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Brad Hillebrand of rural Grundy Center has found a unique hobby - home brewing. Hillebrand spends much of his free time in his basement, where you can find him brewing and bottling his own beer. Shown above at right is a batch of Oatmeal Stout, Hillebrand's most current brew. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photos)



Jeffrey Strong

Hometown Hobbyists

Local man finds unique passion in home-brewing

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - When he's not busy at his day job in youth ministry, Brad Hillebrand of Grundy Center enjoys spending time on his unique hobby - brewing his own beer.

The recipe is a little more complex than just turning water into wine (or beer). It requires a little barley, some hops and some yeast, along with plenty

of patience and a dash of creativity.

Hillebrand says he first got started home brewing about five years ago.

"There used to be a homebrew shop in Cedar Falls, and I was walking by there one day and they were doing demonstrations outside showing people how easy it is to brew your own beer," he said. "I thought, 'why not?' So I bought a kit, and start-

ed playing around with it."

Hillebrand brewed his very first beer in a kettle on his kitchen stove; it was an Oatmeal Stout, a dark beer with with chocolatey malt finish.

"I was hooked right away," he said. "I always enjoyed craft beer, but I didn't really fall in love with it until I started brewing. For me, I enjoy the process probably as much as the finished product. I was a biology major

in college, so I enjoy the scientific aspect of working with a living thing like yeast, and taking these different ingredients to create something new. There's also a lot of creativity involved, and you can make something really special that's completely unique."

Since he first started brewing five years ago, Hillebrand has grown and expanded his operation; purchasing an advanced

brewing kit and setting up a brewing, bottling and storage area in his basement, where he spends his free days playing around with new brews.

His whole process, from start to finish, is very personalized and very precise.

He starts by crushing his own barley on a mill; then the crushed grain is mixed with hot water to create a mash. The
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Wellsburg man charged with pointing loaded gun at deputy

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

WELLSBURG- A rural Wellsburg man is facing felony charges after allegedly pointing a loaded handgun at Grundy County Deputy Kirk Dolleslager, who had been called to his home in response to a domestic disturbance, on Saturday night.

According to sources, 39-year old Jeffrey Strong had been involved in a verbal argument at a residence just north of Highway 20 approximately equidistant between Wellsburg, Ackley and Aplington before proceeding to tear up his own yard with a pickup truck. An individual concerned for the safety of all parties notified law enforcement of the unfolding situation.

Upon Dolleslager's arrival at around 10:30 p.m., Strong was heavily intoxicated. After the deputy walked upstairs, the suspect brandished two firearms, racked a round into one of them and allegedly pointed it at him, creating a scenario that could have very easily resulted in the use of lethal force, as Sheriff Rick Penning explained.

"It's good that it turned out the way it did," Penning said.
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Old time religion

Alice Church of God celebrates 150 years of worship

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

RURAL GRUNDY COUNTY- It's no small miracle that members of the Alice Church of God, a quaint structure situated on a gravel road smack dab in the middle of southwestern Grundy County, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church's founding on Sunday afternoon. As recently as six or seven years ago, it teetered on the brink of extinction with just five regular attendees and a need for crucial repairs that would cost nearly \$200,000.

But faith has always carried this congregation forward, even against seemingly insurmountable odds.

"It was a God thing," long-

time member Sharla Brindle said. "I'm not going to tell you it was easy."

Today, between 25 and 30 worshippers fill the pews each week, and that number ballooned to 160 on Sunday as past members, former pastors and relatives came from across the country—states like California, Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana and Maryland—to commemorate the little church that could.

Alice, located on 270th Street approximately six miles north of Conrad and nine miles southwest of Grundy Center, was once a community in its own right—complete with the church that still stands, a cemetery, a post office and a blacksmith shop. The North Carolinians who settled it sought a fresh start in the aftermath of the Civil War, and under pastor J.M. Klein, the first church services were held in 1868.

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The Alice Church of God (pictured), located on a gravel road between Grundy Center and Conrad, celebrated its 150th anniversary with a special service, catered meal and program last Sunday. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

D-NH superintendent explains upcoming PPEL vote

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

DIKE- If there's one thing that Dike-New Hartford Superintendent Justin Stockdale wants prospective voters in the district to know before they head to the polls on Tuesday, September 11, it's that the renewal of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is not a tax increase.

"We're not asking for anything more than what we've had the last 10 years. It's still the same 50 cents," he said. "It's simply a renewal of what we've had for a long time."

Currently, D-NH has a 33-cent board approved levy per \$1,000 of property valuation and a 50-cent voter approved levy. If a simple majority agrees to renew the levy next Tuesday, the 50-cent rate will remain intact.

PPEL dollars are primarily used to fund facilities upgrades

and infrastructure improvements within the district: major expenses like school buses, a new track surface, locker room renovations, baseball and softball scoreboards, playground remodeling and parking lot paving—to name a few—have all been paid for with PPEL over the last 10 years. For the 2018-2019 school year, the total revenue generated is estimated

at \$140,000, and by state law, districts are allowed to levy up to \$1.34 per \$1,000 of valuation with voter approval.

Without this levy, the funding for all of the aforementioned projects and many more would come straight from the general fund, which, amidst low levels of new Supplemental State Aid

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Rock around the Clocktower

Car cruise, live music in downtown Grundy Center

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - The community is invited to come "Rock around the Clocktower" on Thursday night for a special car cruise and concert hosted by Main Street Grundy Center.

The event, which will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. around the courthouse, will showcase vintage and classic cars from Grundy Center, Conrad and Waterloo Car Clubs, and will also feature live music by "Janey and the Growlerz" at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn.

Main Street Grundy Center Director Lisa Bienfang says the car show and concert is not only a great opportunity for locals to come together and have fun in the downtown area, but it's also a great way to bring visitors to town.

"Local car enthusiasts are eager to show off their treasures, and it's a great opportunity for
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The courthouse square will be bustling with excitement on Thursday, September 6th, as Main Street Grundy Center hosts their first ever "Rock Around the Clocktower" car show and concert.

Conservation board plans to purchase land between GC and Morrison

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER- Grundy
County Conservation Director

Kevin Williams announced his department's plans to purchase approximately 37.38 acres of land between Grundy Center and

Morrison near the Pioneer Trail during Tuesday morning's regular supervisors meeting.

"We're excited about adding to the county's wildlife sites," Williams said. "I think it'll be a nice addition."

The county will purchase the land, situated on the north side of Highway 175 and currently valued at \$70,521 according to the Beacon website, from Mike Freed. It borders Black Hawk Creek and is also located near the Wolfe Family Preserve.

Williams called the deal "a shook hands agreed upon thing," but the supervisors did not formally give him approval to sign the agreement because it had not yet been presented to them. The board will likely grant Williams clearance at a future meeting once an official agreement is presented and placed on the agenda.

Sheriff Rick Penning and Chief Deputy Tim Wolthoff were on hand as the board approved an agreement for shared radio services and membership on a board with larger counties like Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson, as part of the statewide police communications upgrade. A new \$240,000 cell tower was constructed late last year on the secondary roads property between Grundy Center



The Grundy County Conservation Board is planning to purchase a 37-acre plot of land (pictured) near Black Hawk Creek between Grundy Center and Morrison. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

and Holland.

Michael Boonyakiti of Liberty National gave a presentation on an optional supplemental insurance policy available to county employees and asked if the board would be interested in offering it, but supervisor Harlyn Riekema responded that any change would have to wait until budget season.

Boonyakiti countered that the policy would not factor in to budgets because all costs are absorbed by the employees, and fellow supervisor Chuck Bakker said that he could talk to depart-

ment heads and employees to gauge their interest. No official action was taken.

The board will contract with Konken Electric, a local company, to finish a modification of the exterior lights at the new annex building outside of the contract with Iowa Falls-based King Construction, the general contractor on the project.

The supervisors discussed potential change to the driveway policy that would allow plastic dual wall pipes to be used legally, but no action was taken.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Presented a 30-year service award to Ross Lage.
- Approved FY2018 township reports for Black Hawk, Lincoln and Washington.
- Approved an Aureon utility permit.
- Approved the election of candidates for the Iowa Municipalities Worker's Compensation Association Board.

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Severe thunderstorms flood Oakleaf Golf Course

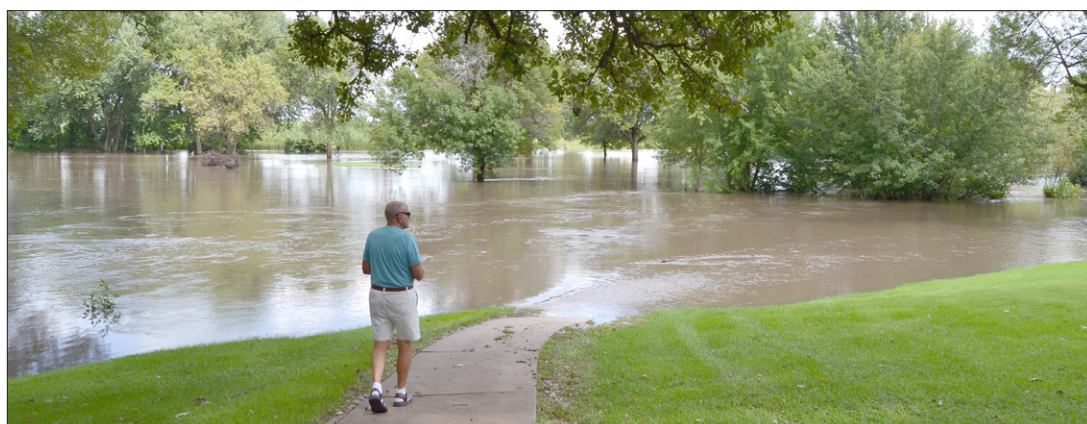
By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

REINBECK - Severe thunderstorms and heavy rain caused flash flooding across Northeast Iowa this weekend and early into this week, leaving many basements and fields underwater.

In Reinbeck, the Oakleaf Golf Course has been temporarily closed after Monday night's rain flooded Black Hawk Creek, leaving almost all of the course underwater.

Oakleaf Manager Christie Lichty says all but one of the nine holes have water.

"When I stopped by [Monday] morning, the water was still in the bank [of the creek], all of this just showed up yester-



Grundy Center residents Shelby Luwe (above) and his wife Shirley were a few of many locals who came to inspect the damage at Oakleaf Golf Course on Tuesday afternoon.

day afternoon and evening," she said. "Right now, the only hole without water is hole six."

She estimated that at the deepest point, the water was probably about 10 feet deep.

"The water's been high before, but this is bad," Lichty said.

Lichty expects the golf course to open again before the end of the season, but she's not sure how soon.

"It all depends on how much more rain we get, and how fast it goes down," she said. "There's nothing we can do but sit and wait for it to go down."

Lichty added that the two tournaments, which are scheduled for Sunday and Tuesday, are almost certainly going to be cancelled.

Grundy Center residents Shelby and Shirley Luwe were a few of many people who came out to the golf course on Tues-



All but one of the nine holes were underwater as of Tuesday afternoon. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photos)

day afternoon to inspect the damage.

Shelby says he and his wife Shirley have been members of Oakleaf Golf Course for four years, and he's never seen it quite this bad before.

"It's flooded pretty bad before, but this is the worst I've ever seen it," he said. "We

thought we'd come down here and check it out, but we might need our kayaks to do any golfing right now."

Lichty says she plans to keep the Clubhouse open during the evenings, but for now, the course is closed until the water recedes.

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Hobbyists

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mash is then filtered into another kettle where the concentrated liquid (called wort) is boiled. Then, he adds hops (some of which he grows in his own garden). After the hops are boiled with the wort, the hop particles are separated and the liquid is transferred to a container to be cooled and fermented. Fermentation takes anywhere from two weeks to several months, depending on the type and flavor of the beer.

After it's done, Hillebrand either puts it in kegs, or bottles it.

All in all, the process from brew to bottle takes about four weeks, Hillebrand says.

"It takes a lot of patience, but I love the feeling when it's done, and I give it away to my friends to try and I get their feedback," he said. "It's a rewarding feeling to create something that tastes just as good, and sometimes better, than what you can buy at the grocery store."

Hillebrand says he enjoys being able to practice his creativity, and create something unique by trying different brewing techniques, or new ingredients.

So far, he's brewed a little bit of everything: some India pale ales, some stouts, pilsners, ales and lagers, saisons, his own version of Oktoberfest and more. He even won an award at a home brew competition for a cream ale he made.

"I didn't send it in looking to win awards or anything, I just wanted some feedback on my beer, so I was pretty surprised when I won an award for it," Hillebrand said.

Mainly, he just brews beers to give away to friends, or to serve when he has guests over, and sometimes even for friends' weddings, but Hillebrand says he wants to keep his hobby a hobby.

"There have been seasons of life where I thought it would be fun to brew beer for a brewery, or sell my own beer, but I don't think I'd really want to do that," he said. "I want to keep it a hobby, because right now it's fun; there's no pressure or stress, it's just something fun I can do with my free time, and I'm not worried about anything when I'm brewing in my basement."

Hillebrand says his goal is



Part of Hillebrand's home brewing set up is his bottling area, and his storage area, where he keeps samples of each of his different beers. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

just to have fun, create something unique, and make other people happy with it.

"I'll invite friends over, and we'll just sit in the basement and listen to records and have a few beers," he said. "It's very rewarding to create something that brings joy to others. People have been brewing beer and making other fermented drinks for thousands of years; there's something about food and drink that brings people together, and brings joy. It's a rich experience. It connects people, and like anything else, it's good in moderation."

Hillebrand says his goal is to share his hobby with people, and already, he's gotten another local pastor - Paul Shaver from the Ivester Church - on board.

"Paul started brewing about six months ago; we brew together sometimes and that's been really fun," Hillebrand says. "We split batches and experiment with different brews. It's fun to have another person to share your hobby with, and it's a goal of mine to get other people interested and show them how easy it is to brew your

own beer."

Hillebrand himself never took any classes, and is self-taught in home brewing; he learned a lot from the home brew shop in Cedar Falls, and read up on different techniques - but he says it's simple enough for anyone to do, without spending much on equipment.

"If you can boil water, you can brew beer," Hillebrand said. "All you really need to start is a soup kettle, a stove and an extract kit. If you choose to get more into it, you can always buy more equipment later, but you really don't need much."

As for himself, Hillebrand says he will continue brewing for fun, and experimented with new flavors and styles.

"I'm always trying new things, and trying to improve," he said. "When I'm down in my basement brewing, it gives me joy, and it gives me joy sharing it with others."

Do you or someone you know have a unique hobby they would like to share with others? Let us know! Call 319-824-6958 or email grundyeditor@midamericapub.com

Arrest

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According to the police report, the deputy's repeated demands that Strong drop his weapon went ignored, and the suspect, who had at one point allegedly claimed that he had a right to self-defense in his own home, eventually raised it toward him—forcing the officer to seek cover. As Dolleslager prepared to discharge his weapon, Strong, laid down his gun and came toward him but still refused to get on the ground.

Penning added that he couldn't recall an incident that came so close to ending in the death of either an officer or a suspect during his three and a half decades as sheriff, and he praised Dolleslager for his de-escalation of the harrowing ordeal. Chief Deputy Tim Wolthoff, who came from Dike, and Deputy Zach Tripp, who was in Conrad, drove across the county to provide backup.

Strong was arrested for Going Armed with Intent and As-

sault on a Peace Officer, both Class D felonies. He has since posted bail and is not currently in custody. Hearing and trial dates have not yet been made publicly available.

Dolleslager, a law enforcement veteran, told The Grundy Register that due to the pending criminal charges, he could not directly comment on the matter until legal proceedings have concluded.



This year's Taste of Grundy Center is set for next Thursday, September 13, at the courthouse square. Shown above are community members visiting a booth at a previous Taste of Grundy Center event.

A Taste of the Good Life

Seventh annual 'Taste of Grundy Center' event to be held next Thursday

By MICHAELA KENDALL

The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - Next Thursday, September 13, a dozen area vendors are inviting the public to get a taste of the good life during the seventh annual Taste of Grundy Center event, held on the courthouse lawn from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored each year by the Grundy Center Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Director Laura Cahalan said that this year's event will offer community members all of their festival favorites and plenty of new fun as well.

"This year we get the oppor-

tunity to feature one of Grundy Center's newest businesses, Natural Grind, which will be a great way to highlight the good things that are happening in Grundy Center," she said. "As this community grows and evolves, local residents and those in surrounding communities have changing priorities. Bringing bigger cities amenities like gourmet coffees and health smoothies provides a more rich experience."

Also new to this year's event is the Kid's Zone: where community members can take part in free, fun and family-friendly activities.

"We're excited to debut our Kid's Zone this year," Cahalan said. "We're adding to the family-friendly vibe of Taste of Grundy Center with face painting, games, a story walk and entertainment for children, so families can come and stay awhile."

Cahalan said she would like to invite the community out to the courthouse lawn next Thursday to join in on the festivities.

"Thursday evenings are already a great night in Grundy Center, with shops open later and the farmer's market," she said. "By hosting our annual Taste of Grundy Center on a Thursday evening, people have even more reason to enjoy and support their community. Try samples from the wonderful vendors, experience the Kid's Zone, shop local and support Grundy Center businesses, get great local produce and products at the Farmer's Market, and feel proud that every dollar spent is making an impact here in Grundy Center."

For more information, contact the Grundy Center Chamber of Commerce at 319-825-3838.

PPEL vote

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(SSA) money from the legislature, is always being tightly monitored to ensure long-term fiscal solvency.

"It impacts your staffing levels, (and) it impacts things that your general fund can pay for," Stockdale said. "(PPEL) is just another funding stream, and it's really beneficial for us—especially when you think of facilities, transportation needs, building upkeep, maintenance and things like that. It's really valuable to have."

School taxation votes are not generally considered high turnout affairs, but the last time this measure was on the ballot, it received overwhelming approval. As the district's leader, all Stockdale can do is provide citizens with the facts and hope they ultimately make an informed decision. While a few of the calls he's received are predicated on the idea that a "tax increase" is being proposed, the superintendent has relished the opportunity to correct the record.

"Once I explain that piece of

it, people have been very supportive," Stockdale said. "I get it. I would ask the question too if a district was asking for a tax increase. I'd want it explained, so I'm glad they're calling and not assuming anything."

For the most part, it's been a matter of getting the word out through all of the available mediums and convincing voters that continued investments in D-NH's facilities are crucial to the district's sustained long-term success—a "clear vision," in Stockdale's words.

"The funding stream is just critical. That's where I guess I land on it," he said. "If we don't have it, we reprioritize, and things take longer to accomplish."

Polls will be open from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11. All voters in Grundy County and the Black Hawk and Cedar Falls townships of Black Hawk County can vote

at the Dike Public Library, and all voters in Butler County and the Union Township of Black Hawk County can vote at the New Hartford Community Center. Any inquiries about voting can be directed to the Grundy County Auditor's Office at (319) 824-3122.

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Comets welcome class of 2031
 BCLUW's new kindergarten class has 30 members, and all but one of them got together for a group photo last week as the new school year kicks off. The two teachers are Krista Silver (back row, center left) and Tiffanie Nederhoff (back row, center right). (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Church

From page 1

In 2018, Alice is one of only three Churches of God of its denomination (not to be confused with the larger Pentecostal denomination based in Tennessee) in the entire state of Iowa. Preachers have come and go, but Jim Hartman—who also serves the Whitten Community Church and lives in Union—has found a groove over the last four years and led the congregation back to a place it can feel good about, building on the progress of predecessors Gerald Casselman and Jim Snare.

“When this church first existed, General Custer was fighting the Battle of Little Big Horn,” Hartman said. “Major things have happened in history, and this little church meets every Sunday. World War I, the Roaring ‘20s went on, and this church met every Sunday. People are getting shot with machine guns in Chicago (a reference to prohibition and Al Capone), and this church is meeting every Sunday. Seabiscuit is winning all the horse races, Hitler is the big thing and then we have World War II... and a lot of what that church went through was just supporting each other through that war.”

H.L. Heim, who led the church from 1959 to 1977, was the longest serving pastor in the 20th century, and fami-

lies like the Brindles, Stovers, Heims and Ralstons have come to define Alice. Still, the doors are always open, and members like Karen Berryman—who, along with her husband Gordon, has been driving from Dumont every Sunday for the last two years—have found an unlikely home here.

“The church is very personal... It’s just like one big family worshipping together, and the presence of the Lord is always there,” Mrs. Berryman said. “They’ve accepted us as one of the family. They really have.”

Despite the changes all around, both in religion and the world, Alice has maintained a firm grounding in Wesleyan theology and traditional worship, and it’s one of the things that attracts people to it. In recent years, even younger families from Conrad have gravitated toward the church.

Brindle recalls a conversation she had with a husband and wife who are missionaries based on hiatus in the Ames area about why they loved Alice.

“(They said) all of these churches want to change and be more progressive and high-tech and all that. Don’t change a thing,” Brindle said. “Millennials and younger people are searching out for things that are meaningful and stable. Don’t change. Keep the love and the

spirit going.”

And the renovation is another triumph in the history of the church. With \$10,000 in the bank, mold and mildew rapidly accumulating and a failing foundation, the board would need to come up with approximately \$200,000 to pay for all of the necessary repairs. Anonymous donors covered it all, and today, Alice isn’t in a cent of debt.

“If they need a new organ or a new piano, somebody just buys it or donates it,” longtime member and retired trucker Larry Hughes said. “It isn’t like we’ve got to go around begging for money.”

Moving forward, the church will undoubtedly undergo more transformations and suffer through more trying times, and Hartman admits that at 71 years old, he doesn’t know how much longer he wants to lead it. With strong physical and spiritual foundations, however, members will proudly wear the Alice’s identity on their sleeves, and they’ll keep on praying for anyone who needs prayers.

“I wouldn’t want to attend a large church. I have, and you kind of get lost in the crowd. Here, you get to know each other more intimately,” Brindle said. “The most important thing is (to) pray about it and do it God’s way.”

Conrad churches to host Barn Service

The Beaman & Conrad United Methodist Church will hold a Barn Service at Sunday, Sept. 16th, at 10 a.m. at the Dielschneider Barn located at 16465 310th St, Conrad.

The service will featuring The Briggs Family Band. A potluck dinner will follow. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Open Jam around the camp-

fire will be held on Saturday, Sept 15th starting at 7:00. Bring an instrument if you play or just come and enjoy the evening.

Holland Fire Department wins National Fire Safety Sweepstakes

Department Will Provide Alarms Donated by First Alert to Residents in Need

HOLLAND – Holland Fire Department is helping residents in Holland make their families safer from the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning thanks to First Alert.

This June, First Alert, the most trusted brand in home safety*, launched its “60 Years of Thank Yous” sweepstakes to mark the 60th anniversary of the company’s founding. Holland Fire Department is one of 60 fire departments randomly selected from hundreds of entrants to win 60 carbon monoxide alarms to help with community risk reduction initiatives.

“It is important to work with the community to help prevent injury and death from carbon monoxide,” said Roger Hibdon, Chief of Holland Fire Department. “Grant and donation programs allow us to reach more members of the community, and we are grateful to First Alert for helping us make our community safer from the potentially deadly threat of carbon monoxide.”

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three out of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms.** The NFPA recommends installing smoke and CO alarms on each level of the home and in or near every sleeping area.

“Throughout our history, we have been fortunate to work with local fire departments and safety officials across the country to help spread awareness of the dangers of smoke and carbon monoxide,” said Tarsila Wey, director of marketing at First Alert. “To celebrate our 60th anniversary, we wished to thank these invaluable partners by equipping them with alarms to help them continue the great work they do in their community.”

Home Safety 101
 Holland Fire Department and First Alert recommend following national guidelines for

smoke and carbon monoxide alarm placement. Once alarms are installed, they must be properly maintained by regular testing and cleaning. Homeowners should replace smoke alarms every 10 years and carbon monoxide alarms every five to 10 years depending on the make and model.

Another critical component of fire safety is having – and frequently practicing – an escape plan. As part of this plan, it is important to identify two ways out, and have a designated meeting area and ensure everyone knows how to call the fire department. In the event of an emergency, it is important to exit the home, stay outside and wait at the pre-designated meeting area. Call 911 and wait until officials clear your home to re-enter it safely.

For more tips on fire and carbon monoxide safety, contact Holland Fire Department or visit the First Alert website at www.firstalert.com.

Tickets available for Hospital Foundation’s Lunch & Style Show

GRUNDY CENTER-- The annual Fall Fling combines support for local health care with a delicious lunch and the latest fall fashions, plus the chance to win purse, gift card, and accessory prizes. The Grundy County Memorial Hospital Foundation Fall Fling is Wednesday, September 19 at St. Gabriel’s Church, rural Reinbeck. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the style show by Jennifer’s on Main, downtown Cedar Falls.

A committee of area women is planning the event, which also features a raffle drawing for a Decorah hotel stay and a gift certificate for fashions from Jen-

nifer’s, as well as an evening at the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony. Both raffle tickets and event tickets may be purchased from committee members Toni Nederhoff of Eldora/Steamboat Rock, Juanita Fulster and Shirley Young of Gladbrook, Kim Heinrich and Mary Zimmermann of Wellsburg, Rhonda Samo of Grundy Center, Amy Swanson-Haan of Parkersburg, or Linda Ohrt, Dianne Barker and Carol Petersen of Reinbeck. All guests in attendance will be entered into a drawing for purse and jewelry door prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

The Fall Fling benefits local

health care with support for the hospital’s 2019 Annual Campaign, which is supporting enhancements to the Surgery Department, Lab, and Emergency Department. Luncheon guests will have the chance to support local Health Care grants with the annual Vase Challenge. These grants are available through the GCMH Foundation to non-profits who seek to address a health need in their community. For more information on the Fall Fling or to purchase tickets, you may phone 319-824-4147 or email GCMH_Foundation@unitypoint.org.

National Passport Awareness Month

The Bureau of Consular Affairs has selected September as Passport Awareness Month in order to increase familiarity with the United States Passport and provide helpful information and services to the traveling American public. Passport Awareness Month is dedicated to offering as much information as possible to American citizens about Passport Services.

The Grundy County Auditor’s Office was designated as a Passport Acceptance Facility late in 2012. In calendar year 2017, the Grundy County Auditor’s Office processed 216 new passport applications and assisted many others in renewing passports.

It is recommended to submit a passport application well ahead of planned travel dates in order to avoid possible delays. In 2007, the U. S. Department of State experienced an unprecedented surge in passport applications, issuing over 18 million passports as a result of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. Those passports have now expired, which has resulted in an increased demand for passport renewals. In fiscal year 2017, the Department of State issued more than 21 million passport books and passport cards. As of fiscal year 2017, there were over 136 million valid passports

in circulation, compared with just over 7 million in 1989.

Applying early will avoid the \$60 expedited service fee. At this time, routine applications are processed in approximately 4-6 weeks from the time of application. The expedited service commitment is to process a passport application in 2-3 weeks.

You can renew a passport conveniently by mail at any time if your most recent passport: 1) Is submitted with your application; 2) Is undamaged (other than normal “wear and tear”); 3) Was issued when you were age 16 or older; 4) Was issued within the last 15 years; AND 5) Was issued in your current name (or you can document your name change with an original or certified copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order). The renewal form is available online at www.travel.state.gov or by contacting the Grundy County Auditor’s Office. Members of the public may get a passport photo taken at the Auditor’s Office for a fee of \$10.00.

You must apply in person at a Passport Acceptance Facility (Grundy County Auditor’s Office) in order to apply for a first-time passport, renew a passport that is not eligible to renew by mail, apply for a passport for

a child under the age of 16, or apply for a passport for an adolescent 16-17 years old.

In order to obtain a first-time passport, an applicant needs to fill out an Application for a U.S. Passport which is available online at www.travel.state.gov, on the Grundy County website at www.grundycounty.org, or in the Auditor’s Office. The applicant may then deliver the application together with a citizenship document, such as a certified birth certificate or a naturalization certificate; an identification document, such as a valid driver’s license; and a passport photo to the Auditor’s Office. In addition to being able to accept passport applications, members of the public may also get a passport photo taken at the Auditor’s Office for a fee of \$10.

Some countries may not let you enter if your passport has less than six months validity before it expires. Passport holders are urged to double check their passport validity. Passports for minors are valid for 5 years and adults for 10 years.

There are a few special requirements for passport applicants under 16 years old. When applying, both parents/guardians and the child need to be present. If one parent/guardian is unable to appear in person, then the minor’s passport application must be accompanied by a signed, notarized Form DS-3053: Statement of Consent from the non-applying parent/guardian.

Persons planning international travel may apply for a passport on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Grundy County Auditor’s Office, 706 G Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa. Any questions may be directed to the Auditor’s Office at 319-824-3122, or you may visit www.travel.state.gov for additional passport and international travel information.

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10 Years Ago This Week - 2008

Living with RADS - Grundy Center resident has severe reaction to all chemicals: Today, life is much different for Jamie Paige. Until recently, the Grundy Center native worked for Cedar Valley Hospice. Now, due to exposure to chemicals, she is completely disabled. Paige's problems began when she moved to Grundy Center from Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin, three years ago. Paige said she had a severe reaction to cigarette smoke, but doctors were unable to determine what her condition was. Then, last summer, Paige said she began noticing severe symptoms that made her "miserably sick," including a horse voice, cough, shortness of breath and burning sensation in the lungs. Paige said she began a three week cycle, where she would get sick, recover, go back to work, and then get sick again. "It was taking over my life and it was getting worse," Paige said. Paige quickly used all of her sick days at work. Paige knew something had to be done. Paige said doctors would tell her that although they did not have a diagnosis, they had never seen these symptoms this out of control. So after seeing a couple specialists without a successful diagnosis, she went to Allergy Associates in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to see Dr. George Kroker. On June 27, over a year after her symptoms first appeared, Dr. Kroker finally diagnosed her with Reactive Airway Distress Syndrome (RADS) with chemical sensitivity. Paige was told that exposure to crop-dusting during the previous fanning season triggered her RADS. In his diagnosis, Dr. Kroker said Paige is "suffering from Reactive Airway Distress Syndrome triggered by chemical exposures, which include aerial spraying and agricultural crop spraying." In addition, Paige was also told by her doctors that because of crop spraying, Iowa is one of the worst states to live in with RADS. Now diagnosed with RADS, Paige knew she would have severe allergic reactions (similar to asthma) to even minimal exposures to pesticides or chemicals of any kind. Paige said she is unable to go outside for long periods of time, must carry an epinephrine pen with her at all times and wear a mask in the car when going for long drives. That diagnosis changed everything. "From that point on, my life was never going to be the same," Paige said. "Its just amazing how your whole perception of life changes. It's a new way of living, and it's disabling. Its important to get dialogues going about this. If this can happen to me this can happen to anyone." Although there is a cure for RADS and it is usually not life threatening, Paige said she is currently completely incapacitated. However, Paige said she has remained positive through the ordeal and has a lot of faith. "But it is scary," Paige said "Because I don't know what's going to happen. I'm a positive person, but I didn't know what I was fighting."

25 Years Ago This Week - 1993

Two juveniles were taken into custody late Tuesday afternoon following a stakeout in a cornfield in northern Grundy County. Law

enforcement officials were alerted early in the afternoon of a 1988 Pontiac in a corn field south of D17, south of Parkersburg. The car had Wisconsin plates and was reported stolen. Information came back that the vehicle was occupied by two juveniles, heavily armed. Officials apprehended the juveniles without incident and they were taken to the Grundy County Sheriff's Dept. where they were referred to juvenile authorities.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1968

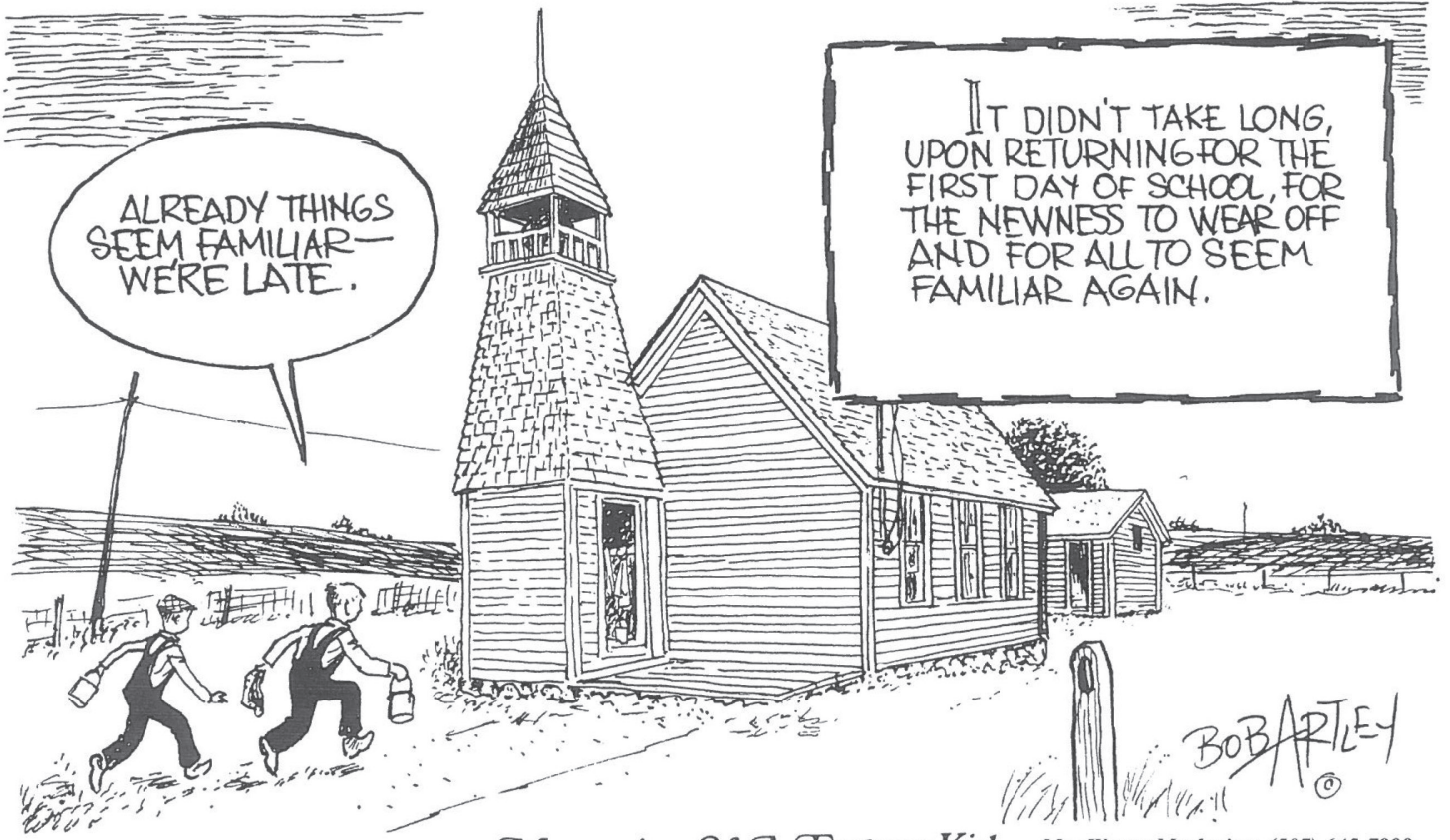
Hetty Wessemsius from The Netherlands, a Youth for Understanding student, arrived at the Ennis Hertema home near Beaman last week and will make her home this school year with the Hertema family while attending the Beaman-Conrad High School. The Hertema's have two high school students, Mary Sue and Daryl, in their family.

A 62-year-old Grundy Center carpenter, Bernard Buus, was one of 17 Iowans who lost their lives in traffic accidents over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Buus was killed instantly at 5:08 p.m. Saturday in a two-car collision 14 miles north of New Hampton on highway 63.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1943

O. B. Eells from Wellsburg was near death Saturday morning when he was struck by a car at the highway intersection two miles north of Grundy Center. Mr. Eells was nightwatchman at the Grundy hemp plant. He had finished his work for the night and was on his way home. He was driving a Model A Ford and he was alone. He turned to the left at the intersection and he hadn't quite crossed the paving when he was struck by a Buick car coming from the north and driven by G. J. McBride from Elkader. The Buick car struck the Ford near the right front wheel. The Ford car was turned around and it was turned over. Mr. Eells was thrown out of the car and he was pinned under the Ford when the cars came to rest. The Ford car turned over on the paving with the driver under it. Mr. Eells was completely disabled. A doctor was called, who advised that he be taken to the hospital. Harold Engelkes tendered the use of his ambulance to take the injured man to the hospital. At first it was feared that Mr. Eells' neck was broken. Several X-ray examinations disclosed a dislocated vertebra. The vertebra was put back in place Monday and the neck placed in a cast. It is believed now that the injured man will recover.

The congregation of the Methodist church at Conrad have decided to put up a \$30,000 building to replace the one destroyed by fire several months ago. Construction of the new building will begin early next spring if it is possible to get material. Subscriptions from the members for the building fund up to date have totaled \$15,000. Canvass for subscriptions has not been completed. It is hoped to bring the total of pledges up to \$20,000. The church has a surplus in the building fund which came from insurance paid after the fire. The new building will be L-shaped with a dining and fellowship hall in the basement.



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**My Three Cents Worth
Bring on the fall**

With each passing year, I come to love summer less and less. It's too hot, I don't have anything resembling a beach body. I can't find the time or the money to go on a real vacation and with a host



By ROB MAHARRY

of festivals and fairs, it feels like most of my work here is done at night or on the weekends. So, unsurprisingly, Labor Day is anything but a mournful affair: Kellie and I find ourselves excitedly checking the weather forecasts and game schedules as we anxiously await our favorite season of all.

Football is already back in full swing—except if you're an Iowa State fan, I guess, sorry about that—and it couldn't be more welcome. Besides whichever TV show I'm binging at the moment ("The Wire," currently), it's one of the only things I can truly get excited about. The Hawkeyes are probably on pace for a vintage 8-4 season (perhaps 9-3 if Riverboat Kirk can pull out one of his patented upsets), and expectations in Ames have never been higher.

Of course, this sets the stage for what could be a barnburner on Saturday in Iowa City, and if you're a Cyclone fan, the only silver lining I can think of from last week's non-result is that the opponents don't have much game film to work with. I wish I could spin that more favorably.

In the NFL, the Vikings (Kellie's team, not mine) could be contenders if Kirk Cousins can settle in and play like the quarterback he sometimes showed he could be in Washington—although, if nothing else, he'll certainly be happier in Minneapolis than he was playing for real-life Bond villain Dan Snyder. The defense is still incredible, and Stefon Diggs is one of the best young receivers in the game. Even if Aaron Rodgers stays healthy, as crazy as it is to say this, Minnesota is still probably the favorite in the NFC North. That sounds too good to be true, and as Vikes fans have learned, an injury like the ones that hobbled Adrian Peterson and Teddy Bridgewater can change the whole trajectory of a season in a heartbeat.

The Chiefs (my team) are a big question mark: from everything we've heard, new signal caller Patrick Mahomes has a cannon like we've never seen before—possibly the biggest arm ever—but does that translate to winning on the field? I hope so. The AFC West is one of the most wide open divisions this year, with an aging but still good quarterback in Los Angeles (I'm still reminding myself the Chargers play here now), a Raiders squad coming off a huge disappointment with retired Hooters and Corona spokesman Jon Gruden back at the helm and a Denver team taking a chance on Case Keenum after a magical season with the Vikings he may never repeat.

The Jaguars and Rams are hot picks for the Super Bowl, which I'm not sure anyone would've predicted two years ago, and the Patriots are still in the hunt because Tom Brady and Bill Belichick will never retire. Here's to hoping they never get six championships.

And at the high school level, it's a year full of uncertainty. The Spartans are young, the Rebels are joining the Cougars in the eight-man ranks, the Comets and the Wolverines are coming off of big momentum boosting wins, and a handful of alums from the Grundy County schools are showing off their skills at the big time college level for Iowa State, Iowa and UNI this fall. As I prep for the Grundy Center-BCLUW game this week (and the short walk to the field in Conrad), I'm excited that the border rivals are playing for the first time since 2015 and are back in the same district. It's good for the players and the fans to be in a district with teams you know and have history with, and it makes covering the games a heck of a lot more exciting.

And most importantly of all, Wylo is in first grade—hard to believe—and learning something new every day. Watching her grow over the last two years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and although she hates it when I embarrass her, she's a natural in school when she tries. She says she's going to be a surgeon and live in either Paris or Los Angeles, so I'm just hoping she doesn't forget about Kellie and me when that happens.

What's not to love about fall?

One bit of hard news I found over the Labor Day weekend hit home as a person who has a job and lives in Iowa: according to the latest statistics, our unemployment rate is among the lowest in the nation and is lower than it's been in a long, long time.

Nevertheless, wages remain stagnant, and no one seems to have a good explanation why. If I were running for political office, regardless of the party I represented, I'd probably address that.

That's the kind of thing people *actually* care about.

**Grassley Q & A:
Cost of Prescription Drugs**

Question: How would your price transparency amendment change prescription drug advertising?

Answer: The U.S. Senate adopted a bipartisan amendment I co-sponsored with Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois that would improve information available to consumers about their prescription medicines. Right now Americans who watch television are exposed to countless messages promoting brand name prescription drugs in direct-to-consumer advertising. In fact, the average American TV viewer watches up to nine drug ads every day. The pharmaceutical companies spend \$6 billion annually to tell consumers there's a drug on the market to relieve what ails them. Our amendment simply asks the drug companies to include the price of the drug along with the uses of the drug, the side effects of the drug, and information already provided about where to get help if you can't afford the drug. Consumers already have the right to know the side effects of a drug advertised on television, and they ought to know how much it will cost. Our Senate-passed amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue price disclosure regulations for direct-to-consumer advertisements by the pharmaceutical industry.

Question: Why do you want to see prescription drug ads on television include pricing information?

Answer: At nearly every one of my county meetings across Iowa, the cost of health care and prescription drugs comes up. Iowans are concerned about affordable health care, including what they pay for the medicines that treat their chronic conditions and saves lives of their loved ones. Putting consumers in the driver's seat will help drive down the cost of medicine. That's why I have long supported health savings accounts. It encourages consumers to spend health dollars wisely. Requiring pharmaceutical companies to disclose the price of the drug they are advertising will help consumers make more informed decisions when they discuss medical treatments with their health care providers. Price transparency will empower patients to make informed cost comparisons when they choose and pay for their prescription medicine. There's plenty of sticker shock at the pharmacy counter. Requiring pharmaceutical companies to disclose cost information in their advertising also will foster more robust competition in the drug industry that will lead to lower costs for consumers who increasingly face higher out-of-pocket expenses. As an outspoken champion for transparency and good government, I will continue working to spread sunshine laws for the public good. From cameras in the courts to whistleblower protections, there's no question that transparency cures wrongdoing and informs the citizenry. Americans know that it's not easy to reach consensus on health care reform. Price transparency for prescription medicine strikes a bipartisan chord that has won the support of the AARP, doctors, insurance companies, hospitals, and the Trump administration. The pharmaceutical industry spends money to get the most bang for the buck when it advertises brand name drugs for arthritis, fibromyalgia, blood clots, psoriasis, high blood pressure, heart conditions and more. That's good for business. Our amendment aims to help consumers get more bang for their buck and a better value when they fill their prescription medicines. That's good for the people's business.

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Fall prevention presentation planned at the Grundy Senior Center

GRUNDY CENTER – Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths, unintentional injuries, and hospital admissions for trauma. Falls can take a serious toll on older adults' quality of life and independence. To recognize this critical issue, National Falls Prevention Awareness day is celebrated each September on the first day of fall with activities and awareness occurring during the entire month.

To learn more about how older adults can prevent falls, make plans to attend an informational presentation at the Grundy Senior Center (705 F. Avenue, Grundy Center) on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. Jill Stumberg from Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging will provide valuable information to help you make your home safer as well as tips to follow while you are out and about.

If you would like to have a meal, please call to make reservations by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27. Meals are available on a contribution basis based on income for those over 60. Otherwise the cost of the meal is \$8.00. To make a reservation call 319-824-3843.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



OK, here is the next mystery picture. Can anyone tell us anything about this photo? Maybe when and where it were taken? What was the occasion?

If you have any answers send an email with 'From the Archives' in the subject line to grundyeditor@midamericapub.com

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

Keep the memories! Photos from the Register's 'From the Archives' series are now available for purchase! The cost is \$5, and the photos are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

No information was received about the other photo that ran in last week's Grundy Register. If anyone has any information please contact the Grundy Register office at 319-824-6958 or send an email to grundyeditor@midamericapub.com



GNB banker elected chair for SHAZAM Network

DES MOINES – Kevin Swalley, CPA, has been elected chair of the SHAZAM, Inc. Board of Directors. Swalley is Chairman and CEO of GNB Bank and also serves as president, CEO and Chairman of GNB Bancorporation. Swalley has worked in community banking for 34 years and most recently served as vice-chair for the organization.



Kevin Swalley

"SHAZAM allows individual community financial institutions to magnify their voice and influence in the payments industry," said Swalley. "I'm proud to serve in a leadership role for one of the only member-owned financial services providers in the United States." He notes that being the voice and representing SHAZAM's member institutions is one of SHAZAM's strengths.

"Kevin has already shown he is a leader among his peers by serving for more than three decades on national and state level boards and committees," said Paul Waltz, SHAZAM President & CEO. "His breadth of experience, knowledge in the payments industry, and long relationship with SHAZ-

AM makes him an outstanding choice for charting a new direction for the network."

In addition to his current role, Swalley served as board member for the Iowa Bankers Association, Iowa Bankers Insurance and Services, Inc., and Community Bankers of Iowa. He also served on the Independent Community Bankers of America Payments and Technology Committee as well as the Taxation Committee. He was a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Imaged Returns Workgroup and served on the Federal Home Loan Bank Des Moines Board of Directors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Friday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 7
Wilts Room
Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Monday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 10
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- Tuesday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 11
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- Wednesday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 12
Wilts Room
Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Legion Room
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- Thursday • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 13
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Nutrition site menu

- Friday, September 7 – BBQ Pork Rib Patty, Red Potatoes, Coleslaw, Hamburger Bun, Apple Cobbler, Milk
 - Monday, September 10 – BBQ Chicken Breast, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Peas, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk
 - Tuesday, September 11 – Hamburger Patty, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Baked Beans, Hamburger Bun, Hot Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk, Ketchup
 - Wednesday, September 12: Birthday Meal – Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Birthday Cake, Milk, Margarine
 - Thursday, September 13 – Pork with Brown Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Multi-Grain Bread, Sliced Pears, Milk, Margarine
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Dike News



What's to come

This is the site for something new. The owner was not on site, so as we continue to watch progress he will soon tell us the plans that are in the works. The corner of Main and State Street is active!



About town

The boys are home from five days of fishing on Woman Lake in Minnesota. Marty had the honor of the largest fish, Wendy came in second, Mike caught the most and Amy read the most books. Marty was the master cleaner with cleanup left to everyone. The weather was good, and on the evening of Thursday night the weather was rainy and expected to continue all day Friday. It was pack up time as Mike and Marty knew they could be back in Dike at 2:00 a.m. and be ready for golf Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. They had a good trip, safe travels and really missed us here at home.

Seventh Street had a pole or two replaced last week. Always a good sign, and by the looks of several others we will watch for more replacements. Travel safe and protect the workers.

Channel 7 watchers on DISH are without the local channel for a while. You will miss Mark Woodley with the sports and Friday Night Heroes.

A reminder to sign up for Ladies Night Out. Call to make reservations 319-989-2535.

Dinner Thursday September 13 at 6:00 pm at the Dike United Methodist Church.

Birthdays

- Thursday, September 6: Karen Benson, Rob Heerkes
- Friday, September 7: Bryce Petersen, Rance Beem, Kyle Hansen
- Saturday, September 8: Carol Schipper, Wendell Eiklenborg, Kyle Beem, Sarah Bixby, Amber VanGundy
- Sunday, September 9: Barb Meester, Joel Stone, Sara Reinicke
- Monday, September 10: Marcia Borwig, Tyann Petersen
- Tuesday, September 11: Aaron Olsen
- Wednesday, September 12: Jean Doorley
- Thursday, September 13: Steve Woodley, Nick Weber

Dates for Dike

- Thursday, September 6
HS XC Marshalltown
- Friday, September 7
Football North Butler
- Saturday, September 8
Volleyball Osage
- Sunday, September 9
Local church services
- Tuesday, September 11
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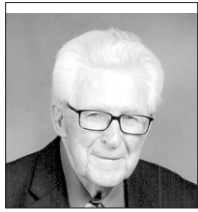
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Gerhard "George" Viet

Gerhard "George" H Viet, 94, of Grundy Center, died on August 30, 2018, at Creekside Senior Living in Grundy Center while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. A visitation was held September 4 at the Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center. A funeral service was held September 5 at the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church in rural Holland with Reverend Rick Vollema officiating. Memorials may be directed to the family to be donated to a cause of their choosing at a later date. Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home is taking care of George and his family. Online condolences may be made at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



George Herman Viet was born on March 5, 1924, in rural Dike, IA, to his parents Geert and Fannie (Berends) Viet. George attended the Beaver and Fairfield Township Country School, attending to the 8th grade. George was united in marriage to Mabel Frieling on March 7, 1945, at the Pleasant Valley Reformed Church parsonage. George worked briefly for John Deere in 1946 while living in Dike, later moving to the farmstead west of Dike in 1947. George and Mabel welcomed their daughter Diane into the world on December 19, 1948. George and Mabel farmed for over 47 years before retiring in Grundy Center in 1993. George and Mabel raised crops as well as livestock.

George enjoyed woodworking; his favorite lumber of choice was Walnut. Some of the things he made included a china hutch, curio cabinet, many picture frames, and decorative shelving. He loved to spend time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. George and Mabel traveled to all of the 50 states, including Mexico and Canada. Together George and Mabel enjoyed attending garage sales and flea markets where they added to Mabel's collection of colorful dishes. Many days were spent playing card games or putting together puzzles. George loved ice cream and made it from scratch on holidays and special occasions, passing down this tradition to his daughter and grandchildren.

George is survived by his loving daughter Diane (David) Kremer of Wellsburg; grandchildren Craig Wildeboer of Grundy Center, Chad (Kathleen) Wildeboer of North Port, FL and Amy (Travis) Knudsvig of Waterloo; step-grandchildren Bridget (Jeff) Hess of Solon and Kevin (Kelsey) Kremer of Dunkerton; great-grandchildren Dalton Lee Wildeboer, Austin & Cole Wildeboer and Emersyn and Asher Knudsvig; step-great-grandchildren Keegan, Madysen, and Paige Hess, Riley and Ty Kremer; sister Elizabeth Clapp of Marion.

George was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mabel, infant son, brothers Ben, Herman (Mary) Viet, sisters Martha (Herman) VanHauen, Jenny (Louis) Bakker.

Ima Jean Verona Tjepkes

Ima Jean Verona Tjepkes, 83, of Cedar Falls went to be with the Lord August 28, 2018. She had been under care at Nation Cottage-Western Home and Cedar Valley Hospice. A Time of Remembrance will be held during the morning service at the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 9. Memorials may be given to Cedar Valley Hospice.



Ima, often called Ima Jean, or Imo, was born the daughter of Albert and Susie (Andresen) Tjepkes on August 20, 1935, on a farm near Holland.

Ima was a graduate of Grundy Center High School Class of 1953. Ima worked at Grundy Center Schools for 10 years, until 1965, then attended UNI and received a BA in Office Education in 1968. She taught at Cedar Falls High School for approximately 10 years and also received her MA degree in Business Education in 1977. In 1980 she was employed by Viking Pump where she worked until her retirement in 1994.

Ima thoroughly enjoyed being retired, helping others and spending time outdoors. She liked to travel, attend Women of Faith and other gospel and country music concerts. Her hobbies included bicycling, walking, fishing, listening to gospel and country music, bird watching, reading and spending time with dear friends and family.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Minetta Tjepkes; her nieces and nephews, Curt (Julie) Tjepkes, Sheila Steinmeyer, Rhonda (Shawn) Samo, Karla (Rob) Weissenfluh and Delwyn (Wendy) Tjepkes and many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Phyllis, and brother, Arnold.

She lived by her philosophy: Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last.

Richard Herman Winterroth

Richard H. Winterroth, 82, of Reinbeck passed away August 31, 2018, at Parkview Manor in Reinbeck. A visitation for Richard will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5 at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 10:30 a.m. at the church. A private family burial will be held at the Reinbeck Cemetery. French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck is caring for Richard and his family. Online messages of condolence may be made to the family at: www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Grundy Register.

Kristin Anderson

Kristin Marie Anderson, 46, of Hiawatha passed away after a sudden illness on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at University Hospitals and Clinic in Iowa City. A Committal Service will be held at a later date. Memorials in Kristin's memory may be directed to the family. Please share a memory of Kristin at www.murdochfuneralhome.com under obituaries.



Kristin was born March 21, 1972, in Waterloo, the daughter of Larry and Carol (Muller) Mitchell. She graduated from Dike High School in 1991 and Mercy/St. Luke's Radiology Tech School in Cedar Rapids. In 1997, Kristin was united in marriage to Jeremy Anderson. She was employed for many years at Mercy Hospital as a Radiology Tech. Kristin loved spending time with her family, Jim, and her dog, Vivian.

She is survived by her sons, Bradley Anderson and Jared Anderson (Miranda Kress); grandson, Spencer; mother, Carol Mitchell; siblings, Julie Kienol and Scott (Angie) Mitchell; nieces and nephews; fiancé, Jim Shepherd; and her dog, Vivian.

Kristin was preceded in death by her father, Larry in 2011; husband, Jeremy in 2012; and niece, Jordan Sue.

Leonard Raam

Leonard Carl Raam, 89, of Gladbrook passed away peacefully on August 31, 2018, with his family by his side.

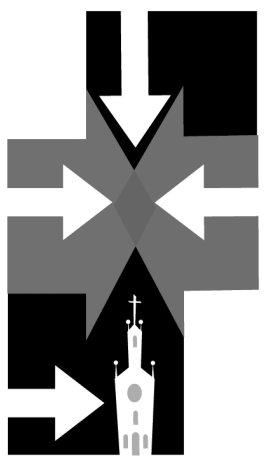
Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 6 at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home at 10:30, with a public visitation held on Wednesday, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home starting at 5:00 and ending at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to be used at a later date once a memorial fund has been established. For condolences visit www.Mitchellffh.com. A full obituary will appear in next week's Grundy Register.

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Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Alice Church of God Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-849-7473 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 7 p.m., Bible Study</p> <p>Blue Collar Community Church 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9 a.m., Sunday Worship</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>DIKE</p> <p>Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC) 705 1st Street 319-989-2141 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evening Praise Service</p> <p>Untied Methodist Church Dan Ridnour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>GRUNDY CENTER</p> <p>American Lutheran Church Luther Thoresen, Pastor 319-824-3557 www.alcgc.org Sundays 8:45 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Worship service</p> <p>Bethany Presbyterian Church Al Polito, Pastor 319-824-5471 Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship Time Wednesdays 4:15 p.m., J.A.M. 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Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>LISCOMB</p> <p>Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>MARSHALLTOWN</p> <p>Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA Sundays 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium</p> <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>St. Henry Catholic Church Father Don Czapla Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses 4:30 p.m. in English 6:30 p.m. in Spanish</p>	<p>Sunday Masses 9 a.m. in English 11:30 a.m. in Spanish 5:00 p.m., Mass</p> <p>PARKERSBURG</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. 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Move In



The self-described researcher and storyteller Brené Brown, who does qualitative research on issues relevant to human relations, advises that "People are hard to hate close up. Move in!" In the current divisive political climate, she notes that we have sorted ourselves into ideological bunkers. That is, we live and interact mostly with people who agree with us politically. The polarized political environment means that most of us know someone whose vote we find incomprehensible. Her proposed solution is that we "move in" and ask questions, instead of keeping our distance and refusing to engage these people who we disagree with on social or political issues. Ask them why they feel the way they do. You may discover that their reasons for believing (and voting) the way that they do are not based on some ignoble or vicious impulse, but on their genuinely held principles. In any case, Brown asks us to consider whether we are willing to sever a relationship because of how someone voted. If the answer is no—and it probably should be—then perhaps you need to move in and start a conversation with that person.


— Christopher Simon

"The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.... A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel."
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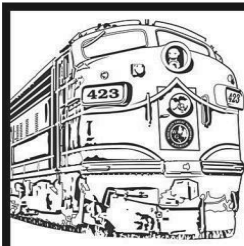
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Sydney Petersen prepares to serve during a Texas Longhorns match earlier this season. Petersen, a true freshman on the Longhorns' women's volleyball team, made the VERT Challenge All-Tournament Team as part of her first taste of college volleyball in games played on Aug. 24 and 25. (Photo courtesy of Texas Athletics)

Petersen making plays for Longhorn volleyball

By JAKE RYDER
Mid-America Publishing

MADISON, Wis. — The best way for Sydney Petersen to deal with the challenge of Division I volleyball and pursuing her college education was to get a head start.

"I was really overwhelmed with everything at first," Petersen said. "It helped to have summer classes and summer practices with some of the girls. Coming back for the fall, it just made for an easier transition."

As a result, the former Dike-New Hartford volleyball standout has made immediate contributions to the Longhorns, immediately making a splash in the first two Texas matches against nationally-ranked Oregon and Florida.

Petersen was one of three Longhorns named to the VERT Challenge All-Tournament Team last weekend, leading Texas in digs with 33 (3.67 per set) in addition to four assists and one ace.

Ahead of the No. 2 Longhorns' matches with No. 8 Wisconsin and High Point at last weekend's HotelRED Invitational in Madison, Petersen noted that it's still a process, no matter how easy it may seem for her to provide her talents to one of the best volleyball teams in the nation as a true freshman.

"My main focus is just going in and taking it one day at a time," Petersen said. "I'm not looking at the big picture of all the classes or all the practices, just worry about the class or practice that I'm in."

Texas defeated Oregon in four sets and the Gators in five sets in Nebraska, helping to improve the Longhorns' AVCA rating from No. 3 prior to the VERT Challenge weekend. By the time Big 12 Conference play begins, Petersen and the Longhorns will have faced five ranked opponents in six matches.

"The girls have really helped me communicating on the court," Petersen said. "Learning all the systems that we run, they're really helpful. ... When I got out there [during last weekend's matches], everyone just made me feel so comfortable and it felt like I was in another practice."

Petersen is pursuing an education major at Texas. On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Longhorns will visit Iowa State, which will be Petersen's return to playing volleyball in Iowa.

For now, the focus is on Wisconsin and High Point in Madison, followed by a pair of games with Texas State and Kentucky in Austin on Sept. 6 and 7.

"We're just looking forward to getting back on the court and picking up where we left off," Petersen said.

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Coming together as one

G-R honors 1988 state runner-up volleyball team

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

Terri Luehring figured it would take some time.

In 1987, the Gladbrook and Reinbeck school districts had yet to consolidate classrooms, but a shared athletic program, the Rebels, kicked off in the fall.

Luehring, at the time a coach of a successful Gladbrook volleyball program that she had been at the forefront of from its inception, was now tasked with trying to bring two neighboring communities, two groups of student-athletes with lots of competitive spirit, together under one roof.

"There were a lot of little bumps in the road there," Luehring said. "But it ended up working out really well."

Just not necessarily overnight.

For the girls on the Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball team, it took commitment to stick together, a bond that sealed faster once the Rebels quickly found success in a variety of sports, from volleyball to cross country to basketball to track.

The girls played it all together, and when the fall of 1988 started and G-R's consolidation was complete as Gladbrook and Reinbeck joined not just on the courts and fields, but also in the classrooms, it was time for Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball to take the next step after ending the season one game away from the state tournament the previous fall.

"Mrs. Luehring had a tough job of managing two different schools that maybe didn't want to play together," said current G-R head coach and former Reinbeck player Paula (Petersen) Kelley. "If you can't get the athletes to mesh, it doesn't matter the talent you have. ... But we did a lot of stuff together, we got to know each other so much better. And that fall [of 1988], we knew we had something special."

The result was a volleyball state tournament berth for the Rebels, finishing as runners-up in the 1988 Class 1A finals, a feat recognized on Thursday night in Reinbeck as members of the old Rebels team reunited.

Among them were Kelley and Kristen (Anker) Garber, sharing a special moment with their former teammates before going head-to-head as coaches for G-R and BCLUW in their conference matchup after Thursday's pre-match ceremony.

"It was really an emotional night for me, an emotional week leading up to it because I knew a lot of folks would be coming back," said Garber, a Gladbrook native. "These are my people, my friends."

Garber admitted that her competitive side didn't want to see her Comets fall to the conference rival Rebels with her friends and former teammates in attendance. BCLUW delivered with a straight-set sweep, but Thursday illustrated the power of the sport beyond bumps, sets and spikes.

Her daughter, Lizzie, helped BCLUW to victory in Reinbeck, one of several connections born, built and bolstered in the 30 years since those games in front of thousands of Iowans at the state tournament.

"It's really pretty cool, all the connections to our team," Garber said. "It's been fun taking a trip down memory lane."

Kelley added, "We want what's best for each other, but we also wanted to compete tonight and show our teammates what we've done with our programs."

Breaking through

After coming up short in a 1987 regional final to Roland-Story, Luehring knew her returning seniors would be ready to play.

"We had seven seniors that year and they got along really well," she added. "The expectations were there. I don't know if [getting to state] was there, but it was in their minds, they knew they could do it."

The game, which Kelley



Members of the 1988 Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball team reunited in Reinbeck on Thursday as part of a pre-match ceremony honoring the 30th anniversary of the Rebels' runner-up finish in Class 1A. Front row, from left to right: Ann Flamme Deardorff, Kim Clapp Conklin. Kneeling: Paula Petersen Kelley, Kristen Anker Garber, Jennie Murty Goos, Cynthia Busch Eggers, Stacey Svendsen McVicker. Standing: Coach Marcia Koester, Cindy Horstmann Gibbs, Sheresa Lynch, Angela Busch, Team Manager Chris Gienger, Head Coach Terri Luehring. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)



The 1988 Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball team's official team photo. The Rebels were a state runner-up in Class 1A. (Contributed photo)

said in 1988 had yet to reach the complexity it involves three decades later, essentially ran through G-R's standout middle hitters, Kim (Clapp) Conklin and Cynthia (Busch) Eggers. Clapp was listed as 5-foot-10 on G-R's official roster that year, Busch measuring at 5-11.

They were surrounded with fellow seniors in Petersen, Anker, Jennie Murty, Ann Flamme and Nikki Paustian.

"All you had to do was set it high outside, high middle, sometimes a back and that's all you needed to do to be successful, no slides or back-row attacks or anything like that," Kelley said. "All we had to do sometimes was set up our middles and they were just phenomenal."

Luehring recalled a challenging five-set war with GMG on the road to the post-season, followed by avenging last year's loss to Roland-Story, which set the table for a regional final against Prairie of Gowrie-later Prairie Valley and eventually Southeast Valley—with the Rebels not willing to be denied once again and clinching the state tournament berth.

"They really believed in themselves," Luehring said. "They knew if they played together, passed and got the job done that they were going to be successful."

Road to the final

First up for the unranked Rebels, entering the state tournament with a 32-6-2 record, was a meeting with West Point Marquette in Friday's first round.

"They went down there with the idea that we weren't ranked, so everyone expects us to get beat," Luehring said.

The Rebels rallied for a 11-15, 15-2, 15-6, 15-3 victory.

"Everyone thought West Point would win with a big middle hitter that was a freshman and that was gonna dominate," Luehring noted. "She wasn't even a challenge for us."

Back then, teams played in the semifinals and championship on the same Saturday. G-R defeated Nishna Valley (Hastings) in straight sets in the semifinals to set up the night's championship.

All of this with a setter in

Ann (Flamme) Deardorff, who had her fingers on one of her hands burnt just before the state tournament.

"She had some rough moments during the state tournament run but she played through a lot of that," Luehring said. "And Paula and Kristen also started, part of those seven seniors that just kinda meshed together and were really good."

In Saturday night's finals, the Rebels would face their biggest challenge yet: The Bobcats of Dike, three-time defending champions and looking to become the first team in Iowa to make it a four-peat.

"Here we are, 15 miles apart, but we knew it'd come down to them," Luehring said. "We knew it would be a tough one."

A secret weapon

The Saturday, Nov. 5, 1988 edition of *The Des Moines Register* was perhaps a harbinger of what awaited the Rebels in that night's championship game.

The headline read "Secret weapon propels Dike volleyball team" — Dawn Meester's jump serve was unleashed on the Bobcats' unsuspecting first-round opponent, Maurice-Orange City, and Meester racked up 11 aces to send the Bobcats cruising into the semifinals.

Eastwood of Correctionville pushed Dike to four sets but also couldn't solve the top-ranked Bobcats.

In front of a reported record crowd of 9,665 at Southeast Polk High School, the Rebels took the court to try and bring down the Bobcats.

"It was packed," Kelley said of the scene in Runnells. "People lined everywhere and it was full. Just the atmosphere, it was like when they moved UNI into the McLeod Center. To take all of that and play for a championship as this itty-bitty school, it was a great time."

With 30 years of hindsight, Luehring wonders how things could've been different if they had prepared better for the Bobcats and their secret weapon.

As it stood, Dike won a 15-8, 15-4, 15-10 championship match, led by all-tournament team captain Meester with 12 kills and seven aces.

Clapp and Busch, the out-

standing Rebel middle hitters, were honored with all-tournament recognition.

The Rebels didn't leave Southeast Polk with a title that night, but the memories created that weekend have persevered for the 30 years since.

Reunited

Some of the Rebels from the 1988 graduating class live close enough that Luehring sees them often, but Thursday provided a chance to bring everyone together to reminisce.

G-R athletic director John Olson laid out the red carpet for the Rebels, making sure to prominently display photos and memories of the 1988 team front and center in the school's new high-tech "Hall of Champions" display in the hallway just outside of the gymnasium.

Though the night served as a way to honor all of the members of the 1988 team, one name came up more often than most: Terri Luehring.

"She's the best coach I've ever had, and I had a lot of successful coaches," Kelley said. "I didn't even get her as a coach until I was a junior, but as soon as I had her as a coach, I thought, 'This is who I want to be.' She'd joke with you but then she'd kick you in the butt. She'd chew you out if you needed it, give you a compliment when you needed it. That was the type of coach I wanted to be."

Garber added, "She did a lot for volleyball here, and for us and the school, too. It was a tough transition at the time and that was really a positive for the team."

Luehring caught herself saying how happy she was to see her "kids" again, 30 years after they came through her program at Gladbrook-Reinbeck.

"Well, they're not kids anymore," Luehring laughed.

But in the minutes before Thursday's match, it still brought Luehring joy to know she'd watch Kelley and Garber go head-to-head from the sidelines.

"I know both of them are really nervous tonight," Luehring said. "But it's really special to see them doing that and I know they'll do well."



Dike-New Hartford's Seth Wibben (left) and Conlee Lyons descend a hill during Thursday's Pine Lake Run in Eldora. Wibben was 7th and Conlee Lyons 12th for the overall runner-up Wolverines. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)



Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck's Derek Ciddio leads a pack of runners during Thursday's Pine Lake Run at Eldora. Ciddio finished fourth. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)



The Falcons' Sophia Jungling (right) and Taylor Kvale of Dike-New Hartford follow the white line during the Pine Lake Run at Eldora Thursday. Jungling won the meet in 20:39 and Kvale was second at 21:01. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

D-NH cross country leads locals at Eldora

ELDORA – The Dike-New Hartford girls and boys cross country teams had the best finishes in the team standings of the numerous local teams competing at the Pine Lake Cross Country Invite at Pine Lake Golf Course in Eldora on Thursday evening.

The Wolverine girls were third in the final team standings, scoring 70 points to finish behind Jesup (50) and Hudson (58). Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck placed fifth with 129 points and BCLUW was eighth with 234 points.

Dike-New Hartford freshman Taylor Kvale finished second in the girls race in a time of 21 minutes, 1 second. Aplington-Parkersburg's Sophia Jungling won the girls race in 20:39.

Alexis Jensen scored

10th-place points for the Wolverines with a time of 23:29. Rachel Wardell was 15th in 23:59, followed by Kaity Houts one second later in 16th. Zoie Callan rounded out D-NH's five scorers with a 27th place finish in 24:58.

GC/G-R freshman Taylor Stahl scored a top-ten finish in sixth place with a final time of 22:38. Lily Ehlers ran 24:14 in 17th place, Cora Saak was 25th in 24:30, Shelby Rivera 33rd in 25:26 and Sarah Lindeman 48th in 26:45.

The Comets were led by Katie Thompson's 24th-place run in 24:29. Madison Engle contributed a 29th-place finish in 25:19.

The D-NH boys finished second in the team standings with 76 points, trailing team champion South Hardin with a 59

score. GC/G-R's boys finished third with 90 points, followed by BCLUW with 112 points.

Seth Wibben led the Wolverines, placing 7th in 18:59. Joining Wibben in the top 10 was Sawyer Loger, running 10th in 19:20. Conlee Lyons was 12th in 19:28, followed by Ian Steffen in 23rd in 20:35 and Giacomo Gilardo's 24th-place time of 20:39.

Derek Ciddio placed fourth to lead GC/G-R in a time of 18:40. Paul Brockett ran 19:52 for 14th place and Kenny Day finished 16th in 19:55.

BCLUW's Caleb Silver was the fastest local individual runner of the day, finishing third in 18:39 to lead the Comets. Neifer Ralston placed 13th in 19:46, Henry Kaisand was 15th in 19:53 and Treye Teske ran 20:46 to take 26th place.

Pine Lake XC Invite

At Pine Lake GC, Eldora

Girls

Team scores: 1. Jesup 50; 2. Hudson 58; 3. Dike-New Hartford 70; 4. Aplington-Parkersburg 114; 5. Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck 129; 6. West Marshall 141; 7. East Marshall 160; 8. BCLUW 234; 9. GMG 238; 10. South Hardin 262.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Sophia Jungling, A-P, 20:39; 2. Taylor Kvale, D-NH, 21:01; 3. Jenna Twait, Hudson, 22:03; 4. Amanda Treptow, Jesup, 22:14; 5. Emily Treptow, Jesup, 22:20; 6. Taylor Stahl, GC/G-R, 22:38; 7. Natalie O'Connor, Jesup, 22:49; 8. Lily Hovenga, A-P, 23:03; 9. Grace Girard, WM, 23:09; 10. Paige Feldmann, Janesville, 23:10.

D-NH (70)–2. Kvale 21:01; 10. Alexis Jensen 23:29; 15. Rachel Wardell 23:59; 16. Kaity Houts 24:00; 27. Zoie Callan 24:58; 30. Sierra Loger 25:22.

GC/G-R (129)–6. Stahl 22:38; 17. Lily Ehlers 24:14; 25. Cora Saak 24:30; 33. Shelby Rivera 25:26; 48. Sarah Lindeman 26:45; 56. Lauren Wegmann 29:06.

BCLUW (234)–24. Katie Thompson 24:29; 29. Madison Engle 25:19; 57. Payton Pekarek 30:04; 61. Chloe Walters 34:42; 63. Paige Jacobson 35:34.

Boys

Team scores: 1. South Hardin 59; 2. Dike-New Hartford 76; 3. Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck 90; 4. BCLUW 112; 5. East Marshall 116; 6. Jesup 121; 7. Hudson 187; 8. West Marshall 201; 9. Aplington-Parkersburg 237; 10. GMG 244.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Jackson Edens, GMG, 18:20; 2. Kolby Winter, SH, 18:37; 3. Caleb Silver, BCLUW, 18:39; 4. Derek Ciddio, GC/G-R, 18:40; 5. Cam Hungerford, EM, 18:42; 6. Alex Hassan, SH, 18:53; 7. Seth Wibben, D-NH, 18:59; 8. Jacob Vandervilt, SH, 19:18; 9. Sam Hansen, Hudson, 19:19; 10. Sawyer Loger, D-NH, 19:20.

D-NH (76)–7. Wibben 18:59; 10. Loger 19:20; 12. Conlee Lyons 19:28; 23. Ian Steffen 20:35; 24. Giacomo Gilardo 20:39; 32. Isaiah Woodley 21:07.

GC/G-R (90)–4. Ciddio 18:40; 14. Paul Brockett 19:52; 16. Kenny Day 19:55; 20. Soren Cleveland 20:21; 36. Sam Schildroth 21:22; 48. Brady Appel 21:54.

BCLUW (112)–3. Silver 18:39; 13. Neifer Ralston 19:46; 15. Henry Kaisand 19:53; 26. Treye Teske 20:46; 55. Joseph Mason 22:25; 59. Josiah Hand 22:40.

New cross country rankings released

The Iowa Association of Track Coaches released its Week 2 team and individual cross country rankings on Aug. 28.

In Class 2A, the Dike-New

Hartford girls entered the rankings at No. 11. Teams to watch in 2A include the Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck girls.

In the 2A individual girls rankings, D-NH freshman Tay-

lor Kvale enters the list at No. 19. GCGR senior Lily Ehlers is 23rd.

BCLUW's Caleb Silver is ranked No. 12 in the 1A boys individual list.

Week 3 Football

Grundy Center (1-1) at BCLUW (1-1)

Kickoff: Approx. 7 p.m.

Last week: Grundy Center lost to South Hamilton 26-14. BCLUW defeated East Marshall 14-0.

Notes: Caleb Kuiper's availability for Grundy Center will be a game-time decision. Kuiper was the Spartans' leading rusher last season and ran 15 times for 73 yards against Belle Plaine in Week 1 before leaving with a lower-body injury in the second half. The Spartans struggled to rein in South Hamilton's run game last week but freshman Logan Knaack was a bright spot, returning a kickoff for a touchdown and going in at quarterback in the second half, running in a touchdown on eight attempts for 21 yards. ... The Comets overcame numerous penalties for a shutout victory, with Coby Willett throwing for two touchdowns to Dalton Critchfield and Jack Garber. BCLUW also pulled down four interceptions off East Marshall passing and blocked a Mustang punt in a defensive showcase for the Comets. Koty Kruse has been the workhorse of BCLUW's running game with 42 attempts for 214 yards so far this season.

Dike-New Hartford (2-0) at North Butler (1-1)

Kickoff: Approx. 7 p.m.

Last week: D-NH defeated A-P 40-6. North Butler lost to Central Springs, 28-21.

Notes: The Wolverines are

riding high off their high confidence and hard work in the preseason, outscoring opponents 61-6 through six quarters over the past two weeks. Cade Bennett is averaging 6.9 yards per carry with two touchdowns on 30 carries for the Wolverines to lead the rushing game. Cade Fuller remains a dynamic playmaker in many facets for D-NH, including a special teams and defensive touchdown against A-P on Friday. Nathan Graves led D-NH in tackles last week with seven stops and was one of five Wolverines with a tackle for loss on A-P. ... The Bearcats had a second-half comeback fall short at home against Central Springs last week. North Butler has joined forces with Clarksville's football program from 2018 to 2020. Pacen Hendricks ran 10 times for 85 yards and a touchdown and Kane Allison added a pair of scores in North Butler's 20-0 win against Nashua-Plainfield in Week 1.

Gladbrook-Reinbeck (0-2) at Meskwaki (0-2)

Kickoff: Approx. 7 p.m.

Last week: G-R lost to Turkey Valley 48-12. Meskwaki lost 43-0 to West Central.

Notes: After games the first two weeks against Don Bosco and Turkey Valley, the Rebels begin district play against a Meskwaki team with a first-year head coach in Andre Roberts. The Warriors are coming off a one-win season last year but have yet to score in the first

two games. G-R head coach John Olson is keeping the Rebels focused on fundamentals as G-R tries to navigate not only a transition to 8-man, but a roster transition with the Rebels replacing all of its varsity starters from last season. Lane Bach and Sam Mussig lead G-R's tacklers with 17 stops each, while Jackson Kiburis is G-R's top rusher with 28 attempts for 95 yards through the first two weeks.

AGWSR (0-2) at Collins-Maxwell (0-3)

Kickoff: Approx. 7 p.m.

Last week: AGWSR lost to West Bend-Mallard 42-19. Collins-Maxwell lost to Murray 44-6.

Notes: West Bend-Mallard rushed for 269 yards and six touchdowns against AGWSR's run defense in the Cougars' loss in last week's home opener. AGWSR junior Titan Opperman ran in one touchdown and threw two touchdown passes, one to Chase Harms and another to Jaden Penning, in the loss. Friday presents an opportunity for the Cougars against the Spartans, who have been outscored 159-36 in the first three weeks of the season. Calab Fullerton is C-M's rushing leader with 88 yards on 33 attempts and has made 26.5 total tackles to lead the Spartan defense. However, only four 8-man teams have punted more than Collins-Maxwell this season, with the Spartans kicking the ball away 13 times through 3 games.

Fisher, Meyer pace Cadet girls

MASON CITY – Two top-ten finishes for the Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR girls cross country team helped the Cadets to a fifth-place finish in the team standings as the girls and boys Cadets cross country teams competed in the rescheduled Mason City Newman Invite on the West Campus of Mercy Health Center in Mason City.

The Cadets scored 142 points, five points shy of Mason City Newman in fourth place. Crestwood won the girls team title with 56 points.

Aubrie Fisher led the Cadets with a third-place overall finish in 19:03, followed by teammate Ellie Meyer in fourth with a time of 19:22. Katie Meyer scored 31st-place points in 22:31, Ali

Gerbracht finished in 23:29 for 47th and Anika Jelmeled rounded out the Cadets' scoring in 57th in 23:57.

Humboldt's Bryce Gidel was the individual winner of the girls' race in a time of 18:05.

The IF-A/AGWSR boys finished 11th in the team standings with 284 team points.

Seth Mazoway led the Cadet boys, completing the course in 17:52 for 21st place. Andrew Nicholson placed 27th in 18:10.

Mason City Newman Invite Girls team scores (top 5 and local teams):

1. Crestwood 56; 2. Humboldt 83; 3. Mason City 86; 4. Mason City Newman 137; 5. Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR 142.

Medalist: Bryce Gidel,

Humboldt, 18:05.

IF-A/AGWSR (142)–3. Aubrie Fisher 19:03; 4. Ellie Meyer 19:22; 31. Katie Meyer 22:31; 47. Ali Gerbracht 23:29; 57. Anika Jelmeled 23:57; 62. Kate Pflantzgraff 24:17.

Boys team scores (top 5 and local teams):

1. Humboldt 44; 2. Mason City Newman 94; 3. Mason City 101; 4. Crestwood 156; 5. Clear Lake 167; 11. Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR 284.

Medalist: Reese Smith, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 15:47.

IF-A/AGWSR (284)–21. Seth Mazoway 17:52; 27. Andrew Nicholson 18:10; 75. Jacob Michaelson 20:22; 78. Derek Blackburn 20:49; 83. Jake Cagner 21:07; 86. Fischer Brogden 21:22.

Comets blank Mustangs

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

LeGRAND – BCLUW's defense and special teams stifled East Marshall on Friday night, helping to compensate for some penalty troubles in a 14-0 Week 2 win.

The Comets are 1-1 overall heading to district play, which opens Friday in Conrad against Grundy Center.

A week after throwing three interceptions against Colfax-Mingo, Coby Willett was much sharper in the passing game, completing five of nine passes for 30 yards and two touchdowns – a first-half strike to Jack Garber following a blocked East Marshall punt and a third-quarter touchdown hauled in by Dalton Critchfield, with Willett running in the 2-point conversion.

"The passing game was almost nonexistent in the first week," BCLUW coach Anthony Jahr said. "After Week 2, we feel like we have credibility in

the passing game now and we feel like we can be more advanced moving forward."

Garber paced the running game with seven totes for 89 yards, followed by Willett with nine carries for 60 yards and Koty Kruse bruising out 47 yards on 23 attempts.

Garber and Willett were also instrumental in BCLUW's sterling defensive performance, contributing two four total interceptions by the Comets.

Jack Hughes snagged two interceptions and Garber and Willett added single picks of their own.

"We played good coverage and put ourselves in a situation where the corners and linebackers were right there," Jahr said. "Our D-line also got pressure on their quarterbacks that resulted in throws that probably shouldn't have been thrown and we took advantage."

Jahr notes that 100 yards worth of penalties kept the Comets from really breaking

open the game, leaving plenty of room for improvement as BCLUW prepares for the Spartans on Friday.

"If we don't take care of our end, it doesn't matter who we're playing," Jahr said. "Grundy's got a lot of athletes but we've got to be able to execute on our side of the ball."

BCLUW — 14
EM — 0

BCLUW stats

Rushing – Jack Garber 7-89, Coby Willett 9-60, Koty Kruse 23-47, Dalton Critchfield 6-9.

Passing – Willett 5-9, 30 yards, 2 TD.

Receiving – Garber 3-20, TD; Jack Hughes 1-7, Critchfield 1-3, TD.

Tackles (solo-ast-total)

Kruse 6-2-7; Noah Cross 5-3-6.5; Mason Yantis 6-1-6.5; Garber 5-1-5.5; Willett 4-2-5; Noah Lehman 3-1-3.5; Cameron Critchfield 2-2-3; Daniel Garber 2-2-3; Hughes 2-2-3; Evan Engle 2-0-2; Lucas Gunderson 1-1-1.5; Ray Callaway 1-0-1; Noah Gallentine 1-0-1; Sev Gonzalez 1-0-1; Erick Knott 0-2-1; Jessie Moore 1-0-1.

Interceptions – Hughes 2, J. Garber, Willett.



Gladbrook-Reinbeck's Saari Kuehl (facing) prepares her attack during a match with BCLUW in Reinbeck on Thursday. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

Comets fight off Rebels

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

REINBECK – Saari Kuehl was going to be a problem for the BCLUW volleyball team on Thursday night.

Comets head coach Kristen Garber figures the Gladbrook-Reinbeck sophomore will probably be a thorn in the Comets' side for years to come, too.

But BCLUW got the best of the Rebels when it counted, riding a pristine performance at the service line and denying G-R's other attackers enough for a three-set sweep in Reinbeck on Thursday night.

BCLUW (5-2) won the NICL West opener for both teams 25-23, 25-23, 25-23. G-R fell to 1-1 overall.

"Our girls stayed competitive from beginning to end," Garber said. "We didn't have a lot of ups and downs. [G-R] went on runs and they have good hitters but it felt like we didn't let that get us down."

Easton Swanson was the nucleus of the Comets attack with eight kills and also picked up a team-leading 10 digs. Madison Ubben contributed nine digs, four kills and four total blocks and Cate Nason distributed nine assists and two ace serves.

Kuehl led G-R with 25 kills, with Haleigh Berendes adding 10 kills. Alyssa Morgan had 35 digs and Kuehl dug up 29 attacks. Meriah Wittgreve paced G-R's block with 7 total blocks.

Serving arguably made the biggest difference in each set on Thursday. The Comets didn't make a single service error in 74 attempts, standing in stark contrast to 16 service errors by the Rebels.

"I wanted the girls to serve certain places tonight for a reason and they were able to hit those spots," Garber said. "I also thought Lizzie [Garber] stepped up out there with the least amount of experience, she was still hitting spots and keeping them out of system and that was big for us tonight."

BCLUW	25	25	25
G-R	23	23	23

Stat leaders
BCLUW
Kills: Easton Swanson 8, Jade Hammers 6, Madison Ubben 4.
Assists: Cate Nason 9, Lizzie Garber 8.
Digs: Swanson 10, Ubben 9, Garber 6.
Blocks: Ubben 4, Swanson 2, Garber 2, Kerrigan Hatch 2.
Serving: Nason 16-16, 2 aces; Ubben 9-9, ace; Garber 16-16, ace.
G-R
Kills: Saari Kuehl 25, Haleigh Berendes 10.
Assists: Madison Denny-Weber 37.
Digs: Alyssa Morgan 35, Kuehl 29, Berendes 21.
Blocks: Meriah Wittgreve 7, Justina Eggers 5, Rachael Scarf 5, Denny-Weber 5.

The Comets erased an early 10-7 lead for the Rebels in the first set and the two teams traded the lead until G-R appeared to have BCLUW on the ropes with a 23-22 lead.

The Rebels couldn't land the finishing blow though with back-to-back attack errors followed by a set-winning kill from Swanson.

"When we weren't moving the ball well, we were hitting the same spots and [the Comets] were able to sit right on us," G-R head coach Paula Kelley said. "It was a rollercoaster and we knew it was going to be. It was a matter of two, three, four points here and there but everything just worked out for [BCLUW] and they finished out on top."

G-R's lead was as large as 17-14 in the second set, but it was the Rebels that had to crawl back into the match when BCLUW took a 23-20 lead. G-R evened the match at 23-all, but the Comets caught a big break when Madison Ubben placed a kill just inside the back-left corner of G-R's side of the court. A hitting error by the Rebels allowed BCLUW to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the match.

"I knew it had to be a tougher hit because they were digging up what I had been doing," Ubben said. "Lizzie had a good set to me and ... I knew I had to be aggressive to score and close the game."

The Rebels had one last chance to extend the match

with a 20-17 lead in the third set, but the Comets once again started their comeback after a G-R service error. Kuehl kept the Rebels in range with a kill and service ace to tie the match at 23-23, but Jade Hammers put down a kill and a G-R hitting error clinched the sweep for BCLUW.

Kelley noted the service errors really dampened the momentum built by Kuehl and the Rebels. Seven runs of two points or longer were ended by service errors on Thursday.

"We have tough servers but we just don't get the serves in at the right time," Kelley added. "It's a matter of them recognizing when you have to get it in but it's a something we knew we'd have to work on."

Kuehl's progress even from her freshman season as an all-conference second-teamer has not gone unnoticed from either the Rebels or the Comets.

"Last year she played the hits from angles but this year she's more of a placement player," Kelley said. "She knows where the lines are, can find the tips, can play over the block. She's strong, tall but also smart and one of our best defensive players in the back row."

Garber added, "We made a gameplan for her but she's quite good. And she's only going to get better."

BCLUW hosted their home round robin tournament on Saturday and returned to NICL West action in Conrad against West Marshall on Tuesday, Sept. 4. G-R played at a North Tama tournament on Saturday and hosted East Marshall on Sept. 4.

After last year's five-set loss to G-R in Conrad, Ubben knew tonight's sweep wasn't going to come easily.

"We always want to win this because of conference, but this was probably our most important match because of last year," Ubben said. "We knew we had to finish it in the third set."

D-NH bows out in semis

CEDAR RAPIDS – The Dike-New Hartford volleyball team reached the semifinals of the Warrior Invitational on Saturday after winning four consecutive matches.

The 2A No. 4 Wolverines swept through pool play with wins over Cedar Rapids Washington (21-10, 21-13), Marion (21-12, 21-11) and 5A No. 15 Johnston (21-8, 21-9). Morgan Weber led D-NH in kills in pool play with 21 and Amber Rickert contributed 17 kills and 12 digs.

In the quarterfinals, D-NH scored a straight-set victory over Dubuque Senior, 25-16, 25-17, with 16 kills from Weber and 10 kills and three blocks from Carlee Dove. Audrey Rickert added 12 digs.

4A No. 2 Cedar Rapids Xavier ended D-NH's run in the semifinals by scores of 25-18, 25-19. Amber Rickert and Weber each had nine kills against the Saints with Weber adding seven digs.

D-NH ended the weekend with a 6-3 overall record heading into the Wolverines' first NICL East matchup of the season at Union on Tuesday.

Warrior Invitational
At Cedar Rapids
Pool play
D-NH 21-21, CR Washington 10-13
D-NH 21-21, Johnston 8-9
D-NH 21-21, Marion 12-11
D-NH pool play stat leaders
Kills–Morgan Weber 21, Amber Rickert 17, Assists–Taylor Hoehns 43, Digs–Angelina Westberg 27, Amber Rickert 12, Weber 11. Blocks–Carlee

Dove 4, Hoehns 3, Sydney Lage 3, Margaret Nielsen 3. Serving–Audrey Rickert 24-26, 5 aces; Weber 18-20, 2 aces; Westberg 26-29, ace.

Quarterfinals
D-NH 25-25
Dub. Senior 16-17
Kills–Morgan Weber 16, Carlee Dove 10, Amber Rickert 4, Assists–Taylor Hoehns 27, Digs–Audrey Rickert 12, Am. Rickert 11, Weber 9, Angelina Westberg 7, Blocks–Dove 3, Hoehns 2, Sydney Lage 2, Serving–Hoehns 5-6, 2 aces; Am. Rickert 13-14, ace; Westberg 12-12, ace.

Semifinals
CR Xavier 25-25
D-NH 18-19
Kills–Amber Rickert 9, Morgan Weber 9, Assists–Taylor Hoehns 16, Digs–Weber 7, Sydney Lage 5, Audrey Rickert 5, Blocks–Carlee Dove 2, Am. Rickert 2, Serving–Hoehns 10-10, ace; Au. Rickert 10-10.

Cougars defeat Royals in 4 sets

ACKLEY – After a tough outing at the Lady Spartan Invite in Grundy Center on Tuesday, the Cougars bounced back for a four-set win in Ackley against Colo-NESCO on Thursday.

AGWSR (2-4) won by set scores of 25-23, 25-21, 24-26, 25-18. Alayna Hunt and Rachel Sicard put down nine kills each to lead the Cougar attackers.

The Cougars overcame struggles at the service line with 10 service errors and 26 attacking errors to outlast the Royals in the first two sets and bounced back to snuff out any Colo-NESCO comeback attempt after the Royals eked out the third-set victory to avoid the sweep.

Colo-NESCO also had similar struggles at the service line, committing 19 service errors but connecting on 31 of 83 attack attempts for a .205 efficiency

rating. AGWSR freshman Natalie Gerstein put up a line of 31 assists, 11 digs and four aces on 21-of-22 serving. Taylor Sperfslage contributed seven kills, 12 digs and five ace serves. Carrinton Hunt and Tori Brandt contributed nine and eight digs, respectively, to bolster the back-row defense.

AGWSR started North Iowa Cedar League West play with a Sept. 4 home game against Class 2A No. 1 Grundy Center.

C-N	23	21	26	18
AGWSR	25	25	24	25

(AGWSR stat leaders only)
Kills: Alayna Hunt 9, Rachel Sicard 9, Taylor Sperfslage 7, Taryan Barrick 7.
Assists: Natalie Gerstein 31.
Digs: Sperfslage 12, Gerstein 11, Sicard 10, Carrinton Hunt 9, Tori Brandt 8.
Blocks: Sperfslage, Hunt. **Serving:** Sperfslage 22-23, 5 aces; Gerstein 21-22, 4 aces; A. Hunt 11-12, 2 aces; Sicard 15-16, ace.

Spartans remain atop 2A ranks

Grund Center volleyball retained its top spot in the Class 2A rankings released by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union last week.

Dike-New Hartford volleyball slipped one spot to No. 4, switching spots with Dyersville Beckman (8-0).

The top two remain unchanged, with Grundy Center (8-0) staying ahead of Unity Christian (1-0).

IGHSAU Volleyball Rankings
Week 2
Class 2A
1. Grundy Center (8-0); 2. Unity Christian (1-0); 3. Dyersville Beckman (8-0); 4. Dike-New Hartford (2-2); 5. Western Christian (4-2); 6. Sidney (5-2); 7. Council Bluffs St. Albert (0-1); 8. Wapsie Valley (2-0); 9. Tri-Center (7-2); 10. Ridge View (2-0); 11. Treynor (4-2); 12. Lake Mills (2-0); 13. Lisbon (4-0); 14. Belle Plaine (6-1); 15. Sumner-Fredericksburg (2-0).

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ANSWERS:

Spartan volleyball wins home invite

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – Emerson Kracht and the Grundy Center volleyball team welcome the competition.

West Branch came out firing in the Spartans' opening match of their home tournament, the Lady Spartan Invite, and Grundy Center had to make some adjustments to rally back for a three-set victory, the first of three wins on the night for the top-ranked team in Class 2A.

The Spartans (8-0) defeated the Bears 19-21, 21-13, 15-11. Grundy Center then scored straight-set victories against AGWSR (21-8, 21-14) and Hudson (21-18, 21-16) to wrap the night with a perfect 3-0 record and the round-robin tournament victory.

Kracht finished with 21 kills, 21 assists and four blocks for the Spartans across all three matches. Kylie Willis added 14 kills and Brooke Flater and Hailey Wallis put down 11 each. Defensively, Kyah Lühring collected 23 digs and Sydney Mathews added 11 digs along with her team-leading 29 assists.

West Branch's front-row presence featured strong hitters like Abbey Fryauf and Lexi Klinkkammer while also providing a block that Grundy Center struggled to hit around early on.

The Bears trailed 16-11 at one point in the first set but an 8-1 run flipped the match on its head.

"That was definitely a big wake-up call," Kracht said. "We knew we had to kick it in after that ... we had to find more energy in ourselves and I think we brought that back out the next two games."

The Spartans got off to a strong start again in the second set, leading 11-4 before the Bears launched another comeback attempt.

The score was as close as 14-11 in Grundy Center's favor before five straight points, including two Frannie Brown aces, helped put the Spartans ahead to force the third set.

"We had to increase our communication," Grundy Center head coach Lori Willis said.

Lady Spartan Invite

At Grundy Center

(Round-robin format)

Grundy Center def. Hudson 21-18, 21-16

Grundy Center def. AGWSR 21-8, 21-14

Grundy Center def. West Branch 19-21, 21-13, 15-11

Hudson def. AGWSR 21-7, 21-9

Hudson def. West Branch 21-14, 21-13

West Branch def. AGWSR 21-10, 21-16

Tournament total stat leaders

Grundy Center

Kills—Emerson Kracht 21, Kylie Willis 14, Brooke Flater 11, Hailey Wallis 11. **Assists**—Sydney Mathews 29, Kracht 21. **Digs**—Kyah Lühring 23, Mathews 11, Wallis 11. **Blocks**—Flater 5, Kracht 4, Lainy Thoren 3, Claire Verly 3, Willis. **Serving**—Frannie Brown 16-19, 4 aces; Kracht 16-20, 3 aces; Wallis 26-29, 2 aces; Mathews 26-27, ace.

AGWSR

Kills—Alayna Hunt 5, Rachel Sicard 4, Natalie Gerstein 4. **Assists**—Gerstein 16. **Digs**—Sicard 14, Taylor Sperfslage 11, Gerstein 9, Tori Brandt 8, Carrinton Hunt 8. **Blocks**—Sicard 2, Barrick, Sperfslage. **Serving**—Sicard 13-16, 2 aces; C. Hunt 11-12, ace; Alyssa Hames 10-10, ace.

"The gym was pretty dead in that first set and the girls played flat and when that happens they stop talking and start going through the motions without any emotions. The leaders keyed in on that going into the second set, saying 'We have to play with emotion.'"

In the third set, the Spartans never trailed but the score was as close as 9-8 before a key three-point stretch – Flater kill, West Branch attack error and Kracht kill – that provided some breathing room for Grundy Center.

A West Branch service error gave Grundy Center the winning point of the match.

"It was good for us to experience that," Willis said. "They hit over our block, hit around our block and just hitting where we couldn't dig the ball and that encourages us to step up our game. ... It's an OK loss because you get the match, but it's good for us to know that we have a lot of things to work on."

The next two matches were a bit smoother sailing, and Grundy Center probably looked its best fighting off a determined Hudson team led by sophomore Ashlynn's Kuhn big swings.

The Spartans were a bit more dynamic on offense, including Kracht, who scored three kills on fake sets, dumping the ball over the net instead to catch the Pirate defense on its heels.

"I thought the block was focusing more on our hitters and knew I had time to dump it over," Kracht said.

At one point, Kracht scored

with the fakeout on back-to-back points. She delivered a third to clinch the match for the Spartans.

"It just keeps the defense more honest when she calls her own number," Willis said. "She was able to score a lot of key points and started serving better to the end of the night and she knows how to play defense really well, which is great to have a setter that can play defense out of the back row."

The Spartans have some time off before next week's NICL West opener against AGWSR in Ackley.

"We need a lot of competition if we're hopefully going to set our road to state in the future," Kracht said. "There's always room to improve."

AGWSR 0-3 AT LADY SPARTAN INVITE: The Cougars fell in straight sets against Hudson, Grundy Center and West Branch on Tuesday.

Alayna Hunt led the Cougars with five kills on Tuesday, with Rachel Sicard putting up 14 digs and two blocks with 13 of 16 serving and 2 ace serves. Natalie Gerstein added four kills and 16 assists.

"The girls learned how to battle from behind," AGWSR co-head coach Stacy Drake said. "The level of skill the teams had tonight was high so it was really good for the girls to see that and be able to learn to play with them. ... We learned what we need to work on before the next game and we will come out better after it."



Grundy Center's Sydney Mathews (8) sets the ball for teammate Brooke Flater (3) during a match with AGWSR in Grundy Center on Tuesday. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)



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G-R volleyball defeats GMG

MONTEZUMA – Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball started the regular season with a three-set victory over GMG at a Montezuma tournament on

Tuesday.
G-R won 21-12, 19-21, 15-4. Full stats were not available at press time.

Rebels runner-up in Traer

TRAER – Gladbrook-Reinbeck volleyball won four out of five matches at Saturday's North Tama tournament to end the day as the tournament's runner-up.

The Rebels defeated Meskwaki, Dunkerton and North Fayette Valley in straight sets in pool play and dispatched Montezuma 21-12, 21-15 in the semifinals.

In the championship match, the hosting Redhawks defeated G-R in three sets, 21-4, 19-21,

15-6.
Full stats from Saturday's matches were not available at press time.

North Tama Tournament At Traer

Pool play
G-R 21-21, Meskwaki 7-16
G-R 21-21, Dunkerton 15-12
G-R 21-21, North Fayette Valley 16-15
Semifinals
G-R 21-21, Montezuma 12-15
Finals
North Tama 21-19-15, G-R 4-21-6

BCLUW 3rd in home tourney

CONRAD – The BCLUW volleyball team finished third in the team standings at the Comet Round Robin in Conrad on Saturday.

The Comets notched a 3-2 overall record at their home tournament with straight-set victories over PCM (21-9, 21-9) and South Tama (21-18, 21-15) and a three-set comeback victory over North Polk, 11-21, 22-20, 15-12. Hudson won the round robin with a perfect 5-0 record, including a 21-17, 21-19 victory over the Comets. Benton Community was second with a 4-1 record, prevailing against BCLUW 21-19, 15-21, 15-6.

Easton Swanson accumulated 44 kills across Saturday's five matches along with 21 digs and three blocks. Madison Ubben contributed 23 kills and a team-leading nine blocks. Olivia Hughes had a BCLUW-high

24 digs on Saturday and Lizzie Garber was a perfect 32 of 32 serving on Saturday with three ace serves and added 38 assists and 14 kills.

Comet Round Robin At Conrad

Team standings—1. Hudson 5-0; 2. Benton Community 4-1; 3. BCLUW 3-2; 4. North Polk 2-3; 5. South Tama 1-4; 6. PCM 0-5.

BCLUW 11-22-15, North Polk 21-20-12
BCLUW 21-21, PCM 9-9
BCLUW 21-21, South Tama 18-15
Hudson 21-21, BCLUW 17-19
Benton 21-15-15, BCLUW 19-21-6

(Tournament totals)

Kills—Easton Swanson 44, Madison Ubben 23, Jade Hammers 20, Lizzie Garber 14. Assists—Cate Nason 46, Garber 38. Digs—Olivia Hughes 24, Swanson 21, Parker Scurr 16. Blocks—Ubben 9, Swanson 3. Serving—Hughes 26-27, 4 aces; Nason 45-47, 4 aces; Scurr 40-42, 4 aces; Garber 32-32, 3 aces; Swanson 31-33, ace.

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