gutknecht is preparing himself for another big endeavor next: replacing the grandstand bleachers. Nevertheless, he feels that he, his board members and local supporters of 4-H are up to the task, and his enthusiasm is contagious.

"If you're going to dream, you have to dream big... Let's make this fun again," he said. "It's just kind of adding a shot of energy into everything. The buzz is cool... The sky's the limit."



Dani Dunham (pictured) of Matt Parrott Election Services shows off one of the company's new voting machines at the Grundy County Annex Building on Monday. The board of supervisors did not take action, but further discussions about purchasing new equipment will be ongoing, as the county hasn't replaced its machines in nearly 30 years. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

## Supervisors view new voting machines, take no action on purchase

By ROBERT MAHARRY

The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy County Board of Supervisors walked to the annex building and received a detailed summary of new voting machines from Dani Dunham of Matt Parrott Election Services during Monday morning's regular meeting.

Inquiries from the board, County Auditor Rhonda Deters and her staff ranged from the ease of use of the new units and the cost (about \$3,500 each) to the inevitable question of whether the Russians could hack into them during the 2020 election. As Dunham explained, nothing is completely secure in this day and age, but Deters added that Grundy County has always taken election security extremely seriously.

In all, the county would likely need to purchase nine of the machines—one for each of its seven precincts, one for absentee ballots and one as a backup. Dunham, who works out of Waterloo, also touted the plug and

go simplicity of the units as a major selling point and promised to be available to assist with any problems that might arise. The board did not take any official action, but conversations are expected to continue, as the machines have not been replaced in almost 30 years.

Before reconvening in the annex, the board discussed potential upcoming hot mix asphalt projects on county roads with Assistant County Engineer Steve Cox, which will include D53 in Melrose Township, T19 in Wellsburg, T47 in Stout, D55 (Green Products road), Center Street and South Main in Conrad, the T47/175 intersection between Morrison and Grundy Center, and the T47 dips headed south toward the Tama County line. No official action was taken, and the board is waiting for quotes from contractors before moving forward.

After some contentious moments with residents over the last several months, Cox and the board generally agreed that the overall roads situation is im-

proving.

"We need a dry fall. That would be nice," Cox said.

The board discussed changes to the employee personnel policy including allowing employees to share unused vacation days with coworkers who exhaust theirs in the event of a catastrophic illness but voted to table any further action until after the department head meeting on August 1.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved a budgetary resolution and a separate resolution authorizing the county auditor to transfer funds in budget year 2019-2020.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the staff positions in the auditor's office and approving appointments to the positions, including changing Angie Martin's title to deputy auditor.

- Approved a multi-use governmental application for John Deere Financial and authorized the chairperson to sign the same.

## Medicare basics covered at July 23 Seminar

GRUNDY CENTER - Are you turning 65 and going to be eligible for Medicare in the near future? Have you been on Medicare and want to better understand what it offers? Do you help a family member with Medicare issues?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, "Welcome to Medicare" is for you! The free educational event is offered by the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, or SHIIP, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, July 23 at 5:00 p.m. The seminar will be held in the hospital's Education Room.

"We're excited to offer this free seminar to the community," says Erin Schildroth, Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at GCMH. "Medicare is such an important program and understanding what it offers helps assure that Medicare recipients receive health benefits when they need them," she

adds.

"Welcome to Medicare" will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance. For more information or to make a reservation to attend the free program, call the hospital at 319-824-5085 or register on the hospital's website, www.grundycountyhospital.org. Registration is requested by July 15.

SHIIP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, is a service of the State of Iowa. SHIIP counselors are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents. Grundy County Memorial Hospital sponsors SHIIP locally and appointments to consult a SHIIP volunteer about your Medicare options are available by phoning the hospital's scheduling department at 319-824-5081.

## New sign

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And although there haven't been any recent accidents, Martin did point to a "close call" as evidence that someone would get hurt eventually if the limits aren't enforced.

"There are kids in that area, and I don't want to have something bad happen," Martin, who added that he lives in the aforementioned area on South Main, said. "It's all local traffic. We're not a tourist area. We're just trying to change habits and keep people safe."

From what Martin has heard so far, the efforts are already

working as neighbors have told him that they've "never seen people driving so slow" along the road. During the school year, a bus stop is situated on South Main Street between Hackberry Lane and Oakwood Drive.

The Sheriff's Office has not received any other recent complaints about problem areas for speeding in the county, and Penning plans to continue to enforce the laws on the books while listening to residents who have safety concerns.

"You never know where we'll be," he said.

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## Ice cream

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open through the warmer months, and close for the winter around October 1 depending on weather. Throughout the season, the ice cream shop is open from noon to 8 p.m. every day

of the week.

"This really is a place for the community, and I think everyone appreciates having it here," he said. "Everyone needs to have a sweet place to go, and we're happy to be that place."

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### Grundy County Fair Board announces sponsorships

GRUNDY CENTER— The Grundy County Fair is proud to welcome new sponsor Spartan Fitness to our large list of donors this year!

Spartan Fitness is a locally owned business in Grundy Center and a great partner with the fair. They are donating their large tent to add shade to the Container Bar during Fair Week as well as the upcoming Grundy County Speedway Events including: Figure 8 Races August 24, Snowmobiles Drags October 26 and all events next year.

Spartan Fitness joins a large list of major donors this year including the Grundy County Supervisors, Beef Show Sponsor CropRite, Swine Show Sponsor Hook Farms, Horse Show Sponsor Green Belt Bank and Trust, Family Fun Night Sponsor & BBQ Cookout Sponsor Farm Bureau, Movie Night Sponsor Dekalb/ASGROW, Inflatables Sponsor Iowa Corn Growers, Harlen Persinger, Boulder Contracting, McDivitt Towing/Repair, Vintage History Auto, Snittjer Grain, Waterloo Warehouse, Flint Hills, Xpressions, Nutrien Ag Solutions and many more.

### Grundy County Fair announces Open Class Show

GRUNDY CENTER— Mark your calendars for the Open Class Show of the Grundy County Fair. The fair dates are July 16 – 21, 2019. Everyone is invited to exhibit (not just Grundy County residents).

There are many new and exciting possibilities for 2019. A Feature Class has been added to each division which showcases entries that depict this year's theme: The All-American Fair. These Divisions include: Horticulture, Foods, Textile and Clothing, Fine Arts, Photography and Woodworking. Please check out these additional new entry options:

In the Food category, a "Family Favorite" feature class has been added, along with a new "Gluten Free" Class.

An "Iowa, the Corn State" class and a "Succulents" class have been added to the Horticulture Division, along with the opportunity to showcase your tallest corn stalk.

The Photography Division Feature Class showcases photos that depict the All-American Theme.

A "Best in Show" ribbon will be awarded in each category.

Entry information is available at [www.grundycountyfair.com](http://www.grundycountyfair.com), or at the Grundy County Extension Office.

### GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Department

A one vehicle accident occurred June 15 at 9:40 PM on B Avenue south of 270th Street. DENNIS GROOM, age 38, Wellsburg, was pulling a camper going northbound when a deer entered the roadway and was stuck. Groom's 2011 Chevrolet received an estimated \$7,000 damage. No summons, no injury. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A one vehicle accident occurred June 18 at 12:50 PM on 150th Street west of T-19. LAYNE GEERDES, age 16, Wellsburg, was westbound and lost control of his motorcycle, tipping it over on its side causing him to wreck. Geerdes' 1999 Kawasaki received an estimated \$2,000 damage. GEERDES was issued citations for FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL, NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, OPERATION WITHOUT REGISTRATION and NO INSURANCE. Geerdes sustained some injuries. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A one vehicle accident occurred June 21 at 10:15 PM on T-19 south of 140th Street. JAMES WOLFF, age 40, South Hadley, MA, was northbound when a deer entered the roadway and was struck. Wolff's 2019 Nissan received an estimated \$5,000 damage. No summons, no injury. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A one vehicle accident occurred June 23 at 4:15 AM on Hwy 20 at the 216 mile marker. VICTORIA BOELMAN, age 35, Holland, was eastbound when a deer entered the roadway and was struck. Boelman's 2013 Ford received an estimated \$6,000 damage. No summons, no injury. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

JOEL KOPRIVA, age 30, Dike, was arrested June 28 at 7:45 PM at the Sheriff's Office on a Grundy County warrant charging him with PROBATION VIOLATION. Posted bond and released. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

### GRUNDY COUNTY District Court

Trevor Lee Kruse, age 26, Wellsburg, Found guilty by court of Contempt- Resist Order or Process of District Court for Domestic Abuse Assault Impeding Air/Blood Flow Causing Bodily Injury, an aggravated misdemeanor, on June 24. Received a 60-day purge jail sentence.

Evan Michael Engelkes, age

42, Dike. Pled guilty to Operating While Under the Influence Second Offense, an aggravated misdemeanor, on June 24. Received a 30-day jail sentence with 23 days suspended, a two-day OWI class in lieu of two days in jail, one year of driver's license revocation, an \$1,875 fine and one to two years of probation.

### GRUNDY COUNTY Magistrate Court

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

Evan Engelkes, Dike, unsafe turn or failure to give signal and speeding.

Christian Fairbanks, Grundy Center, speeding.

Robert Munson, Grundy Center, speeding.

Joseph Durmin, Dike, failure to maintain control.

Brayden Brown, Pleasant Hill, speeding.

Shane Sharp, Grundy Center, failure to maintain control.

Luke Reeves, Noblesville, IN, speeding.

Jamie Tyeptanar, McHenry, IL, speeding.

Matthew Crouse, Eldora, failure to comply with safety regulations.

Beth Atkinson, Eldora, speeding.

Allan Busch, Shell Rock, speeding.

Mitchell White, Cedar Rapids, speeding.

Calvern Bellis, Prole, speeding.

Holly Granger, San Clemente, CA, speeding.

Jacob Jamison, Cedar Falls, speeding.

Peggy Streit, Marion, speeding.

Rylan Brimeyer, Maquoketa, speeding.

Ipha Chanthaphon, Pleasant Hill, speeding.

Marah Ray, Liscomb, registration violation.

Keith Oldenburger, Parkersburg, speeding.

Rhett Turner, Cedar Falls,

speeding.

Steven Kress, Clermont, dark window or windshield.

Shelby Sandoval, Parkersburg, speeding.

Jason Ludwig, Johnston, speeding.

Walker Thede, Reinbeck, speeding.

Joshua Peterson, Reinbeck, permit under 18 to consumer/possess on property.

Mark Dewaay, Sioux Center, failure to maintain control.

John Sherrick, Springfield, IL, speeding.

Rebecca Wisecup, Ames, speeding.

Andrew Catherwood, Union, failure to maintain or use safety belts.

Jacob Viner, Lone Tree, speeding.

Nathan Geurkink, West Des Moines, speeding.

Austin Leytham, Eldora, speeding.

Sarah Schmitt, Liscomb, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Jacob Klingenberg, New Hartford, speeding.

Dale Zink, Conrad, speeding.

Roy Sharp, Conrad, speeding.

Jerry Dietrick, New Hartford, speeding.

Cameron McCarty, Waukeo, speeding.

Emilee Junker, Grundy Center, failure to stop at stop sign.

Brandon Wall, Haverhill, speeding.

Shelby Larsen, Albion, speeding.

### Kiwanis Club makes donation

The Grundy Center Kiwanis Club donated new batting box and pitching mound tarps for the Grundy Center High School Baseball team. The Kiwanis Club will have a food both at the Felix Grundy Festival. Stop by for some delicious food and to learn how you can help the Kiwanis Club support the Grundy Center Community. One hundred percent of the profits from all the Kiwanis fund raising activities are used to support local projects through out the year.



### Locals take part in Grundy County Bible Reading Marathon

The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation was read into the atmosphere at the Grundy County courthouse finalizing at 6:30 pm Friday, June 28 as part of a statewide initiative. Many denominations were present. Now, seven states and eight nations are joining together on July 14 at 7:14 a.m. to read in unison. Each are given 12 different chapters. All denominations in Grundy county are invited to meet at the Grundy courthouse on that date to join together in a reading. All 99 counties in Iowa are reading at the same time. (Photos courtesy of Patricia Greiner)

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## Memory Lane

A look back through The Grundy Register  
Compiled by Michaela Kendall

10 Years Ago This Week - 2009

Remembering a legend, reflections on Ed Thomas: Tom Teeple's barbershop in downtown Parkersburg is a hangout as well as a place to get a haircut for a cross section of the male population of this southern Butler County community, with topics discussed covering the spectrum of local happenings and typical small-town goings on to politics and, of course, local sports. Dropping by on a typical day, a person was just as likely to happen upon Parkersburg's most famous resident. Aplington-Parkersburg head coach Ed Thomas, seated in Teeple's well-worn barber chair, the two exchanging the sort of banter that characterized a 40-year friendship. "I can't even begin to tell you how many haircuts I gave Ed Thomas over the years; hundreds probably," said Teeple, reflecting on the pleasant memories. "I wouldn't even try to put a number on it." But Teeple said that Thomas's presence in his barber chair wasn't always what it appeared to be to the casual observer. "I'd like to think that Ed felt comfortable here, that he could come in and relax for a while," Teeple said. "To be perfectly honest with you, there were a lot of times he'd come in and sit in the chair and I'd just be going through the motions; I wasn't even cutting his hair." And their conversations weren't always concerning Aplington-Parkersburg football. "There was a lot more to Ed Thomas than football. We'd start talking about his family, the Lord, or the community in general, and our conversations would just escalate from there," said Teeple, wistfully. "Those are conversations between Ed and I that I'll always cherish." Teeple said that his friendship with Ed Thomas predated his coming to assume the head coaching mantle of the then Parkersburg Crusaders in 1975. "It was the fall of 1969 and Sue (Tom's wife) and I had purchased the barbershop in What Cheer, Iowa, and we had moved down there, and I had two people from Parkersburg with trucks move us down there." Teeple said. "We got unloaded and I took the trucks to the gas station in What Cheer so I could fill up their tanks. "I walked into the station to pay for the gas and there was a long-haired, skinny kid with wire rim glasses, a loud shirt, white bell bottom jeans and sandals sitting there, and he asked who I was I told him, then asked who he was and he answered Ed Thomas. That's how I met Ed."

25 Years Ago This Week - 1994

Members of the Grundy County 4-H Council recently took a trip to the Minneapolis area where they attended a theater production at the Old Log Theater, visited Valley Fair and the Mall of America. Those who went are: Stacy Amling, Liz Kendrck, Shannon Munger, Jody Hippen, Tiffany Albers, Mark Graves, Jill Hockemeyer, Angela Peters, Andrea Sherfeld, Aaron Dodd, Jason Hemann, Jill Cannegieter, Brent VanHauen, Kevin Adair and Daniel McMartin. Chaperones for the trip were Roger and Velma Hippen and Allan and Mindy Vyhnaek.

When it comes to Grundy Center's water, there's good news and there's bad news. The good news is, there's plenty of it, and it's bacterially safe and contains no unnatural contaminants that are thought to be dangerous. The bad news is, the water is very hard, and the facilities are old and require extensive repairs. The city's water problems were covered in depth by a study done by Fox Engineering of Ames. According to the study, the water supply and treatment facilities in the city are over 30 years old and should be replaced. The 45,000 gallon underground storage reservoir suffered some damage this spring when the roof blew off during a wind storm. When the tank was examined, problems were noted in several areas. Rerods were broke and pulled apart, and there was a separation in one of the comers. To date, there has been no contamination, but the city council has been urged to move on a solution soon.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1969

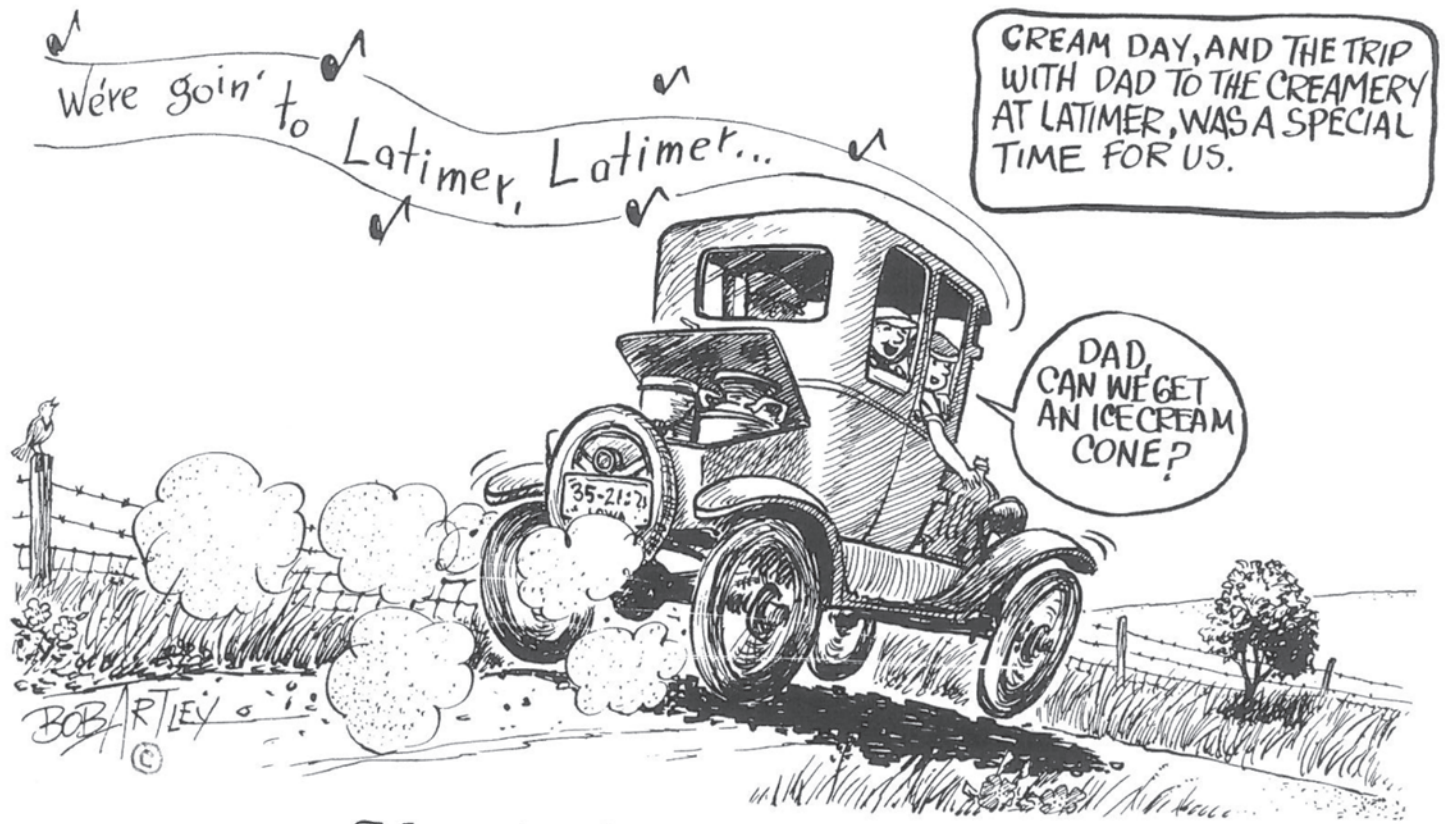
Joe Cerne, Standard Oil bulk truck operator, received a broken leg Tuesday in a fall while operating his custom spray equipment on a farm near Wellsburg. Cerne was taken by ambulance to Grundy County Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Allen Memorial Hospital.

Ray Maulding of Grundy Center has been promoted to manager of the J. C. Penney Company department store at Gladstone, Michigan, the Company announced today. A native of Clearwater, Nebraska, Mr. Maulding, his wife Marlene and three children, Steve, 11, Mark, 9 and Jayne 5, will reside at Gladstone Michigan as soon as housing is available. His appointment was effective July 3, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Candler of Clinton have purchased Long's Booterie from Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long. Possession was given July 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Candler have had 17 years experience in the shoe merchandising business. They are presently making their home on a farm south of Buck Grove. They plan to commute back and forth to Grundy Center. Mr. and Mrs. Long opened their Booterie in Grundy Center in 1961, in the building now occupied by Floorcraft. They had previously made their home at Onawa, Iowa.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1944

Hail did extensive damage to crops in vicinity of Dike on Saturday night. The hail area started a short distance south of town and it covered a strip about two and a half miles long and a mile wide. It extended as far south as the Zaneta road. All crops in the area were damaged. Corn was stripped to the stalks. The damaged corn is expected to revive, but the hail will shorten the yield. The soybeans seemed to have been hurt more than the corn. In some fields it did not seem possible that the damaged beans could make any kind of yield. Oats were blown down and they also received hail damage. In fields where there was heavy straw they will not come up. The hemp crop suffered the most from the hail. On the Mrs. J. L. Murphy farm there is 20 acres of hemp that was waist high that looked the day after the storm as if it had been completely ruined. There is not much hemp in the storm area.



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## Grassley Q & A: Price Transparency in Health Care

**Question: Does secrecy contribute to health care costs?**

**Answer:** Sticker shock for health care in America has been a growing concern for decades in the United States. From prescription drugs to lab tests, durable medical equipment, outpatient surgery and hospital stays, Americans increasingly feel they pay through the roof for medical care. As chairman of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, I've worked to bring transparency to the policymaking tables to expose wrongdoing, increase accountability, drive up quality and drive down costs. Specifically, I support anti-kickback and sunshine laws that protect taxpayers and put patients first. My open payments law created a federal database that requires health care providers to disclose financial payments from pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers. Last year I secured expansions to include nurse practitioners and physician assistants. When health care providers prescribe medication or recommend a particular therapy or treatment, consumers ought to know about financial relationships between them and the industry. For decades, a veil of secrecy has shrouded increasingly complex pricing arrangements negotiated between doctors, hospitals, insurers and benefit managers. For taxpayers who underwrite subsidized insurance and foot the bill for public health care programs and patients who pay steep out-of-pocket costs for medical care, improving transparency in the U.S. health care system is a big deal. It's a policy goal worth the growing pains it will take to get it right. Unraveling the whole ball of wax to make pricing information user-friendly for consumers is a tall order. The bottom line is clear. Americans are fed up with the secrecy that allows soaring health care costs, sky-high prescription drug prices and surprise medical bills to keep climbing.

**Question: What reforms are underway to improve price transparency in U.S. health care?**

**Answer:** I'm glad to see the Trump administration continue its efforts to bring transparency to the murky pricing system in the health care marketplace. So far this year, it has required hospitals to post list prices for their health care services and announced regulations for drug companies to disclose the list price of prescription drugs in television advertisements. I've re-introduced bipartisan legislation I wrote with Sen. Dick Durbin that would require pharmaceutical companies to list prices of drugs in direct-to-consumer ads. President Trump in June also signed an executive order to pull back the curtain on secrecy so consumers and taxpayers have a better understanding about the prices they're paying for services provided. In the coming months, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will roll out federal rules to help unleash free market forces and drive down costs. Like doctors who take the Hippocratic Oath, it's important policymakers take care to first, do no harm and to avoid unintended market distortions. For example, mandating price disclosure on negotiated rates should not be leveraged by providers and insurers to collectively bid up their rates. That would defeat the utility of transparency to help bring accountability. Clear, meaningful information should be used to help boost competition, drive innovation and drive down prices. Unleashing government interference willy-nilly is the wrong remedy to solve soaring prices. That's why I'm working to steer market-driven reforms that put patients in the driver's seat and put the brakes on secrecy. Price disclosure should help root out cost-shifting and expose artificially inflated prices that grow the taxpayer tab and gouge consumers. Secrecy provides cover for insurers, providers, drug companies and benefit managers to milk the rebate system and pad their bottom lines. For too long, patients and taxpayers have been caught in the middle. The debate on price transparency can be a game changer in the health care marketplace. Consider how the retail landscape has changed for consumers in the market to buy a car. Many buyers can get a better price because they can research and compare information on what price would be reasonable to pay. It should be no different in healthcare. Transparency brings accountability and better prices. Getting the rules right on price disclosure is important to help make health care more affordable for more Americans and the taxpaying public.

## Iowa Crop Progress and Conditions Report

Week of June 24-30, 2019

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today commented on the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The report is released weekly from April through November.

"The much needed warmer temperatures have helped the crops progress," said Secretary Naig. "Some parts of the state had below-average rainfall over the last seven days, but sub-soil moisture is still adequate for the crops to grow."

The weekly report is also available on the USDA's site at [nass.usda.gov/ia](http://nass.usda.gov/ia).

### Crop Report

Iowa experienced scattered storms across the state that delivered high winds and hail, limiting opportunities for fieldwork during the week ending June 30, 2019, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Fieldwork activities included planting, harvesting hay and spraying.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus.

Corn condition improved to 64 percent good to excellent. Soybean planting has nearly finished with 97 percent of the expected soybean crop planted. Ninety percent of the crop has emerged, over two weeks behind the 5-year average, and one percent has started to bloom. Soybean condition rated 64 percent good to excellent, also an improvement from last week.

Seventy-nine percent of the oat crop has headed, 8 days behind last year and average. Nine percent of the crop has started coloring, nearly a week behind average. Oat condition rated 64 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-three percent of the first cutting of alfalfa hay has been cut, two weeks behind average. Reports that a second cutting of alfalfa hay has also begun across the state. Hay condition declined to 63 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rated 70 percent good to excellent. Livestock experienced some stress with the recent heat. Feedlots remain muddy but have started to improve.

### Weather Summary

Unseasonably dry conditions were reported across a majority of the state with locations across northern Iowa observing above average rainfall; west-central Iowa experienced rainfall deficits over an inch below normal. Unseasonable warmth also returned to the state over the reporting period with the average temperature 2.50 degrees above the normal of 73.0 degrees.

Weekly rainfall totals ranged from 0.01 inches in Des Moines (Polk County) to 4.27 inches in Creston (Union County). The statewide weekly average precipitation was 0.95 inches, while the normal is 1.16 inches. The week's high temperature of 98 degrees was observed in Little Sioux (Harrison County) and Mapleton (Monona County) on the 29th, 13 degrees above normal. Cresco (Howard County) reported the week's low temperature of 53 degrees on the 26th, five degrees below average.

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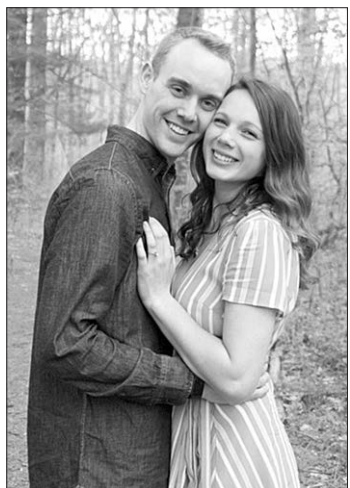
The family of Mary J. Henze would like to share a heartfelt appreciation to everyone who sent cards, gave flowers, brought food, for their prayers and sympathy with the loss of our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and sister.

Also, we like to thank Care Initiatives and the Grand JiVante staff. Thank you and God Bless.

The family of Mary J. Henze

Thank you to all my family, friends, neighbors, and the Colfax Center Care Team for helping me celebrate my 97th birthday. Thank you for the flowers, cards, food, and phone calls.

Janet Harberts



### Couple to wed in July

Shelby Trinkle of Union and Derek Coulter of Pittsburgh, PA, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Parents of the couple are Richard and Kelly Trinkle of Union and Les and Dee Coulter of Beaman.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of BCLUW and is currently attending ISU and majoring in elementary education.

The groom-to-be graduated from BCLUW and from ISU in 2018 with a major in industrial design. He is an industrial designer for Dick's Sporting Goods.

The couple are planning a July 13, 2019, at Riverside Bible Camp, Story City.

### Nutrition site menu

Friday, July 5 — Beef Lasagna Bake, Tossed Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower, Texas Bread, Peach Cobbler

Monday, July 8 — BBQ Chicken Breast, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Peas, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Tuesday, July 9 — Grilled Pork with Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Multi-Grain Bread, Sliced Pears

Wednesday, July 10 — Hamburger Patty, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Roasted Diced Red Potatoes, Baked Beans, Hamburger Bun, Applesauce

Thursday, July 11 — Beef Pot Roast, Brown Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Frosted Cake

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

Friday • Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking  
July 5  
Ubben/DeBerg, Wilts Room  
Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Legion Room  
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

Saturday Grundy Comm. Center – Ubben/DeBerg reception  
July 6  
Wilts Room

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### CENTER THEATRE'S Reel-to-Reel

Beginning at the Center Theatre on Friday, July 5 at 7:00 will be the biopic/music/drama *Rocketman*, starring Taron Egerton & Jamie Bell. This movie is rated R for language & sexual content, running approximately 120 minutes in length.

At 7:30 will be animated/family/sequel *Toy Story 4*, rated G, running approximately 100 minutes in length.

Movies coming soon include: *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, *Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw*, *The Lion King*, *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood*, *Dora & The Lost City Of Gold*, *Overcomer* & 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!

*Rocketman* is an epic musical fantasy about the incredible story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story – set to Elton John's most beloved songs & performed by star Taron Egerton – tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures

in pop culture. With crazy high ratings on Rotten Tomatoes, it's going to be a long time before a rock biopic manages to capture the highs & lows – pain & excitement of an artist's life like *Rocketman*.

In Disney's *Toy Story 4*, Woody, Buzz Lightyear & the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie & a new toy named Forky. The adventurous journey turns into an unexpected reunion as Woody's slight detour leads him to his long-lost friend Bo Peep. As Woody & Bo discuss the old days, they soon start to realize that they're worlds apart when it comes to what they want from life as a toy. Heartwarming, funny & beautifully animated, *TOY STORY 4* manages the unlikely feat of extending – & perhaps concluding – a practically perfect animated saga. Once again, high ratings & reviews on Rotten Tomatoes for this newest Disney big screen hit!

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

### News from Ivester 4th of JULY CELEBRATION

Celebrate at Ivester on July 4th!

- 9:30 am Bike ride at Welcome Center in Eldora

-10:30 am Bring table games to Fellowship Hall, outdoor games as weather permits.

-11:30 am Bring your own meat for the grill, drinks furnished

### DIAPERS FOR HAITI

You can work on diapers at home or come to the church on July 9 at 9 am. We would like to have them completed by August to be delivered at District Conference.

### Area students are graduates of DMACC

More than 1,600 students graduated from the Spring Semester from Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC's) Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban and West Campuses.

Those recognized from your area include:

Grundy Center: Courtney Cooper, Liberal Arts; Phoebe Ryan, Health Information Technology; Mellina Wrage, Liberal Arts

## 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?

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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 from Marilyn Cafey of Spring Valley, MN, about the photo that ran in last week's Grundy Register: It's a photo of Rev. Donald Jafvert of the First Presbyterian Church taken sometime between 1957-1962.



### Kerr family holds reunion

On June 22, descendants of Daniel and Clara Kerr united at the Community Center for a family reunion. Daniel Kerr, born in 1836, came to Grundy Center in 1870. He served in the Union Army, was Grundy Center's first mayor in 1877, represented Grundy County in the state legislature, and served two terms in Congress. He also practiced law and was the owner and editor of the *New Century* and *Argus* newspapers. The Kerr building built in 1890 still stands on G St. He married Clara Estabrook in 1864, and together they had seven children. Families from George Hugh Kerr, William Galt Kerr, Lillian E. Kerr, and Edward Charles Kerr attended the reunion. Many Simms families (descendants of Lillian) can be seen in the picture as they continue to live in or near Grundy Center. A special thank you in the form of a plaque was given to Robert Bliss for his dedication in transcribing, and thus preserving, hundreds of letters and documents belonging to Daniel and his family. Daniel and Clara Kerr played a big part in the growth and development of Grundy Center and the Kerr family was proud to gather together to celebrate their contributions.



### Garden Club makes donation

GC Garden Club members donated a bench for the Grundy County courthouse yard. Seated are Nancy Stephens, chairperson for the project; Carol Garwood, Garden Club president. 1st row (L to R): Cheryl Dunkin, Rosanne Girres, Rose Kramer, June Morrison. 2nd row (L to R): Sandy Kiewiet, Jean Rhoads, Darlene Marske, Diane Adair, Mary Schmidt.

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Obituaries

Irene Alber

Irene Lois Alber, age 91 of Yakima, Washington passed away on June 22, 2019, in Vancouver, Washington. Having lived in the Yakima area for 40 years, she moved to Vancouver, just recently to be near her family.

Irene was born on October 9, 1927, in Grundy Center to Florence (Banner) and Harry Dittmer. She graduated from Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Waterloo as a registered nurse.

On December 24, 1949, she married Tom L Alber in Seattle, Washington.

Irene loved animals, especially horses, dogs and cats. She also enjoyed sewing and gardening and was involved in the Master Gardner Program in the Yakima area. She was a world traveler and an active volunteer at the Senior Center.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Tom in October of 1986. Also preceding her are her parents; two sisters, Harriet Curry and Maxine Richards; and brother Donald Dittmer; grandson, Sean McNab; and daughter Heidi Hart.

She is survived by her daughter, Christie (Ron) Herbig; and son, David (Roz) Alber; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and nephews.

Frances "Fran" N. Lage

Frances "Fran" N. Lage, 83, of Grundy Center passed away unexpectedly on June 24, 2019, at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center. The funeral service for Fran was held June 28th at the United Methodist Church in Grundy Center. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery in rural Gladbrook. Memorials may be directed to the family and memories or messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



Fran was born January 10, 1936, in Tama County, one mile west of Lincoln, to her parents William & Naomi (Bergles) Kuehl. She attended school in Gladbrook and on March 8, 1953, Fran was united in marriage to Elmer Lage at the Salem Church of Lincoln. The couple were blessed with three children, where Fran stayed home and raised her children and worked alongside her husband as a loyal farm wife. After her children were grown, Fran went on to work for Plastronics and then at Hooks Grocery Store, both in Grundy Center. She later began her food service career as the kitchen manager at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center and later at Beverly Manor (Grundy Care Center), where she retired.

She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, including many beautiful Christmas ornaments she proudly displayed. Fran also enjoyed flowers, baking cookies, camping and fishing, and bus bank trips with her husband, her favorite travel stop in Branson, MO. Fran enjoyed spending time with her family and after the death of her husband Elmer, coffee with her friends in the morning became a highlight of her day. Although she left this world too unexpectedly, it brings her family comfort all the memories they made with her along the way.

Fran is survived by her children Micheal (Deb) Lage of Reinbeck, Colleen (Tom) Eagan of Eldora and Barbara DeVries of Grundy Center; grandchildren Eric (Brenda) Lage of Reinbeck, Teresa (Scott) Williamson of Eldora, Brian (Jana) Eagan of Rockwell, IA, Nick Cooper of Grundy Center, Beau (Lisa) Cooper of southeast Asia and Lucas Cooper of Grundy Center; great-grandchildren Cole, Casey & Carly Williamson, Peyton & Hudson Eagan and Brenna & Gwen Cooper; brothers and sisters-in-law Russ (Donna) Lage, Glen (Karen) Lage and Helen Lage; a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Elmer.

Bernice Volkens

Bernice Volkens, 87, of Reinbeck passed away June 29, 2019, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Reinbeck while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. Visitation was held July 2 at Abels Funeral and Cremation Service French-Hand Chapel. A funeral service was held July 3 at Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck. Burial followed at Reinbeck Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to family. Messages of condolences may be made by visiting www.abelsfuneralhomes.com



She was born on August 15, 1931, in Grundy Center, daughter of Edward and Isabel (Fisher) Cullinan. She attended Grundy Center Schools and Iowa Teacher's College (UNI). She married Virgil Volkens on April 24, 1952, and they made their lifelong home in rural Reinbeck where they raised their family and farmed.

Bernice enjoyed watching Iowa State athletics; traveling and playing golf with her husband; bird watching; getting together with her birthday club frequently and attending her children and grandchildren's events. She was an active member and held each office in her many years of participation with the American Legion Auxiliary and Reinbeck Women's Club. She wrote a newspaper column "The Cooking Corner" for the Reinbeck Courier for 35 years.

Bernice is survived by her husband Virgil; five children, Victoria (Steve) Truby of Des Moines, Craig (Jamie) of Leawood, KS, David of Brecksville, OH, Kent (Kelcey) of Des Moines, and Kevin (Michelle) of Reinbeck; ten grandchildren, Jess, Patrick, Allison, Vanessa, Kristin, Brent, Ryan, Sean, Samantha and Chad; six great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Richard (Romagene) Volkens of Reinbeck.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Dolores (Donald) Messenger; parents-in-law, Grover and Emma; and sister-in-law, Lavina (Charles) Rohach.

Gerrit and Grace Gelder

A short memorial service for Gerrit and Grace Gelder will be held after the morning church service at the Wellsburg Reformed Church on July 7th. Gerrit passed away on April 10, 2010, and Grace passed away on April 22, 2019. A short graveside service will also be held Monday morning, July 8 at the church cemetery.

Linda Peters

Linda Lee Peters, age 71, died June 26, 2019, at home in Maxwell. Visitation for Linda was June 29th from 1:00 until time of her funeral service beginning at 3:00 PM at the Wellsburg Reformed Church. A private interment was held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (please include Linda's name in the check memo.) Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-Doyen Chapel is caring for Linda and her family. For messages of condolence and memories of Linda, please visit our website at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



She was born on May 9, 1948, to the late William and Esther Van Deest of Wellsburg the fifth of nine children. She graduated from Wellsburg HS in 1966, having won the title of Grundy County Dairy Queen. On August 25, 1967, she married Howard Dean Peters. Following Howard's Air Force service in Viet Nam, they eventually settled in Sheffield, IA, and later Ankeny, IA, where they raised three daughters.

Linda was a founding member of the EMT's while living in Sheffield, where she and her husband owned the H&L Grocery store. She was an active member of the community, serving in the Booster Club and numerous civic organizations. Later, she went on to earn a nursing degree and eventually managed two medical clinics. Linda was a strong, dynamic presence for everyone she met. She loved her family fiercely, especially her grandchildren. Nana attended every concert, play, and sporting event she could. She was a faithful Cubs fan and cheered for both the Cyclones and Hawkeyes to equally support all of her college-aged grandkids. She even became a Husker volleyball fan. Nana lovingly memorialized all of her grandkids' wonderful childhood memories in the numerous scrapbooks created by her just for them.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Kristine (Jeff) Potts of Lenexa, KS, Jennifer (Bob) Merfeld of Clear Lake, and Courtney (Nate) Swanson of Arapahoe, NE; eight grandchildren, Jeffery, Meghan, and Abby Potts, Zach, Megan, and Julia Merfeld, and Hunter and Emerson Swanson; sisters Susan Lutterman and Coleen Ralston; brothers Ben (Dee), Ted (Linda), Larry (Faye), Alvin (Michelle), Melvin (Jani); and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jim (Shirley); and brothers-in-law Tim Ralston (Coleen) and Alan Lutterman (Susan).

Elisabeth Clapp

Elisabeth Frances "Liz" Clapp, 90, of Dike passed away June 29, 2019, at her home in Marion. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 5 at the Abels Funeral & Cremation Service, Dike Chapel 680 Main Street in Dike. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 6 at the Dike United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Dike. Memorials may be directed to the church. Messages of condolence may be made by visiting www.abelsfuneralhomes.com



Liz was born on February 23, 1929, on a farm near Stout. She was the daughter of George and Fannie (Berends) Viet. She was married to Harlan Beninga in 1948, they later divorced. She then married Joe Clapp, Jr. on November 21, 1958, he died on March 1, 1968.

Liz worked at several restaurants, Clay Equipment and the University of Northern Iowa, retiring from there in 1994.

Liz is survived by her son Vernon (Metta) Beninga of Cedar Rapids; daughters Susan (Jay) Kruger of Poway, CA, Beth (Scott) Kirkevold of Waterloo, Carol (Dan) Fox of Marion, and Debbie (Rob) Sproat of Amana; three grandsons; six granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Elaine Viet of Allison and Lola Clapp of Cedar Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Joe; three granddaughters in infancy; sisters Martha and Jennie; brothers Ben, Herman, George and one in infancy.

Arlene Harmon

Arlene G. Harmon, 97, of Liscomb passed away June 28, 2019, at Oakview Nursing Home in Conrad. Funeral services were July 3 at the Conrad United Methodist Church in Conrad. Arrangements are entrusted to the Conrad Chapel of the Anderson Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be sent to www.andersonfh.com.



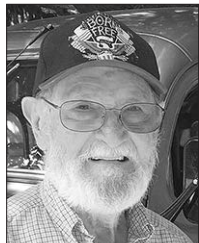
Arlene Gladys Harmon, 97, was born October 10, 1921, at home in rural Liscomb to Walter Clifton and Leo Jenny McRill Brown. At a young age, Arlene rode her Arabian horse, Lady, to school in Liscomb. She was a tomboy at heart, influenced by her two older brothers. Arlene chose to be baptized at the age of 14. She was a guard on the high school basketball team and graduated from Liscomb High School in 1939. She went on to play basketball while attending college at AIB in Des Moines. Arlene married Oral Darl Harmon on July 17, 1941, in Lancaster, MO. They lived for a short time in Chicago, then moved back to Iowa where they farmed for 40 plus years with her brother, Glen, and Darl's brother, Don, in Marshall and Grundy counties. Here their three children Patricia, Stephen, and Joyce were born and raised. Arlene kept the farm records, prepared meals for the farm workers, and had a large garden each year canning much of the produce. Arlene was a 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher, was active in the Conrad United Methodist Women, and the BCL Booster clubs. She was a member of the Social Hour Club and Treasure Seekers. In later years, Arlene enjoyed walking, aquacizes, reading, flower gardening, watching ISU basketball games, attending her grandkids' activities, and staying in touch with family on her iPad.

Left to cherish her memory are her three children: Patricia (Alan) Schiebel of Conrad, Stephen (Cathy) Harmon of Sand Springs, OK, and Joyce (Keith) Kruse of Everly; seven grandchildren: Lynny Evans of Iowa Falls, Erin Hoffmann of Altoona, Darci Tiger of Glenpool, OK, Tina Walenciak of Lucas, TX, Abigail Bury of Broken Arrow, OK, Javan Kruse of Hartley, and Alecia Tolzin of Alta; 17 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Donald Harmon of Lincoln, IL; sister-in-law Betty Harmon of Santa Cruz, CA, and many nieces and nephews.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Darl, in 2003; brothers Donald and Glen Brown; sister-in-law and best friend Maryanne Harmon; sisters-in-law Gail Brown, Maggie Harmon, and Beatrice Harmon; brothers-in-law Dean, Darwin, and Dillard Harmon.

Keith Duane DeNeui

Keith Duane DeNeui, 87, passed away on June 25, 2019, at his daughter's home in Ankeny, after a long battle with cancer. Services have been conducted and they were held privately by the family at the Shiloh Cemetery in Wellsburg. Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-Doyen-Chapel in Wellsburg was entrusted with arrangements.



Keith was born on June 4, 1932, in Shiloh Township, Wellsburg, to his parents James & Gertrude (Meyer) DeNeui. He was raised on his family farm and attended school in Wellsburg, graduating in the Class of 1949. On September 15, 1951, Keith was united in marriage to Evelyn Aukes. The couple later welcomed three children into their family. For many years, Keith worked as an electrician and while in this career, he had the privilege of wiring the first Hogan at the San Juan Indian reservation, a very proud accomplishment for Keith. He later furthered his education and attended technical college at Weltech. He then was hired on at IBM, working as a field engineer. Keith was proud that he was able to be retired from IBM for 30 years.

He was a true traveler at heart. He was fortunate enough to be able to visit all of North America, all 50 states. When he wasn't out traveling and exploring, he made his home in Iowa, Tucson, AZ and Bonney Lake, WA.

Keith is survived by his daughters Kristin Harris and Susan (Stephen) Mayer, both of Ankeny; daughter-in-law Paula DeNeui of Bonney Lake, WA; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; special cousins Ivan and Harold Jaspers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Evelyn; son Lon DeNeui; son-in-law Tony Harris; sister Stella Geerdes and brother Milton DeNeui.

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# Dike News

Diane Paige, Correspondent — 319-989-2163



## Cooley recycling

The fence was installed last week and now we see our new location for recycling. Mixed paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and tin cans. No mud. Now as law abiding residents of the community of Dike, we can use the containers as they are labeled and keep the area around the bins free of spilled recycling. The Cooley company will be watching and will empty containers as they are filled. They are also collecting our garbage on Mondays.



## Skydiving cousins

It was a perfect day for the cousins to take to the sky. At SkyDive Iowa the six cousins paired up for the jump from 9000 feet. Jake Durnin, the oldest, boarded with Haleigh Durnin and each with a professional diver were ready to jump. Jake first followed by Haleigh both with happy landings. Austin Rekward and Cody Bargman made the second departure, and the final two sky divers were Joe and Nick Durnin. No one backed out, and they were watched on firm ground below by Marty and Wendy, Paul and Marti and Alec.

## Dates for Dike

- Thursday, July 4**  
Happy 4th of July
- Friday, July 5**  
5:30 baseball
- Saturday, July 6**  
Do the Sunday school Lesson  
Prepare for Bible school on Monday
- Sunday, July 7**  
Local Church services
- Monday, July 8**  
5:30 softball finals  
5:30 Baseball at Roland Story
- Bible School 6:15pm Dike United Methodist
- Tuesday, July 9**  
5:30 Districts baseball at Dike  
6:15 pm Bible school
- Wednesday, July 10**  
Softball regionals  
Bible school 6:16  
Swim party 8:15 pm



## Improvements made at school

I found another area in town that is making improvements. The concession stand at Dike-New Hartford school will have dry ground when this project is completed. Let it rain now and watch for mud free walking.

## New arrival

Parker Louise Eiklenborg was born June 28, 2019, to parents Si and Elli Eiklenborg. She was born at the Waverly Health Center, weighing 8 lbs, 5 oz. Grandparents are Kent and Laura Eiklenborg and Mark and Susan Parker. Congratulations.

## Legals

### PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Richard F. Woodley, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102348 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Richard F. Woodley, Deceased, who died on or about 8th day of June, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of June, 2019, the last will and testament of Richard F. Woodley, deceased, bearing date of the 20th day of December, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nancy A. Woodley was appointed executor of the estate by Order of Court dated June 21, 2019. 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 25th day of June, 2019.

Nancy A. Woodley  
Executor of estate  
414 4th St., P.O. Box 238  
Dike, IA 50624

Martin Petersen  
Attorney for Executor  
Klinkenberg, Hansmann & Petersen  
1201 Hwy 57, PO Box 682  
Parkersburg, IA 50665  
Date of second publication 11th day of July, 2019. GR27-2

### PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF James Olson, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102346 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James Olson, Deceased, who died on or about 20th day of November, 2018:

You are hereby notified that on June 12, 2019, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby 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 4th day of July, 2019.

William Olson  
Administrator of the estate  
613 Blaine Street  
Dysart, IA 52224

Ronald J. Pepples, ICIS #0006140  
ISBA #000004303  
Attorney for the Administrator  
206 4th Street, PO Box 328  
Parkersburg, IA 50665-0328  
Date of second publication 11th day of July, 2019. GR27-2

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TRUST NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: Lloyd T. Smith and Daphne A. Revocable Trust

To all persons regarding Lloyd T. Smith, deceased, who died on or about the 13th day of June, 2019. Your are hereby notified that Lincoln Savings Bank, is the trustee of the Lloyd T. Smith and Daphne A. Smith Revocable Trust Dated February 5, 2007. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the district court of Grundy County, Iowa, within the later to occur of (4) four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied. Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

Lloyd T. Smith and Daphne A. Smith  
Revocable Trust Dated February 5, 2007

Lincoln Saving Bank  
By John Speas, VP and Trust Officer  
242 Tower Park Drive  
Waterloo, IA 50701

Abby S. Wessel, AT0010361  
Attorney for Trustee  
115 Broad Street  
Reinbeck, IA 50669  
Date of second publication 4th day of July, 2019. GR26-2

### PUBLIC NOTICE

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
Notice Date: 7/5/2019

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is proposing to approve an application for reissuance of an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the discharges described below: DISCHARGER NAME AND ADDRESS: GRUNDY CENTER CITY OF STP EAST OF TOWN OFF C AVENUE GRUNDY CENTER, Iowa 50638-1450 LOCATION: Township: 87 Range: 16 Section: 7 County: Grundy DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES 001 DISCHARGE FROM SEQUENCING BATCH REACTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY WITH UV DISINFECTION. RECEIVING STREAM: BLACK HAWK CREEK 002 BYPASS FROM MAIN TREATMENT PLANT. RECEIVING STREAM: BLACK HAWK CREEK 003 BYPASS FROM EQUALIZATION BASIN. RECEIVING STREAM: BLACK HAWK CREEK Stabilized sludge is applied to local land according to state regulations. Anyone wishing to comment on or object to the proposed issuance of this permit must do so in writing within forty-five (45) days of the date shown at the top of this notice. All comments received will be considered in the final determination. If no objections are received within forty five (45) days, the Department will issue a final permit. You may request the Department hold a public hearing by submitting a written request stating specific reasons why a hearing should be held. Comments, objections, and requests for hearings may be submitted online using the Wastewater Permit Information Exchange (WWPIE) system at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/wwpie. Comments, objections, and requests for hearings may also be addressed to the: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, NPDES Section, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Copies of the proposed permit and other information may be viewed on WWPIE at the web address noted above. This information is also on file and available for public inspection from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday at the above street address. In addition, copies of this information may be requested by calling Karen Lodden at (515) 725-8416 or e-mail at karen.lodden@dnr.iowa.gov. GR27-1

## Birthdays

- Friday, July 5: Val Ridnour, Andy Stage, Dan Anderson, Jennifer Gunderson Kopriva, Donald Knudsen
- Saturday, July 6: Shane Muller
- Sunday, July 7: Katelyn Petersen, Dave Weber, Karla Koch, Joe Durnin
- Monday, July 8: Krissa Meester, Shirley Hermansen, Marcia Willms, Peter Mommer,
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- Tuesday, July 9: Dennis Viet
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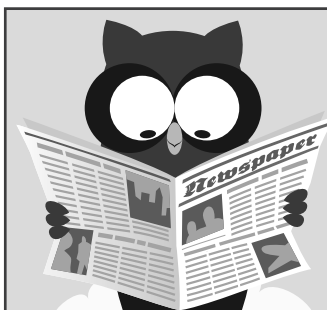
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Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 10 a.m. Worship at Beaman UMC</p> <p><b>Alice Church of God</b> Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-849-7473 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p><b>Blue Collar Community Church</b> 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9 a.m. Sunday Worship</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b> Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Adult Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p><b>DIKE</b></p> <p><b>Fredsville Lutheran Church</b> The Rev. 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## Why We Suffer

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."*  
Psalm 34:8 NIV

**W**hy we suffer is complicated and doesn't have a simple answer. The Book of Job is one response to this question, with Job, an admittedly good and upright man, asking God to explain why he is suffering so much misfortune. Job's friends put the blame on Job, suggesting that he is being punished for something he did. This is a natural response. When we see someone suffering from cancer or heart disease, we often wonder if their lifestyle led to their disease. While it is often true that we have contributed to our own problems, we should resist the urge to blame people's suffering on themselves. Sometimes suffering is the result of natural forces (viruses, hurricanes, earthquakes, and the like). While these "acts of God" are often blamed on God, or at least suggest a God who is indifferent to our welfare, these events often bring out the best in humanity. When natural disasters occur, noticing



those who help is often what redeems our faith in God and man alike. Finally, there is a significant amount of suffering that is caused by our moral failures. Man's inhumanity to man is perhaps the greatest indictment of our humanity. Couldn't God have created us to be kinder and less prone to evil? But to forget that God gave us free will. Our human nature is usually inclined to prosocial behavior but can easily go awry. In the end, our response to why we suffer is highly personal and reflects how we think about God and the nature of the cosmos.  
-Christopher Simon

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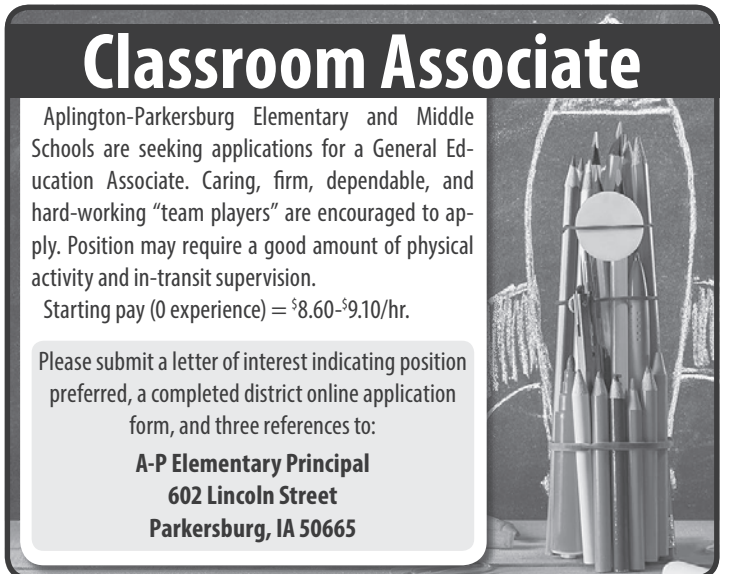
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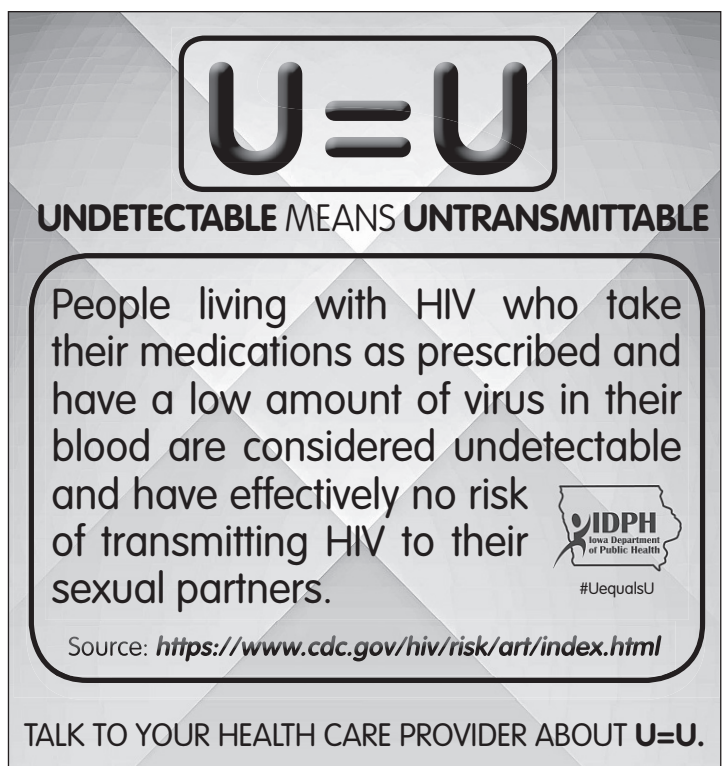
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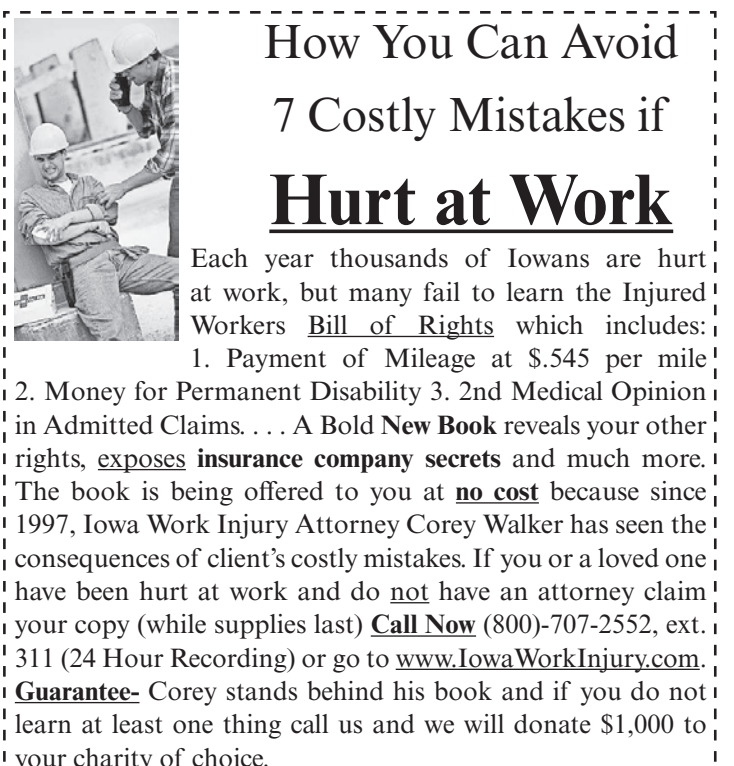
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## Friday's softball: Comets finish unbeaten in West

By SCOTT BIERLE

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CONRAD – With the conference championship securely in the back pocket, the BCLUW softball team wanted more – an unbeaten North Iowa Cedar League West campaign.

Mission accomplished as the Comets defeated county rival Grundy Center, 4-1 in the league finale.

BCLUW, listed No. 5 in Class 1A in the latest state rankings, posted a perfect 12-0 record in the conference and improved to 21-9 overall. East Marshall ended the league runner-up at 10-2 with both losses to the Comets (3-0 and 7-6).

Comet head coach Megan Yantis has all smiles after Friday's victory.

"I told the girls we were already conference champions, but felt there was more to do and going 12-0 was really big. It put an exclamation point on the conference crown," Yantis said.

The Comets earned the NICL West title Wednesday with a 6-3 win over West Marshall at State Center.

Yantis added, "I always feel we had it in us to be the conference champions, but felt we were being a little overlooked and underdogs behind AGWSR and East Marshall. Both those teams like us returned a lot of players, but once we got on a roll things just fell into place."

The Comets are the best in the NICL West for the second time in three years, winning the conference crown on the final night in 2017 over West Marshall.

Once again BCLUW made the most of scoring opportunities with timely hitting and speed. The hosts scored solo runs in the third and fifth frames and tacked on insurance with a two-run sixth.

Kiersten Kruse had a hand in the Comets' first two runs. In the third, the junior had a bunt single and later scored on Olivia Hughes' infield single. In the fifth, Kruse delivered a two-out single to center that plated Emma Hoover, a pinch-runner for Madison Ubben after she walked.

Insurance was added in the sixth. Easton Swanson slugged a double to the left-center-field fence, took third on Cate Nason's single and scored on Kennedy Williams' fielder's choice. Kenna Paxton, running for Nason, hit home when Jaelyn Allen reached base on an error.

The Spartans then spoiled BCLUW pitcher Bailey Ashton's shutout, scoring in the seventh. Maddie McMartin doubled to deep center, motored to third on a sac-fly and scored on Brittany Burroughs' single.

Ashton was sharp in the circle, scattering six base hits, struck out eight and walked one for the win.

McMartin had a two-hit night with a single while Emma Beck had two singles and Megan Beck a double. The Spartans missed a chance to put the pressure on the hosts, stranding runners at second and third in the first inning after E. Beck singled and M. Beck doubled. M. Beck struck out two and walked three in the pitching loss.

The Spartans finished league play 6-6 – good for fourth, and are 13-10 overall.



Comet second baseman Madison Ubben opens the glove to catch a pop-up as teammate Kennedy Williams looks on. BCLUW beat Grundy Center, 4-1 and finished 12-0 in the NICL West. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

"We have always had tough games with Grundy Center. I think it is just the Grundy and BCLUW thing, but we usually came away with the win. Over the past couple years, they have really built that program. Our speed and putting pressure on them got the job done tonight," said Yantis.

The Comets escaped with a 1-0 victory earlier at Grundy Center for one of four one-run wins in league play.

"This has been a total team effort," noted Yantis. "Everyone has contributed to the title with hits, defense, pitching, stolen bases, pinch running. We count on a lot of players and everyone has made the plays."

**BCLUW 4, Grundy Center 1.** WP: Bailey Ashton. LP: Megan Beck. GC: Emma Beck 2-3; M. Beck 2B; Madison McMartin 2-3, 2B. BCLUW: Kiersten Kruse 2-4, 2B, RBI; Easton Swanson 2B; Cate Nason RBI; Kennedy Williams RBI; Jaelyn Allen 2-3.

(Following game reports compiled by Jake Ryder, The Grundy Register)

### Wolverines earn split with Cyclones

DENVER – Dike-New Hartford rebounded from a Game 1 loss to defeat Denver 5-3 in the second game of an NICL East doubleheader with the Cyclones.

Taylor Kvale and Whitney Wauters each had three hits and were two of the five Wolverine batters that knocked in a run each in the victory. Ellie Knock added two hits with a double and an RBI.

Abby Sohn was the winning pitcher for D-NH, striking out six with two walks and three earned runs on seven hits. The

Wolverines trailed 2-1 heading to the final inning before scoring four runs in the seventh and holding the Cyclones to one run in response and clinch the split.

Three early runs for the Cyclones were enough in the early game as D-NH managed just four hits. Jillian Beuter knocked in the lone run for the Wolverines in the fifth inning.

D-NH ends the NICL East schedule with a 9-7 record. Pending the completion of other games in the league, the Wolverines could finish as high as a tie for third in the league and will be no worse than fifth place out of nine teams.

**Denver 3, D-NH 1.** LP: Abby Sohn. Jillian Beuter RBI; Malea Neuroth 2B.

**D-NH 5, Denver 3.** WP: Abby Sohn. Taylor Kvale 3-4, RBI; Abby Sohn 2-4, RBI; Whitney Wauters 3-4, RBI; Malea Neuroth RBI; Ellie Knock 2-3, 2B, RBI.

### AGWSR triumphs with one-hitter

ACKLEY – Taryan Barrick spun up 12 strikeouts in a one-hitter in the pitching circle, helping AGWSR to a 4-0 win against Cedar Falls.

MaKenna Kuper had two hits with a double and a home run for the Cougars, and Ali Gerbracht contributed two hits with a triple and an RBI.

Barrick issued one walk. She carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, where Cedar Falls' Maddie McFarland broke it up with a two-out single.

**AGWSR 4, Cedar Falls 0.** WP: Taryan Barrick. MaKenna Kuper 2-3, 2B, HR, RBI; Ali Gerbracht 2-3, 3B, RBI; Rachel Sicard RBI; Taylor Sperflage RBI.

## This week's schedule

### Friday, July 5

Baseball: Turkey Valley at G-R, 7:30 p.m.; D-NH at Lisbon, 7:30 p.m.; A-P at AGWSR, 7:30 p.m.

Softball: BCLUW at North Butler, 7:30 p.m.; Nashua-Plainfield at G-R, 6 p.m.

### Monday, July 8

Baseball: G-R at Iowa Valley, 5 p.m.; BCLUW at GMG, 7:30 p.m.; D-NH at Roland-Story, 7:30 p.m.;

AGWSR at Colo-NESCO, 7:30 p.m.

Softball regional tournament: G-R at Don Bosco, 5:30 p.m.; Lake Mills at D-NH, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 9

Baseball: GMG at AGWSR, 7:30 p.m.; Independence at D-NH, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 10

Baseball: G-R at Waterloo

Columbus, 5:30 p.m.

Softball regional tournament: G-R/Don Bosco winner vs. Bellevue Marquette/Midland winner in Gilbertville, 5:30 p.m.; AGWSR vs. Fort Dodge St. Edmond/Riceville winner in Ackley, 7 p.m.; BCLUW vs. Central Decatur/Colo-NESCO winner in Conrad, 7 p.m.; Hudson at Grundy Center, 7 p.m.; Saint Ansgar vs. D-NH/Lake Mills winner at Central Springs, 5:30 p.m.



Dike-New Hartford's Katie Knock squeezes the throw from Abby Sohn (9) for the force out at first base during Monday's game against Wapsie Valley. (Jake Ryder photo)

## Monday's softball: Comet offense flares up

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

GLADBROOK – A slow start on the scoreboard for BCLUW softball gave way to a scoring flurry, pouring on the runs for a 9-2 win against Gladbrook-Reinbeck in NICL West play.

Kiersten Kruse was strong at the top of the BCLUW lineup with two hits and two RBI, scoring twice. Madison Ubben added two RBI and Easton Swanson, Cate Nason and Kennedy Williams all contributed two hits each.

The Rebels held an early 2-0 lead in the second inning after Alyssa Morgan reached on an error and Rachel Cooley hit a two-run home run to capitalize.

Meanwhile, the Comets only had two baserunners until the pivotal fifth inning. Ubben started the scoring with an RBI groundout and Parker Scurr singled to tie the game. Kruse followed with a single to put the Comets on top 3-2.

BCLUW pitcher Bailey Ashton settled into the pitchers' circle, allowing just two hits after Cooley's home run and striking out a total of nine batters.

**BCLUW 9, G-R 2.** WP: Bailey Ashton. LP: Rachel Cooley. BCLUW: Kiersten Kruse 2-4, 2 RBI; Olivia Hughes RBI; Easton Swanson 2-3, RBI; Cate Nason 2-4; Kennedy Wil-

liams 2-3, RBI; Jaelyn Allen RBI; Madison Ubben 2 RBI. G-R: Rachel Cooley HR, 2 RBI; Alyssa Morgan 2-3.

### Cougars tee off against Tigers

ELDORA – Extra trips through the AGWSR lineup were productive for the Cougars, scoring nine runs in the final two innings of an 11-0, five-inning rout of South Hardin.

MaKenna Kuper cleaned up the basepaths at the top of the order with a team-leading three RBI on Monday and Ali Gerbracht went 3-for-4 at the plate, scoring twice. Rachel Sicard added two RBI on two hits for the visitors.

The Tigers struggled to hit Taryan Barrick, as the AGWSR starter fanned 11 with one walk in the five-inning no hitter.

AGWSR completed the season sweep after a 3-1 triumph on June 6 in Ackley.

**AGWSR 11, South Hardin 0 (5 inn).** WP: Taryan Barrick. MaKenna Kuper 3 RBI; Barrick RBI; Ali Gerbracht 3-4; Rachel Sicard 2-4, 2 RBI; Josie Winterberg RBI; Carrington Hunt 2-3; Alyssa Hames 2-2; Hannah Homeyer RBI.

### Wolverines fight back to sweep Warriors

DIKE – Dike-New Hartford overcame a major deficit

to secure a NICL East sweep of Wapsie Valley at Dike-New Hartford High School.

The Wolverines rallied to a 12-11 win in Monday's nightcap after winning 6-2 in Game 1.

Taylor Kvale had two hits, two RBI and three stolen bases in the first game, with Katie Knock adding two hits and two RBI of her own. Abby Sohn struck out nine with five walks as the winning pitcher.

In Game 2, the Warriors took an 11-3 lead after the top of the fourth inning. The Wolverines responded with at least two runs in each of their last four innings, completing the comeback with three runs in the bottom of the seventh for the victory.

Kvale was 3-for-3 with a triple. Abby Sohn had two hits with a double and two RBI and eighth-grader Taya Curtis added two RBI. At the bottom of the order was fellow eighth-grader Ellie Knock, who accounted for three more hits, including a double, and three runs batted in.

**D-NH 6, Wapsie Valley 2.** WP: Abby Sohn. Taylor Kvale 2-4, 2 RBI, 3 SB; Katie Knock 2-3, 2 RBI.

**D-NH 12, Wapsie Valley 11.** WP: Abby Sohn. Taylor Kvale 3-3, 3B; Abby Sohn 2-4, 2B, 2 RBI; Whitney Wauters 2-4; Taya Curtis 2 RBI; Ellie Knock 3-3, 2B, 3 RBI.

## Saturday's softball: Rebels stumble at home tourney

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

GLADBROOK – Gladbrook-Reinbeck softball couldn't find the win column at its home tournament on Saturday, falling to Aplington-Parkersburg 9-2 and losing to Belmond-Klemme, 12-1.

The Rebels begin the final week of the regular season with a 2-15 overall record.

Hannah Quackenbush had a double and two RBI for the Rebels against A-P. The Falcons broke open the game with

five runs in the sixth inning and Quackenbush's RBIs broke up A-P's shutout bid in the bottom of the seventh.

Haleigh Berendes hit a double in the game against Belmond-Klemme, but the Rebels were held to just four hits and the Broncos ended the game early with five runs in the sixth inning.

**A-P 9, G-R 2.** LP: Rachel Cooley. Hannah Quackenbush 2B, 2 RBI.

**B-K 12, G-R 1 (6 inn).** LP: Rachel Cooley. Haleigh Berendes 2B.

## Saturday's baseball: Spartans drop 2 in Waterloo

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

WATERLOO – Grundy Center baseball fell short in both games played at Riverfront Stadium as part of a Saturday tournament, with Ankeny Christian winning 7-3 and Waterloo Columbus winning 13-3.

The Spartans fell to 10-11 overall heading into the penultimate week of the regular season.

Full statistics from Saturday's games were not available at press time.

**Ankeny Christian 7, GC 3.**  
**Columbus 13, GC 3 (5 inn).**

## Reingardt named 2A Track Coach of the Year

By JAKE RYDER

Mid-America Publishing

Will Reingardt, the head coach for Dike-New Hartford boys track and field, was recognized by the Iowa Association of Track Coaches as the Class 2A boys track coach of the year.

The Wolverines won their

first team title in school history at Drake Stadium earlier this year.

For the Class 2A girls, Aplington-Parkersburg's Alex Pollock was an at-large coach of the year after the Falcons earned a third-place team trophy.

## Summer Standings

NICL East Baseball		
	Conf.	All
D-NH	13-1	23-2
W'loo Columbus	10-4	18-11
Denver	10-4	15-7
Wapsie Valley	10-6	18-10
Jesup	7-7	7-11
Hudson	6-8	10-11
A-P	4-10	7-12
Summer-Fred.	3-13	5-19
Union	3-13	3-17

NICL East Softball		
	Conf.	All
W'loo Columbus	12-0	28-4
Jesup	12-0	24-7
Summer-Fred.	9-5	17-13
Hudson	8-6	14-14
D-NH	9-7	10-13
Union	4-12	5-18
Denver	4-12	4-25
Wapsie Valley	3-11	7-15
A-P	3-11	6-15

NICL West Baseball		
	Conf.	All
West Marshall	12-0	20-4
G-R	7-5	11-9
Grundy Center	6-5	10-11
East Marshall	5-6	8-14
South Hardin	4-6	8-7
AGWSR	4-7	4-10
BCLUW	1-10	1-14

NICL West Softball		
	Conf.	All
BCLUW	12-0	21-9
East Marshall	10-2	26-4
AGWSR	8-4	17-5
Grundy Center	6-6	13-10
West Marshall	4-8	13-15
South Hardin	1-11	3-18
G-R	1-11	2-15

(Games through June 30 reported to quikstatsowa.com)

## Monday's baseball: Spartans come alive in extras

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

SUMNER – Grundy Center baseball ended an extended stalemate with Sumner-Fredricksburg with four runs in the 10th inning of a 5-1 triumph for the Spartans.

The matchup was tied at 1-1 after a Spartan run in the top of the fourth inning, and neither team got a run across until deep into the extra frames.

Austin Knaack finished 3-for-4 at the plate for the Spartans with an RBI and Logan Knaack had a pair of hits to go with an RBI. Dayne Zinkula and Landon Graham collected an RBI each for the Spartans as well.

Brayden Sawyer needed just 92 pitches to get through the first eight innings on the mound for the Spartans, striking out a season-best 10 batters with no earned runs allowed on eight hits and no walks. Zinkula offered two innings of scoreless relief, allowing two hits with one walk as the winning pitcher.

**Grundy Center 5, S-F 1 (10 inn).** WP: Dayne Zinkula. Austin Knaack 3-4, RBI; Logan Knaack 2-5, RBI; Zinkula RBI; Landon Graham RBI.

### Wolverine victories clinch league title

DIKE – Ely Sohn scored the

eventual game-winning run for Dike-New Hartford in the first game of a doubleheader with Wapsie Valley on Monday, and the Wolverines followed a 2-1 win in Game 1 with an 11-0 rout in the second game for an NICL East sweep and D-NH's fourth consecutive league title.

Sohn scored in the sixth inning on a ball put into play by Devon Kollasch that was mishandled by the Warrior defense. Wapsie Valley had an opportunity to at least tie the game in the seventh inning but Zak Wauters and the D-NH defense held on.

Reece Beuter returned to the lineup after missing four games with a hamstring injury, striking out 11 with three walks and one earned run on seven hits as the winning pitcher in Game 1.

Wauters got the Wolverines on the board with an RBI in the first inning, in addition to securing the win in the save situation.

The offense was overwhelming in the nightcap as D-NH paired six hits with eight walks issued by Wapsie Valley pitching to end the game in five innings. The Wolverines put the game away with six runs in the fourth inning.

**D-NH 2, Wapsie Valley 1.** WP: Reece Beuter. Zak Wauters 2B, RBI.

**D-NH 11, Wapsie Valley 0 (5 inn).**

WP: Drew Sonnenberg. Parker Kiewiet 2 RBI; Reece Beuter RBI; Zak Wauters 2-4, 2B, 2 RBI; Devon Kollasch RBI; Ryan Moore RBI; Wil Textor RBI.

### Tscherter near-perfect in Rebel victory

REINBECK – Tyler Tscherter struck out 17 in a no-hitter as Gladbrook-Reinbeck defeated BCLUW, 8-0.

Tscherter hit one batter, disrupting the potential perfect game but nonetheless dominant in an 84-pitch performance, improving his record on the mound this season to 5-0. He also knocked in two RBI, drawing two walks and stealing a base for the Rebels.

Keagan Giesking added two RBI for G-R and Cody Gebel was 2-for-4 at the plate, scoring once. The Rebels picked up a chunk of run support for Tscherter, scoring four runs in the fourth inning to build a 5-0 lead.

Tscherter's 17 strikeouts is tied for the second-most strikeouts thrown by a Class 1A pitcher this season. North Tama's Ryan McLean struck out 18 Colo-NESCO batters on June 18.

**G-R 8, BCLUW 0.** WP: Tyler Tscherter. LP: Treye Teske. G-R: Tscherter 2 RBI; Keagan Giesking 2 RBI; Cody Gebel 2-4; Kale Hasselmann RBI; Aiden Wyatt 3 RBI.

## Thursday's softball: Hard-hitting Spartans pour it on

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

PARKERSBURG – Grundy Center softball accumulated 19 hits in a 13-1, six-inning victory over Aplington-Parkersburg.

Kyah Luhring went 3-for-4 in the leadoff position, with a double, a home run, three runs batted in and two stolen bases. Megan Beck was 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI and Sydney Mathews contributed three hits with an RBI, scoring twice.

Grundy Center scored at least one run in all but one of the six innings played Thursday and exploded for eight runs in the sixth inning to bring an early end to the game. Seven Spartan batters collected at least one RBI.

Emma Beck was the winning pitcher in the circle, striking out seven with one walk and allowing one earned run on seven hits.

**Grundy Center 13, A-P 1 (6 inn).**

WP: Emma Beck. Kyah Luhring 3-4, 2B, HR, 3 RBI; Sydney Mathews 3-4, RBI; E. Beck 2-4, RBI; Megan Beck 4-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI; Brooke Flater RBI; Jessica Ayers 2-4, RBI; Brittany Burroughs 2-4; Allison Beenken 2B, RBI.

### Early Rebel runs but Mustangs dial in

LE GRAND – Gladbrook-Reinbeck softball couldn't sustain an early lead in a 12-2, five-inning defeat against East Marshall.

Jada Schlampp brought home two runs in the first inning for the Rebels, but East Marshall took the lead with three runs in the third inning and blew open the game with a six-run fourth.

Madison Farrington had a home run for the home team, contributing to her four runs batted in for the Mustangs, ranked ninth in Class 2A.

Mustangs ace Kodie Hoskey

settled in after the first inning, striking out five with one walk.

Thursday's game was a slight improvement from the last meeting between the two teams, a three-inning win for the Mustangs, 12-0, where the Rebels were held without a hit. Taylor Gienger and Alyssa Morgan added two hits each for G-R's offense.

The Rebels defense allowed nine unearned runs.

**East Marshall 12, G-R 2 (5 inn).** LP: Rachel Cooley. Taylor Gienger 2-3, 2B; Alyssa Morgan 2-2; Jada Schlampp 2 RBI.

### Comets, Bearcats moved to July 5

A scheduled game in Allison between BCLUW and North Butler was postponed to Friday, July 5. The Bearcats are 19-6 heading into the final week of regular-season play.

## Tuesday's baseball: Cadets hang on after AGWSR rally

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

IOWA FALLS – AGWSR put up six runs in the seventh inning to extend the non-league game with Iowa Falls-Alden, but the Cadets answered with the game-winning run in the bottom half of the inning for an 8-7 defeat for the Cougars.

Brody Roder had two RBI to lead the Cougar offense, with Ben Macy adding an RBI and four stolen bases.

Trailing 7-1 after six innings, the Cougars started the rally on a lead-off hit by pitch taken by Josh Bartling. A Cadet error scored Bartling two batters later, but Chase Harms grounded out for the second out of the inning and it seemed as though the Cougars were going to be well behind the Cadets.

A hit parade followed as AGWSR came marching in on RBI hits from Ben Macy, Wyatt

Benning, Luke Starr and Jaden Penning. Finally, Roder added the game-tying run to score Penning and the Cougars batted around before Bartling ended the half-inning with a pop out.

The Cadets loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the seventh before Macy got IF-A to ground into a fielder's choice and a strikeout to put two outs on IF-A. But Landon Lettow smacked the game-winning hit to right field to end the game.

**Iowa Falls-Alden 8, AGWSR 7.** LP: Josh Bartling. Ben Macy RBI, 4 SB; Wyatt Benning RBI; Luke Starr RBI; Jaden Penning 2B, RBI; Brody Roder 2B, 2 RBI; Alex Hames RBI.

### Defensive issues doom Rebels

REINBECK – The

Gladbrook-Reinbeck defense struggled Tuesday, leading to 11 unearned runs scored by Denver in a 19-6, seven-inning win against the Rebels in cross-NICL action.

G-R led 5-3 after two innings but Denver asserted control with five runs in the fourth inning and did not look back.

Tyler Tscherter was 2-for-3 at the plate, hitting two doubles with two runs batted in. Keagan Giesking was 2-for-4 with three RBI.

The Cyclones capitalized not just on defensive miscues but eleven walks issued by Rebel pitching on Tuesday. Bryce Phelps and Brock Farley had four RBI each for Denver.

**Denver 19, G-R 6.** LP: Cullen Eifler. Tyler Tscherter 2-3, 2 2B, 2 RBI; Keagan Giesking 2-4, 3 RBI; Kale Hasselmann RBI.

## Tuesday's softball: Spartans steady, taming Bears

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

BROOKLYN – Grundy Center softball broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning with two runs scored for a 3-1 road victory.

The win was the third-straight for the Spartans, and the fourth in the last five games.

Full stats for the game were not available at press time.

**Grundy Center 3, BGM 1.**

### Sicard grand slam powers Cougars

IOWA FALLS – Rachel Sicard bashed a grand slam in the third inning of AGWSR softball's 14-0 blowout win at Iowa Falls-Alden.

Sicard finished with five runs batted in on the day, and contributed to a pair of seven-run innings for AGWSR that

helped end the game after just three innings. Sicard now has three home runs this summer.

Taylor Sperflage added two hits, including a double, and two runs batted in.

Taryan Barrick struck out six with one walk in three innings in the circle.

**AGWSR 14, IF-A 0 (3 inn).** WP: Taryan Barrick. MaKenna Kuper RBI; Barrick RBI; Rachel Sicard HR, 5 RBI; Taylor Sperflage 2-3, 2B, 2 RBI; Alyssa Hames RBI; Sammi deNeui RBI.

## Softball postseason pairings released

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union released postseason pairings for area softball teams last week.

**Class 1A Region 4:** BCLUW received a first-round bye and will play the Central Decatur/Colo-NESCO winner in Conrad at 7 p.m. on July 10 in a regional quarterfinal. Regional semifinalists will also play at Dave Lee Field on July 12. The regional final is scheduled for July 15 at 7 p.m. at a site to be determined.

**Class 1A Region 6:** Gladbrook-Reinbeck will play at Don Bosco at 5:30 p.m. on

Monday, July 8. The winner advances to face either Bellevue Marquette or Midland at Don Bosco on July 10. The regional semifinal would be played at Lisbon City Park on July 12 and the regional final is scheduled for July 15 at 7 p.m. at a site to be determined.

**Class 1A Region 8:** AGWSR received a bye and will play July 10 at 7 p.m. in Ackley against the winner of Fort Dodge St. Edmond/Riceville. The regional semifinalists will play in Ackley on July 12. The regional final site is to be determined, scheduled to be played July 15 at 7 p.m.

**Class 2A Region 7:** Grun-

dy Center begins the postseason at home, welcoming Hudson for a 7 p.m. game on July 10. The winner will play either North Linn or the Aplington-Parkersburg/Denver winner at North Linn High School on Friday, July 12.

Dike-New Hartford opens postseason play at home against Lake Mills in Dike at 7 p.m. The winner will head to Central Springs High School to play Saint Ansgar on July 10 at 5:30 p.m.

The regional final site is to be determined, scheduled to be played July 15 at 7 p.m.

## Friday's baseball: Trojans club Rebels in league finale

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

STATE CENTER – West Marshall completed an undefeated campaign through the NICL West, jumping on Gladbrook-Reinbeck early in an 8-1 defeat for the Rebels.

The Trojans gave Rebel junior Tyler Tscherter a rough ride, dinging the G-R ace for six earned runs on 12 hits, though Tscherter did collect six strikeouts in four innings pitches.

West Marshall's Jake Tollefson hit a home run in

the fourth inning to stretch the Trojans' lead to 7-1 after four innings. Nat Markle struck out 10 Rebels, allowing just two hits in the complete game victory.

Tscherter had a fourth-inning triple and was later brought home on an RBI by Keagan Giesking for G-R's only run of the night.

Pending completion of a postponed game between Grundy Center and BCLUW, the Rebels can finish no worse than a tie for second place in the league with a final NICL West

record of 7-5. The Spartans are 6-5.

**West Marshall 8, G-R 1.** LP: Tyler Tscherter. Tscherter 3B; Keagan Giesking RBI.

### Postponements

Dike-New Hartford baseball's NICL East finale at Denver was moved to Monday, July 1 due to inclement weather.

An NICL West game between Grundy Center and BCLUW did not have an official make-up date as of press time.

## NICL West Softball Champions Redemption arc

*BCLUW league's best after undefeated run*

By JAKE RYDER

*The Grundy Register*

CONRAD – BCLUW softball felt like they left something on the table last summer.

The Comets' bid for a threepeat as NICL West champions was disrupted by a four-loss league campaign and BCLUW was bounced from the postseason in the regional semifinal by East Marshall.

"I think that set us on fire to come back this season," Comet senior Bailey Ashton said.

Not only did BCLUW, ranked fifth in Class 1A, bounce back to win the Comets' third league title in the last four seasons, but they did it with a perfect 12-0 record, a rare unbeaten run through an NICL West that includes 1A's seventh-ranked AGWSR and 2A's ninth-ranked East Marshall.

"It's a huge accomplishment because it's not just winning a conference but winning a very good conference," Ashton said, "and that gives us confidence for the postseason tournament ahead."

Ashton, the Comets' starting pitcher, and the BCLUW defense has been sharp when it counted, with four of the Comets' wins decided by one run, including a trio of 1-0 wins against West Marshall, Grundy Center and AGWSR earlier in June.

With an almost equal number of starts compared to last season, the senior hurler's ERA is down 0.62 from last season, in addition to 147 strikeouts compared to 35 walks.

"Bailey's been throwing great this year," BCLUW head coach Megan Yantis said. "I really think our defense has been solid throughout the year behind her. There's been a few oops and slip ups, but the key is whether you bounce back or not and every time we're usually bouncing back either by scoring ourselves or stopping them from



BCLUW's Easton Swanson (left) and head coach Megan Yantis watch the pitcher during a game at Grundy Center earlier this season. Swanson is the leading hitter for the NICL West champion Comets that just completed a 12-0 run through the league. (Grundy Register file photo)

scoring. We have each other's back."

When the Comets step to the plate, they're plenty dangerous, improving their team batting average to .348 so far this year after finishing last season at .304. The Comets have already surpassed last season's total team hits in 50 fewer at-bats.

There weren't many holes to fill in the BCLUW lineup after last summer's season came to a close, so the returning Comets focused in on making the most of the offseason.

"We've been working really hard in the offseason and the pitchers pitched a lot in the offseason," Easton Swanson said. "We've played together for so long that it just all came together."

Swanson is the team's leading hitter with a .435 batting average, and also leads the team in doubles (6), RBI (26) and is tied for the team lead in home runs with fellow senior Lili Wilson after both have hit two this summer. Kiersten Kruse is

hitting .406 and leads the team with 25 stolen bases, one of three Comets with double-digit stolen bases in addition to Olivia Hughes (20) and Parker Scurr (16).

"We can do what we need to win the game," Ashton said. "If we need to play small ball, if we need to hit the ball, whatever we need, and our defense is usually spot on."

After a busy summer, the schedule is winding down for the Comets, scheduled to play Lynnville-Sully on Tuesday and heading to North Butler for a make-up game on July 5. Every practice at David Lee Field will count that much more ahead of the regional opener on Wednesday, July 10 against either Colo-NESCO or Central Decatur.

"We have to stay focused, every pitch, every game, every inning," Yantis said. "We've got to be expecting to do something good."

## Baseball-Wed.

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### Trojans bash Comets to invoke mercy rule

GILMAN – West Marshall continued its unbeaten tear

through the NICL West with a 16-3 drubbing of BCLUW.

The Trojans racked up 13 hits in the four-inning game, including two home runs and five doubles. BCLUW managed three hits off WM starter

Cameron Bannister.

Full BCLUW statistics were not available at press time.

**West Marshall 16, BCLUW 0 (4 inn).** LP: N/A.



AGWSR's Ali Gerbracht gets in position to put the tag on Grundy Center's Kyah Luhring (16) as she slides into home during Wednesday's game in Grundy Center. Luhring was called out on the slide. (Jake Ryder photo)

## Wednesday's softball: Kuper's homer gets Cougars past Spartans

By JAKE RYDER

**GRUNDY CENTER** – MaKenna Kuper didn't put herself under much pressure to come through on Wednesday night.

The AGWSR softball team was deadlocked with Grundy Center, 1-1, in Grundy Center on Wednesday night and Kuper stepped to the plate in the sixth inning ready to accept whatever outcome came at the plate, as long as she executed her role correctly.

"Just get the bat out, swing sweet, put the ball in play," Kuper said. "Whatever happens, happens."

What happened was a solo home run for the sophomore, her sixth home run of the summer and the eventual game-winning hit in a 2-1 showdown with the Spartans at the George Wilhelm Sports Complex.

"We've been working to cut down on some swings and just to make sure we're making solid contact," AGWSR co-head coach Scott O'Brien said. "Just extend, get a firm extension, a hard snap and you'd be surprised how far it can go."

After a lead-off walk to start the bottom of the sixth, AGWSR pitcher Taryan Barrick retired the next six batters in order to help the one-run margin stick. Barrick allowed three hits in the first inning and only one in the next six innings, finishing with nine strikeouts and two walks.

Josie Winterberg and Alyssa Hames had two hits each. Winterberg hit an RBI single in the top of the fourth with one out to score Hailleigh Homeyer and tie the game at 1-1.

Grundy Center started the scoring in the first inning on an Emma Beck RBI single with two outs. Earlier in the inning, Kyah Luhring was tagged out trying to take home on a passed ball.

"We had our chances," Grundy Center head coach Jeff Mathews said. "Taryan's really good but Megan [Beck] was locked in tonight and held them down. We had one error that led to the run there in the fourth but I'm happy with the way the kids battled."

Beck allowed one earned run on five hits with three strikeouts and no walks. She was also one of four Spartans to hit a double on Wednesday, joining Emma Beck, Jenna Bonorden and Luhring.

"They've got girls that can hit the ball and we had to make an adjustment with our pitch

calls," O'Brien said. "We went to different spots and different locations and to hold them after that first inning, against that lineup, that was pretty darn good."

O'Brien added that the Spartans have been playing much cleaner defense than usual, which helped Grundy Center stay in the mix on Wednesday.

"We can hold our heads up high here," Mathews said. "But pairings just came out and we've got just a few more ball games left here before the post-season, so we do have to step across that fine line to win the one-run games. We just have to find a way to scratch another run or two across and find a way to win these games."

Meanwhile, Kuper and the Cougars, ranked seventh in Class 1A in the most recent rankings, will continue to stay on the grind.

"We've had a lot of adversity thrown at us this year, and I think that's helped our team bonding and our playing skills," Kuper said.

**AGWSR 2, GC 1.** WP: Taryan Barrick. LP: Megan Beck. AGWSR: MaKenna Kuper HR, RBI; Josie Winterberg 2-3, RBI; Alyssa Hames 2-3, GC; Emma Beck 2B, RBI; Kyah Luhring 2B; Jenna Bonorden 2B; Megan Beck 2B.

### Ehlers helps Rebels break losing skid

**GLADBROOK** – A two-RBI hit from Lily Ehlers in the bottom of the sixth helped keep Gladbrook-Reinbeck ahead of South Hardin by a 7-5 final score.

Ehlers only had five hits in her previous 29 at-bats this summer, but the senior stepped up to help G-R snap a 12-game losing streak.

The Rebels started with a 4-1 lead after two innings and Taylor Gienger's solo home run gave G-R a 5-2 cushion, but the Tigers tied the game on a passed ball and a two-RBI hit from Shelby May.

Emily Else reached on a lead-off walk to start the pivotal sixth inning and Maia McLean reached on an error that put runners on the corners

for Ehlers. McLean stole second and Ehlers ended an eight-pitch at-bat with her single.

The Tigers had runners on second and third with a two-out rally, but the G-R defense made the plays to secure the win for starting pitcher Rachel Cooley.

**G-R 7, South Hardin 5.** WP: Rachel Cooley. Halcigh Berendes 2-3, 2B, RBI; Taylor Gienger 2-4, 2B, HR, 2 RBI; Maia McLean 2-3; Alyssa Morgan 2B, RBI; Jada Schlamp RBI; Reagan Skovgard 2-3; Lily Ehlers 2 RBI.

### Comets overcome early deficit against Trojans

**STATE CENTER** – Easton Swanson collected two hits with two RBIs as BCLUW softball scored five unanswered runs to claim a 6-3 victory over West Marshall.

Olivia Hughes added two hits with an RBI and Parker Scurr was 2-for-3 at the plate with a double.

West Marshall led 3-1 after two innings, but the Comets tied the game up at 3-3 in the top of the third and took the lead with a three-run fourth inning.

**BCLUW 6, West Marshall 3.** WP: Bailey Ashton. Kiersten Kruse RBI; Olivia Hughes 2-4, RBI; Easton Swanson 2-4, 2 RBI; Madison Ubben 2B; Parker Scurr 2-3, 2B.

### Farrington leads Mustangs rout of Wolverines

**DIKE** – East Marshall was all over Dike-New Hartford in a 20-0 final at Dike-New Hartford High School.

The Mustangs, ranked ninth in Class 2A by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, ended the game in three innings after building on an existing 6-0 lead with 14 runs in the third inning. Madison Farrington hit two home runs, accumulating nine RBIs for the Mustangs in the process.

East Marshall pitcher Reagan McIlrath held the Wolverines to two hits, one each from Abby Sohn and Lydia Huntington, striking out five D-NH batters with no walks.

**East Marshall 20, D-NH 0 (3 inn).** LP: Abby Sohn.

## Wednesday's baseball: Spartans walk it off on Senior Night

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

**GRUNDY CENTER** – Grundy Center baseball's defense made enough plays to fight back against an AGWSR rally in an eight-inning victory, 4-3, at the George Wilhelm Sports Complex on Wednesday night.

In the eighth inning, Jensen Clapp's hustle in right field snagged a shallow fly ball that prevented AGWSR from breaking the tie with runners on the corners. That led to the bottom half of the frame, where Travis Kuester took a leadoff walk, moved to second on a ball put into play by Marshall Day and Brayden Sawyer delivered the game-winner on a base hit scoring Kuester from second.

Kuester was also the game's starting pitcher, throwing seven innings with three earned runs on three hits, three walks and eight strikeouts. Dayne Zinkula ended up getting the win with his one inning of relief in the eighth.

"I had all the confidence in my defense," Kuester said, "... our bats are going well and we're all being positive with each other."

With Wednesday's Senior Night festivities, the eighth inning was a nice contrast as seniors Kuester and Day set the table for freshman Brayden Sawyer to send the winning hit. Seniors recognized before the game were Kuester, Day, Landon Graham, Brady Jacobson, Tanner Appel, Trevor Winger, Austin Knaack and Andy Cox.

"That was really cool," Kuester said. "Brayden's been a spark for us helping us to get these wins this season. He's been pitching so well for us and tonight he was in the right place at the right time."

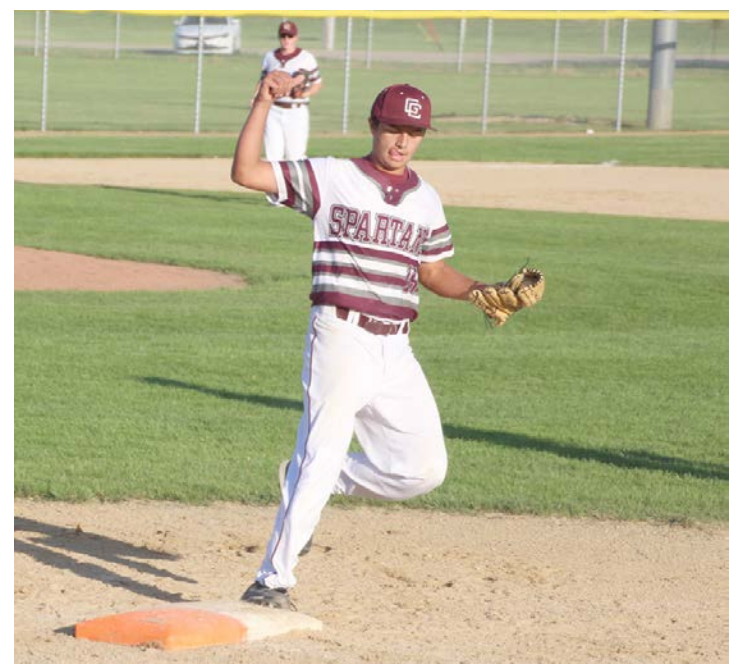
The Spartans have now won all three extra-inning games they've competed in, just two days removed from a 5-1 win against Sumner-Fredericksburg that took 10 innings to complete.

"These guys know not to get down in the dumps," Spartan head coach Pat Brown Jr. said. "When they stay positive, stay involved, stay engaged in the game, we're going to finish these kinds of nights out."

Wednesday's defeat for the Cougars was the second time in the past 24 hours that they had rallied in the seventh inning. The night before in Iowa Falls, the Cougars scored six runs in the top of the seventh to extend the game, only for Iowa Falls-Alden to prevail with a walk-off in the bottom half of the inning.

"We can't wait until the seventh inning to make our move and hope it works out," AGWSR coach Dave Showalter said. "We had opportunities tonight before the seventh inning that we had to capitalize on."

Luke Starr struck out eight with five walks and three earned runs on seven hits as AGWSR's starter on Wednesday, yielding after five and one-third innings due to a high pitch



Grundy Center's Travis Kuester steps on the first base bag for the force out during Wednesday's game in Grundy Center against AGWSR. (Jake Ryder photo)

count.

"He wanted the ball each inning, and that's what I like to see going into the postseason," Showalter said. "He got us out of some tough, tough scoring chances for [Grundy Center]."

After three wins in the last two seasons combined, the Spartans reached the 10-win mark last Wednesday. They can finish two games above .500 with a win against BCLUW this Wednesday afternoon.

"Last year, we were trying to figure out just how to win," Brown Jr. said. "Now we're keeping them focused and channeled so they can keep winning. ... They make me prouder every day with how well they've adapted and learned the game. I probably didn't teach or coach the way I should have last year, but we've changed our structure and we're playing the players we need to play."

**GC 4, AGWSR 3 (8 inn).** WP: Dayne Zinkula. LP: Wyatt Benning. GC: Marshall Day 3-5, RBI; Brayden Sawyer 2-5, RBI; Austin Knaack 2-3. AGWSR: Ben Macy 2B, 2 RBI; Luke Starr 2B; Josh Bartling RBI.

### Oelwein holds Wolverines hitless

**DIKE** – Oelwein upended Dike-New Hartford, 5-1, in non-league play for the Wolverines' second loss of the season.

D-NH did not record a hit against Oelwein, with Reece Beuter scratching Tim Koop across in the sixth inning for the Wolverines' only run of the

game.

Oelwein pitcher Dom Robertson struck out six with three walks. D-NH's loss came exactly seven days after their first loss of the season in the second game of an NICL East doubleheader with Jesup.

**Oelwein 5, D-NH 1.** LP: Devon Kollasch. Reece Beuter RBI.

### Rebel rally too late in loss to Mustangs

**GILMAN** – Gladbrook-Reinbeck got on the scoreboard with three runs in the sixth inning, but East Marshall took the early advantage and held on for a 5-3 NICL West victory.

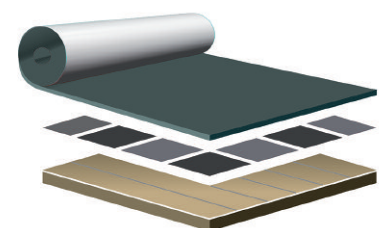
Cody Gebel knocked in two RBIs for G-R, with Cullen Eiffler going 2-for-3 at the plate and Jackson Kiburis adding an RBI.

East Marshall broke a scoreless tie in the fourth, scoring three runs. The Rebels only had three hits before scoring their runs in the sixth inning. G-R lined up four consecutive singles from Tyler Tschertner, Keagan Giesking, Kiburis and Gebel to pull within one run.

A wild pitch allowed the Mustangs to tack on an insurance run in the sixth inning and a two-out walk for William Kiburis wasn't enough to kick-start another comeback attempt for the Rebels.

**East Marshall 5, G-R 3.** LP: William Kiburis. Jackson Kiburis RBI; Cody Gebel 2 RBI; Cullen Eiffler 2-3.

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## Baseball postseason pairings released

The Iowa High School Athletic Association released postseason baseball pairings for Class 1A and 2A competitors on Wednesday morning.

**AGWSR, BCLUW, Gladbrook-Reinbeck and Grundy Center** compete in Class 1A, while Dike-New Hartford competes in Class 2A.

**Class 1A District 5:** AGWSR begins the postseason at top-seeded Saint Ansgar at approximately 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. The game will begin following the conclusion of North Butler vs. Clarks-ville, scheduled for a 5 p.m. first pitch. The Saints are currently 17-5 and ranked seventh in Class 1A by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association (IAHSBCA).

The winner of AGWSR's district quarterfinal will play either Rockford or Nashua-Plainfield in Saint Ansgar for a July 16 semifinal, following the conclusion of the first district semifinal.

The district final will also be played in Saint Ansgar on July 20.

**Class 1A District 9:** Gladbrook-Reinbeck opens postseason play at Alburnett against Maquoketa Valley at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

The winner will play either top-seeded Alburnett or East Buchanan in a district semifinal at Alburnett on Tuesday, July 16, following the conclusion of the other district semifinal with a 5 p.m. first pitch. The Alburnett Pirates are currently 21-4 overall, ranked sixth in Class

1A by the IAHSBCA.

The district final will also be played in Alburnett on at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 20.

**Class 1A District 11:** Grundy Center hosts a pair of district quarterfinals on Saturday, July 13. Following the conclusion of Lynnville-Sully vs. Baxter at 5 p.m., the Spartans will play Colo-NESCO. Two other district quarterfinals will be played at Hudson, beginning with a 5 p.m. game between top-seeded Don Bosco and the winner of a play-in game between Dunkerton and Collins-Maxwell. At the conclusion of that game, BCLUW will play Hudson.

The winner of Grundy Center's district quarterfinal game will play at Hudson at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16. The BCLUW-Hudson winner will face either Lynnville-Sully or Baxter in the other district semifinal directly following the 5 p.m. game.

The district final will be played at Hudson on July 20.

**Class 2A District 11:** Dike-New Hartford is the top seed in District 11, receiving a bye to the semifinal round. The Wolverines, ranked third in Class 2A by the IAHSBCA, will play either South Hardin or Clarion-Goldfield-Dows in Dike on July 16. That game will begin following the conclusion of the other district semifinal beginning at 5 p.m.

The district final is also scheduled to be played in Dike at 7 p.m. on July 20. South Hamilton also received a bye into the semifinal round.

## NICL East Baseball Champions

*D-NH boys turn to season's final tests*

By **JAKE RYDER**

*The Grundy Register*

**DIKE** – Sean Leonard feels like his team is going to compete for an NICL East title, year in, year out.

Dike-New Hartford baseball came through again this summer, making it four league titles in a row after clinching the championship last Monday in Dike with a sweep of Wapsie Valley.

Now, the Wolverines turn their attention to a tough end to the regular-season schedule, trying to prepare themselves for what they hope will be a deep postseason run.

D-NH, ranked second in Class 2A and carrying a 23-2 record into the final two weeks of the regular season, was scheduled to play Class 1A No. 6 Don Bosco in Dike on Tuesday, 1A's top-ranked Mason City Newman on Wednesday and rounds out the week on Friday at Lisbon against a team that has been receiving votes at times in the 1A poll this season. The regular season wraps up the following week with games at Roland-Story, a twinbill with Independence and a road game at Iowa Falls-Alden.

"Coach told us these next two weeks are going to be the hardest schedule the Wolverines have played in a while," D-NH junior Reece Beuter said. "Playing these games will definitely help us improve and we need to step up and embrace it."

Beuter, recently returned from a minor injury suffered in a game against Aplington-Parkersburg, has been tack sharp on the mound for the Wolverines with a 5-0 record, allowing one earned run in 39 and two-third innings pitched with 64 strikeouts compared to 12 walks. The No. 2 in the rotation, Drew Sonnenberg, is not far off pace with a 0.68 ERA in 41 innings pitched with 35 strikeouts and four walks.

D-NH also has one of the



D-NH's Ely Sohn (14) and Tim Koop celebrate after Sohn scored the eventual game-winning run in the first game of a doubleheader sweep of Wapsie Valley last Monday. (Jake Ryder photo)

most error-averse defenses in Class 2A with a .958 fielding percentage.

"We're not so worried about our pitching and defense," Leonard said. "Our two guys that will throw in the tournament will be difficult to hit and we feel good with those two guys and the defense behind them."

The Wolverines recognize where they need to work – a .313 team batting average is good but lags behind some of the best that surround D-NH in the state rankings. Top-ranked Wilton and third-ranked North Linn are both hitting at a .357 clip and fourth-ranked Treynor leads 2A with a .374 team batting average.

"We feel like our offense has held us back in the past in the postseason. We really wanted to challenge ourselves there," Leonard said. "We're trying to see as many good pitchers as we can."

Offensive firepower was missing in D-NH's most recent loss, a 5-1 defeat against Oelwein last Wednesday where the

Wolverine offense mustered no hits.

"We have to show up every day and play our best game," D-NH senior Ely Sohn said. "Whenever there's a bad play, we can't dwell on the past. We have to try and make every play and focus in."

Parker Kiewiet provides a spark at the top of the lineup, hitting .373 with 22 stolen bases in 23 attempts. Sohn is 22-for-22 stealing bases. Beuter is the team's leading hitter at .429 and leads the team in doubles (7), home runs (2) and runs batted in (28), typically hitting third or fourth in the order.

D-NH catcher Zak Wauters, who also does some relief pitching for the Wolverines, is confident in how the team can respond most of the time in tough situations.

"We're going to keep coming at you," Wauters said. "We'll never quit, never go away."

With a roster only 14 deep, the Wolverines made sure to put in the extra work in the off-season to ensure opportunities for success.

"The spring and winter workouts have really paid off with this group of guys," Wauters, a sophomore, said. "We've got a couple younger guys that are getting there too, but getting four [NICL East titles] in a row is awesome putting baseball on the map here. ... We want to make sure we're playing our best baseball at the end of the year."

For the seniors, the potential of getting to Principal Park in Des Moines is a golden chance to put a cherry on top of what has been an eventful school year, including a state runner-up campaign in football, a state appearance for the basketball team and a state championship in boys track and field.

"It'd be an awesome way to go out," Leonard said. "I think that's how they want to go out, and they'll do what they can to do that. They're great teammates."

Sohn added, "We've talked about being conference champs but now we want to do more beyond that, get a lot more."

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