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Meet the candidates

Freese, Sweeney outline positions on key issues before special election

By ROBERT MAHARRY
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BUCKEYE, DIKE—The expansive, mostly rural areas of Butler, Grundy, Hardin and Story Counties that comprise State Senate District 25 will move into the spotlight next Tuesday as a special election to fill a seat vacated by former Majority Leader Bill Dix could set the tone for November and play a crucial role in determining the balance of power in Des Moines.

Two women with impressive resumes will be on the ballot: Tracy Freese, a 35-year-old small business owner and former banker from Dike, has received the Democratic party's nomination, and Annette Sweeney, 60, of rural Buckeye, a farmer, former state representative and most recently the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Executive Director for Rural Development in Iowa, is the GOP candidate.

The winner will serve the remainder of Dix's term and presumably run again in six months for a chance at a full four years. Freese and Sweeney took time to answer a series of questions on marquee issues before the election, and their responses, in their own words, are printed below.

On taxes and the state budget

Freese: I oppose the \$800 million special interest giveaway that passed the Senate. I know too many Iowa families that work too hard to see their money be given away in special interest handouts to whomever was able



Annette Sweeney



Tracy Freese

On education

Freese: The fact that our elected officials have allowed Iowa's education to drop below number one in the nation is unacceptable. Every family I know wants their kids to have access to a quality education. We must do whatever is necessary to ensure that we fully fund our public schools and restore Iowa's place as the best state for education. The state already provides significant funding to private school students. Any proposal

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to afford the best lobbyist or contribute the most to a political campaign. We need to clean up the corruption in Des Moines and stop the handouts to special interests.

Sweeney: Iowa has the fourth highest personal income tax rate in the country. It is time to lower Iowa tax rates to attract employers to this state and improve career opportunities for Iowans. Additionally, low commodity prices create an urgency to couple Iowa's tax law with many of the federal changes to provide tax relief to many in the agricultural community.

GC council discusses upper elementary, rec program

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – During Monday night's meeting, the Grundy Center City Council voted to extend the lease with the Grundy Center Community School District for the Upper Elementary building through June 30, 2019.

The extension would allow the school and the YMCA to further explore options for the future home of the preschool, and the before and after school programs currently being held at the Upper Elementary.

Mayor Al Kiewiet, who also sits on the Grundy Center School Board, says as of the last school board meeting, it's looking like the preschool will eventually have a home within the school, but that the daycare would probably be on its own; though it looks to him like the school won't be moving out of the building any time this year.

"Right now it sounds like [it will be] a couple years down road, so I think we're going to need something in place for at least two more years," Kiewiet said, in regards to the lease.

Council member Butch Kuester asked what would happen if the boiler at the Upper Elementary would go out before then – a concern that has been plaguing the council for a number of years.

Kiewiet said he and Superintendent Neil Mullen had an alternative in mind, if need be; on Wednesday morning, he and Mullen will visit the closed school building in Gladbrook, and see if it would be a possibility to secure one of the boilers from that facility if and when any possible partial or full demolition of the facility would occur. Currently, the G-R School District has not made any definitive plans about a demolition, but G-R Superintendent David Hill says the school is exploring the option.

Kiewiet said the boiler was bought brand new, and installed four years ago, before the school was shut down.

Kuester mentioned that it might be have to be torn apart and put back together, which could be costly and complicated.

Kiewiet said he thought the City could find someone to help with getting it out of the building and transporting it to the Upper Elementary, depending on what happens with the school building in Gladbrook.

The council voted to renew the lease with the school for another year, and revisit the topic within 60 days to see what the school's intentions are with the preschool and the building.

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Clarksville native Maddie Poppe (above) performed several original songs, including "Don't Ever Let Your Children Grow Up," during a speaking event at the Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School last Thursday. (Michaela Kendall/Grundy Register photo) Inset: Maddie Poppe is shown during a performance on "American Idol." (Photo courtesy of www.maddiepoppe.com/)

Poppe shares struggles, successes during speech at G-R High School

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

REINBECK – Clarksville native and American Idol contestant Maddie Poppe took a break from the hustle and bustle of Hollywood last week to make an appearance at the Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School, where she gave an empowering speech to local elementary school students about overcoming obstacles and chasing success.

Poppe shared some personal highs and lows of her singing career with the youngsters, and encouraged them to always keep chasing their dreams, even if it seems impossible.

"When people see a [celebrity]

ty] on TV, they sometimes don't realize the hard work that went into getting there," Poppe said. "Some people think that person just woke up one day and decided to become famous. But they don't see all the stuff that goes on behind the scenes; all the hard work, the rejection and the struggles that come before you get that chance."

Poppe recounted the many times she felt rejection before having the chance to compete in American Idol.

"I've experienced a lot of what I saw as failing," she said. "I had a lot of local contests I didn't do as well as I wanted to in; I had a record label in Nashville fall through; I auditioned

for The Voice, and it didn't go so well. I felt discouraged I didn't meet my goal, and that I got my hopes up for something that didn't work out. I felt like I failed, and I was really unsure of my future in music; I didn't know what to do next."

But, Poppe said the most important thing to do when you fail is to get up, and try again, and keep trying until you make it happen.

"With your dream, no matter how big it is, you're gonna hear no before you hear yes," she said. "But the important thing is to keep trying."

After her audition with The Voice fell flat, Poppe said she

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King breaks with Trump on trade during GC stop

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- Despite his enthusiastic support for President Donald Trump on issues like curtailing illegal immigration and constructing a wall along the southern border of the United States, U.S. Representative Steve King (R-Kiron) expressed concern with the commander-in-chief's push to impose tariffs on imported steel and aluminum during a meeting with executives at Heavy Equipment Manufacturing—a bulk buyer of the aforementioned products—in Grundy Center Tuesday morning.

"I wouldn't have even pushed on (the North American Free Trade Agreement), but of course, I'm seeing it from an Iowa perspective. (With our agriculture and our manufacturing, NAFTA has been good for us," he said. "I would've just let that thing chug along..."

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U.S. Representative Steve King (pictured) sits in the boardroom at Heavy Equipment Manufacturing in Grundy Center on Tuesday morning during a meeting with the company's leadership and Butler-Grundy Development Alliance Director Jeff Kolb. The congressman criticized President Trump's tariffs on imported products and reaffirmed calls for ramped up security along the Mexican border to keep illegal immigrants from entering the country. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Tracy FREESE

FOR IOWA SENATE

ON APRIL 10



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Employees from Dave's Crane and Wrecker service prepare to tow a 2014 Ford Fusion that suffered severe rear-end damage during a three-car collision as a result of heavy fog last Wednesday. The driver, Jaymee Mann of Eldora, was transported to Marshalltown and treated for her injuries. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Three-car accident reported on Highway 14

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- A major collision on Highway 14 near That Place Steakhouse just west of Conrad resulted in substantial damages and injuries for the parties involved on Wednesday morning.

According to Grundy County Sheriff's Deputy BJ Jorgenson, who was on the scene, 48-year-old Corey Oltrogge of Eldora, driving a white Chevrolet S10 pickup truck, rear-ended a 2014

Ford Fusion driven by 24-year-old Jaymee Mann, also of Eldora, that appeared to be totaled after the accident (damage was later estimated at \$10,000), and it in turn hit another vehicle, a 2015 Acura driven by Chad Wagner of Grundy Center, from behind—a chain reaction of sorts. Oltrogge was taken by ambulance to the Unitypoint Hospital in Marshalltown for treatment of upper torso injuries, and Mann, whose injuries

were not specified, traveled in a personal vehicle to the same facility. Still, Jorgenson contended, it could've been much worse.

"They were lucky," he said. Beaman and Conrad firefighters and members of the Beaman-Conrad Emergency Response Team (BCERTs) directed traffic for over an hour while Jorgenson and Chief Deputy Tim Wollhoff investigated, and employees of Dave's Crane and Wrecker showed up to transport the Fusion. Foggy conditions and limited visibility are the likely causes of the collision.

City council

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Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the upcoming City's Summer Rec program, and the need for another field to accommodate the growing number of youth involved with the summer baseball program.

"Currently we have 138 kids signed up for our summer rec program, and that's first grade through sixth grade," said City Clerk Kristy Sawyer. "That's a lot of kids. I guess now we should think about moving forward with putting in that fourth [baseball] field at the sports complex? You figure 12 kids on a team, we could have 12 teams give or take that are going to try to play on one field. I think we're going to have a lot of games at Holland again if that's

the case."

Sawyer said the City has a scoreboard and bleachers, which they purchased last year, but now the council needs to decide where they want the field to be.

"To me, it would make sense to put it on the east side of the concession stand so we have a clover [shape], with two fields on each side," Sawyer said.

She noted that the City would need to decide on fencing, a dug out, and figuring out who would take care of those things.

No formal action was taken on the discussion item, but the council did agree there was a need to form a Sports Complex committee to oversee any possible expansions at the complex. Council member Janetta Miller volunteered to sit on the com-

mittee.

IN OTHER NEWS...

The council approved an increase in wage rates for lifeguards at the pool. Any lifeguards returning to the pool will receive a dollar per hour raise. Starting wage at the pool is \$7.25, and before, each lifeguard was given a nickel raise each season they returned to work at the pool. Lifeguards beginning their first year this season will start out at \$7.25, before becoming eligible for the dollar an hour raise if they return the next season.

The council voted to move the date of the next city council meeting from April 16 to April 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Poppe

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never expected to have the chance to be on another TV show. But when her dad, who she says is one of her biggest supporters, told her that American Idol was back on the air, and holding auditions, she decided to go for it.

"I honestly never thought there would be any way I'd make it onto two TV shows," Poppe said. "But if you want something bad enough, you're willing to do anything to make that dream happen."

After making it through all of the initial rounds, Poppe earned herself a spot performing for judges during "Hollywood Week."

During the airing of that episode on Sunday, the audience watched as Poppe sang an original song called "Don't Ever Let Your Children Grow Up," which wowed the judges and earned her a spot in the showcase and final judgment round, which will narrow the field to just 24 competitors.

Poppe said that even though

she's made it far in the American Idol competition, she's still working on her confidence.

"Being turned down on the Voice was [kind of] traumatizing for me," she said. "I'm still afraid of failing every time I go up onto the stage, but it's something I'm working on overcoming. I let my fears get to me, and I know I shouldn't because our fears are what hold us back, and it's something I've been working on a lot."

After her speech, Poppe took time to answer questions from the audience.

From the sixth grade class, one student asked Poppe what her inspiration is for wanting to share her talent of singing with others.

"For me, it isn't about wanting to be famous," Poppe said. "I would love to make a living by doing what I love, but I also want to make a difference in people's lives. I've had people say my music inspired them, and got them through a tough time. Sometimes, when I'm going through a tough time and I

don't really feel like performing, I think about that. I think about how maybe someone in that crowd needs to hear something that can encourage them."

Poppe said she herself knows the power of encouragement, and kind words.

"Even when I didn't believe in myself, I had people around me who supported me and believed in me," she said. "Believe me, your words and your actions really can make a difference in people's lives; good and bad. There are a lot of people online who write mean comments about me, and they're hard to read. But at the same time there's so many people who write kind things and words of encouragement, and that's what keeps me going. So remember to always be kind because your words can really help someone."

Poppe ended the speech and Q&A session by performing a number of songs from her album, which is available for sale through her website at www.maddiepoppe.com/

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Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit #681 meets

Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit #681 met on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the Conrad Legion Hall. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Sue Kitzman with 30 members, officers, guests and members of the press present. Following the presentation of the Colors and opening exercises Sue introduced special guests Department ALA President Vicki Klinkhammer, Vicki's mother Arlene Reisen, a 74 year member of ALA!, Third District President LaDonna Runner, Third District Legion Commander Bob Wegner, Marshall County President JoAnn Klein, Mary Klein-Chadwick and Ken Manley of Miracles in Motion. Also in attendance were members of the Beaman and Liscomb ALA units as well as four members of the Conrad American Legion.

Klinkhammer spoke briefly on the recent Mid-Winter Conference – her emphasis was for Auxiliary women to remember the Legion is not just MEN anymore and we must stop saying “the men” and change our reference to the Legion to be “Legionnaires”, a more inclusive term. 3rd District President Runner encouraged members to continue to support veterans and our Legion posts, reminded members of the upcoming 3rd District Spring conference on March 31 at Hampton and that 3rd District is now in second place in membership. Commander Wegner echoed President Klinkhammer's remarks in regard to more women now in the Legion and noted this has become a Legion priority as well as the VA hospitals to become more inclusive for our women veterans. Marshall County President Klein gave a review of the recent Marshall County Spring Conference and gave a County membership report – the Beaman, Liscomb and Conrad Units have met goal. The Conrad Unit membership stands at 138.

The business meeting of the Unit was not held, but Treasurer Susan Sams gave a brief statement regarding Merit Awards

and that our Unit will be providing four, \$300 awards this year.

Co-President Kitzman presented Vicki, LaDonna and Bob with gifts and introduced our program speakers for the afternoon from Miracles in Motion, a Therapeutic Equestrian Center for Veterans and special needs children located at Swisher, IA. Mary Klein-Chadwick, MIM board member, spoke and shared a slide presentation on the aspects of the program in regard to special needs children. She gave examples of some who prior to attending could not speak and the improvement many children have made while in the program. There is a charge for the children's programs but there are several options of monetary help available.

Following Mary's presentation, Ken Manley spoke about the Veteran's program offered at Miracles in Motion. Manley, a veteran himself, (10 years in the Army) is the barn manager. He and others help veterans struggling with PTSD and other related illnesses to develop trust through the care, treatment and building of a relationship with the horse. TRUST is the key here. The 10 week class is geared for the Veteran but their spouse and children also become involved as they progress. The program is entirely run by volunteers and funded by donations. Ken said: “There is no cost for veterans except 125 hours of hard work!”

Following this most informative program, the penny march was held and the meeting was adjourned. A lovely lunch was served by co-hostesses Jo Ann Klein and Sue Kitzman.

Future Dates:
 March 31 – 3rd District Spring Conference, Hampton
 April 15 – 3rd District Junior Conference, Gladbrook
 April 20 – IVH – Marshall County BINGO
 April 23 – next Conrad Unit #681 Auxiliary meeting
 April 28 – Conrad ABC Sale - Auxiliary Rummage Sale & Food

TENTATIVE AGENDA BCLUW COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION BCLUW HIGH SCHOOL – MEDIA CENTER APRIL 11, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

Mission Statement: BCLUW – Providing a learning environment for educational excellence and motivation to continue a lifetime of learning.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Minutes: 3/19/18
5. Review of Monthly Financial Reports
6. Approve Accounts Payable
7. Leader In Me Leadership Team Report
8. Positive Sharing
9. Business
 - a. 2018-2019 Budget Hearing 5:30 p.m.
 - b. Approval of 2018-2019 Budget
 - c. Approval of 2017-18 Budget Amendment and set Budget Hearing & Time
 - d. Public Hearing & Approval of Plans: Locker Room Renovations 6:00 p.m.
 - e. Public Hearing – 2018-2019 School Calendar as per Iowa Code 279.10(1)
 - f. Approval of 2018-19 School Calendar
 - g. 2018-19 College Fees
 - h. 2018-19 Hot Lunch Fees
 - i. Approval of Master Contract – 2018-2019 Settlement with Certified Staff and Award Certified Staff Teaching/Coaching Contracts
 - j. Approval of Support Staff/Administrative Salaries/Contracts
 - k. Joint Administration Agreement
 - l. American Fidelity Section 125 Re-Service
 - m. IAEP Purchasing Agreement
 - n. Timberline Billing Agreement
 - o. Agreement for 403(b) Administration
 - p. District Developed Service Delivery Plan
 - q. Commendations:
 1. Coffee Concert: Mr. Bartling, Mrs. Willett, Mr. Jahn – Directors, Mrs. Hammers & Comet Cafe
 2. Middle School Variety Show: Mrs. Chris Rhinehart, - Director
 3. 5-12 Vocal Concert: Mr. Michael Jahn & Mrs. Dee Seeman
 4. 5-12 Band Concert: Mr. David Bartling, Director
 5. Cast & Crew: “You Can't Take It With You” - Mrs. Jackie Stevens, Director
 - r. Discussions/Reports/Upcoming Meetings:
 1. Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation Discussion 21.5(i)
 - s. Next Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2018– 5:00 p.m. @ BCLUW High School
 10. Adjournment



First new license plate issued in Grundy county

The Grundy County Treasurer's office issued the first new license plate design to Rex Barto.

Early in 2017, Governor Branstad and Governor Reynolds asked the DOT to redesign the 1998 “county standard” blue and white with a silver-grey city and country image in the background plates. Although this plate design has served Iowa well, it's become a bit dated and stale. Iowans voted for the new “City and Country Reboot” design last August. It provides an updated representation of the urban and rural theme. The top blue border profiles city and country images and the bottom green border is intended to evoke growth, nature and wellness. Reminds us Iowa is a great place to live, wherever you choose.

The American Association of

Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) maintains license plate design standards that are intended to make sure license plates are recognizable and legible. The license plate design was created with these standards in mind while keeping the purpose of the plate in mind, which is to help law enforcement and others clearly read the letters and numbers that identify the vehicle.

Materials for Iowa's license plates are supplied by Minnesota-based 3M Co., and they are manufactured by inmates at the Anamosa State Penitentiary.

Grundy County will be using the old style plates until inventory is depleted. Only personalized plates ordered through the state will be issued with the new design.

Are you my brother?

By NICK BUSEMAN
 Grundy County Conservation
 Operation Supervisor

Ice is gone from streams, lakes, and wetlands, and robins are visiting our backyards - to me it means spring is starting. The open water areas throughout the county and neighboring counties are now speckled or splattered with different waterfowl species carrying their beautiful spring mating plumage. On certain days we will often see large flocks of snow geese covering a wetland or crop field. As you scan the flock of birds, to many novice spectators, you may think that there are Canada geese mixed in with the snow geese. The truth of the matter is that they could be brothers or sisters of the bright white snow goose feeding beside them.

For many years the darker goose was thought to be a different species all together. It wasn't until 1983 that the two-color phases were considered the same species. The darker colored phase of snow geese is often referred to as a blue goose. It is truly amazing that a family of snow geese might be made up of a few mostly white birds and a few darker ones. So, when you see a mostly white field of birds with a few dark birds there is a good chance that they are all snow geese containing both color phases.

To many in the wildlife field or farmers in northern Canada these snow geese are called rats with wings or the carp of the sky. Whether they are white or darker they all are destroying the tundra to the north. Snow geese

fly to the extreme parts of North America every spring to nest, lay eggs, and rear their young. Since the 1970's the snow goose population has quadrupled in size. The delicate tundra along Canada's Hudson Bay has virtually been eaten out of existence. To show the delicacy of these plants, back during World War II the United States had military stationed in the north. As of ten years ago you could still see the tank tracks across the tundra. The tundra has only started to creep back across the areas damaged by the tracks some 70 years ago. Seeing images of the tundra today is sad; what used to be a bright green is now a rusty red color of the salt-tolerant Salicornia. Dealing with an enlarged population, the federal wildlife agency put in a conservation season in an attempt to decrease the population of snow geese. An estimated 400,000 snow geese are harvested annually. As part of the conservation season, hunters are allowed to hunt the birds in the spring while not needing plugs in their guns and are able to use electronic game callers to bring the birds in. Even with these advantages and the large abundance of birds, to put it in baseball terms they are still a hard out. They are very smart birds and travel in large flocks.

As you travel throughout the state, take notice of these thriving white birds, and remember whether they are mostly white or a dirty gray, they are all snow geese that are eating themselves out of house and home.

Lehman completes IBA Consumer Credit school

Conrad – Jacey Lehman of GNB Bank successfully completed the Iowa Bankers Association Consumer Credit School, March 5-9, 2018 in Ankeny, Iowa.

The school is an intense one-week program sponsored by the Iowa Bankers Association. The purpose of the IBA Consumer Credit School is to prepare consumer credit personnel who want to broaden their consumer credit knowledge or who have not been exposed to formal consumer credit education, to serve effectively and profitably as consumer credit officers. This is accomplished by developing a better understanding of the consumer credit function, deepening the comprehension of the managerial aspects of consumer credit operations and developing and refining the administrative and human relations skills necessary to meet the credit needs of their customers.

Lehman is a graduate of both Marshalltown's high school and community college and has lived in Conrad for the last



Jacey Lehman

ten years with her husband and two children. She has extensive experience in the lending area, having served in a variety of roles in her 16 years in banking. She has been with GNB Bank for nine months, primarily as a mortgage/consumer loan officer. In addition to banking, she is knowledgeable about sales and marketing from her time spent in the hand tool industry with a local tool manufacturer.

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March	29	39	29	0.00	0.00	
March	30	48	31	0.00	0.00	
March	31	46	18	0.00	0.00	
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NEWS FROM THE KLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN GRUNDY CENTER

National Library Week 2018
Embrace leadership at your library: celebrate National Library Week April 8-14

This April, Kling Memorial Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer.

April 8-14 is National Library Week, an annual celebration

of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study—they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

Libraries of all types have long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Diverse groups including community organizations, small business owners and students depend upon libraries and the resources they offer.

Kling Memorial Library helps lead the community by providing access to cutting edge technology with a new virtual reality system. There are also life long learning opportunities for patrons like technology workshops, author talks, visits from experts, and book clubs. Children in the community benefit from early literacy programs such as story time, along with STEM activities and Lego Club.

The Kling Memorial Library is celebrating National Library Week by serving cookies, provided by the Friends of the Library, throughout the week. The Friends of the Library will also be holding their spring used book sale that Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during regular library hours. Stop by and see what the library may lead you to discover!

Carol Akin to celebrate 90th birthday

Carol Akin will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Friday, April 13. She would appreciate all prayers and visits at Long Term Care and after April 16 at her new home in Creekside (Western Home), 409 Wical Way, in Grundy Center.



Engagement announcement

Jason and Sara McMartin & Larry and Jill Krausman would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Katie McMartin. She is engaged to Jordan Lewis, son of Jeff and Rashelle Lewis. Their special wedding date is June 2, 2018.

Both Katie and Jordan have resided in Grundy Center. Katie graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Interior Design, minoring in Marketing. She currently has her own interior design business in Grundy Center. Jordan graduated from NIACC in the Diesel Mechanic Program. He is currently employed at Van Wall in Grundy Center.

News from Ivester

OBSERVANCES OF LOVE FEAST and COMMUNION

Twenty-five members of the Ivester Church met Wed., March 28 at 6:30 to observe the ordinance of Love Feast and Communion.

On Maundy Thursday evening, March 29, fourteen members of the Ivester Church were guests of the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren for their celebration of Love Feast and Communion. Other guests included members of the Payne African Methodist Episcopal and Jubilee United Methodist churches. Décor and menu of a middle-eastern theme were used for the Love Feast meal. Pastors of the four participating churches, and Tim Button Harrison, District Executive of the Church of the Brethren Northern Plains, shared in the leading of the services of Examination, Ordinance of Feet Washing, the Agape Meal, and Communion of the Bread and Cup. The Ivester deacons gave assistance to the South Waterloo Communion Committee with the meal preparation, etc. It was an impressive and inspirational evening for the more than sixty participants.

ATTEND WEDDING IN KANSAS

Saturday, March 24, 2018 the marriage of Corey Long and Jessie Neher took place at the 1115 Venue in Manhattan, Kansas. Jessie is the daughter of Tom and Marie Neher, Rochester, MN and granddaughter of Lyle and Marlene Neher. Also attending were Paul and Ronda Neher, Skielyr, and Brooklyn, Grundy Center; Kaleb Neher, Waterloo; Lucas Neher, Telluride, CO; Lara Neher, North Hampton, MA; Eli Neher, Jackson, WY; and Sarah Neher, Kansas City, KS; and many other family members and friends.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



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

The following information was received about the photo that ran in last week's Grundy Register:

As part of the Grundy Center Centennial celebration Western Dressing held an open house for the public. The gentlemen in the dark suit to the left of the state trooper is John Mooney, President and CEO of Western Dressing, to his left is Gov. Bob



Ray. You will note many of the local men in the background

had beards which they grew for the celebration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Friday April 6 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Saturday April 7 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – ISU Extension, Wilts & Legion Room
- Sunday April 8 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Grundy County 4-H Omelet Breakfast, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wilts Room
- Monday April 9 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
Grundy County Community Foundation, 5:30-7 p.m., Wilts Room
- Tuesday April 10 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – No Walking
Special Election, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Wilts Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m., Legion Room
- Wednesday April 11 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Thursday April 12 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

Put your event in the Grundy Center Community Calendar!
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Washington U. in St. Louis Dean's List

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Tiana Saak of Grundy Center was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Saak is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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September 11, 2001, survivor to speak

In celebration of National County Government Month, the Grundy County Board of Supervisors has arranged for Joseph Dittmar to speak at the Grundy Center High School Auditorium on Friday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Dittmar was attending a meeting in 2 World Trade Center on the morning of September 11, 2001. Dittmar's eyewitness account of the sights, sounds, and scenes from inside and outside the World Trade Center complex on that day presents an intriguing and gripping perspective on what really happened before, during, and after the terrorist attacks. While steeped with facts and observations of historic proportions, his presentation also presents concepts and ideas on what

was learned that day and what lessons we can continue to teach. These lessons are historical, as well as personal, philosophical, ethical and social. The recitation of his journey from the 105th floor of 2 World Trade Center all the way back to his home in Aurora, Illinois, in a 36-hour period provides a wealth of insight on an event that not only changed the world, but changed the way we proceed with our daily lives as Americans and residents of an ever-compacting world community. Dittmar's perspective deals with not only our political and militaristic vulnerability, but also with the awaking of patriotic spirit and human determination. His offering stresses the point of "always remember and never

forget", allowing all of us to help him continue to "tell the story" so that perhaps history doesn't have to repeat itself. The Always Remember Initiative is the passion and life goal of Dittmar with the mission of the Initiative being to keep the voices, spirits, and memories of the 3,000 victims of that fateful day alive and always remembered by all Americans.

There is no charge for admission, and everyone is invited to attend this moving presentation that gives an informational, historical, inspirational, and even motivational insight into one of the most incredible events in U. S. and World History.

Palermo 4-H March meeting held

The Palermo Clovers met at Eileen's home on Sunday the 25 of March.

President pro-tem, Abigail Roegner called the meeting to order. Ross Lynch led the Pledge to the American flag. Thirty-eight members answered the roll call of their favorite thing about spring. They gave mostly "sun and warm" answers as we were looking at lots of snow and windy cold. Three leaders and two moms were present to help. An update on the service dog vest was given. Gabby Patrick was installed as secretary and Brooke Liston was installed as Health Officer for the Iowa Healthy Living Challenge. Brooke had the members practice the lotus tree

position to think about Yoga as a healthy choice. Emmelia Roegner led the 4-H pledge.

As clover kids, Abigail Butler shared how to French braid hair on Abigail Barkley. Abigail Barkley shared the cloth doll she had designed and sewn on her sewing machine.

Ashlyn Kuiper gave a power point about her archery. Blessing Edittu shared her volleyball experiences. Alanna Huisman shared a scarf she was knitting. Brooke Liston shared her experiences as Blackhawk Saddle club's Jr. Cowgirl Queen contestant at state fair last year.

Eileen showed the group how to transplant a small succulent, and gave the care plan. Plants are beneficial to humans and succulents are fairly easy to grow. Both

age groups each had a visual egg hunt. Tickets for sale for the Omelet breakfast were handed out. Money for sold tickets is due to Eileen or the office by Friday April 6. Breakfast is on Sunday the 8th of April.

Today's hosts were Blessing Edittu, Ashlyn Kuiper for snacks and Savannah Gearhart and Haley Anderson for drinks.

Due to the weather, we planned to postpone our April field trip and will hold it when the weather gets warmer. We will meet at Eileen's on Sunday, April 15 at 4:30 pm. We hope to have a photo scavenger hunt. Autumn and Jazmine Clark and Daniel Barkley will have presentations. Hosts will be Anessa Smith for drinks and Lauren and Addison Strohhelm for snacks.

STARTING APRIL 6

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Obituaries

George Schmidt

George William Schmidt, 93, of Holland passed away at his home March 26, 2018. A visitation was held March 29 at the Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center.



George William Schmidt was born to his parents George and Wilhelmina (Meyniu) Schmidt on January 8, 1925, in the house in Holland. George shared his life with his only brother Rudolph Schmidt.

George was a loving, caring, hard working spouse and father to his family. He took pride in taking the family to serve the Lord, at the Colfax Presbyterian Church near Holland.

George is survived by his three sons, Steven (Marilynn "Tiny" Moehrl) Schmidt of Marshalltown, Timothy (Pam Hulne) Schmidt of Grundy Center, William (Elizabeth Drew) Schmidt of Marshalltown;

George was preceded in death by his parents; wife Minnie; son Charles; brother Rudolph Schmidt; and sister-in-law Collyn (Franzenburg) Schmidt.

Nancy Lou Hook

Nancy L. Hook, 81, of Grundy Center passed away March 27, 2018, at Grundy County Long Term Care in Grundy Center. Visitation was March 30 at Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center.



Nancy Lou Tanner daughter of Roger and Mildred (Cate) Tanner was born on September 3, 1936, in Lamar, Pennsylvania. She grew up in Lamar until her senior year when she moved with her family to Manchester.

Nancy is survived by her children, David (Shelly) Hook, Susanne (Mike) Carney; grandchildren, Travis Hook, Blake Hook, McKenzie Carney, Sierra Carney and Drake Carney;

In addition to her parents, Nancy was also preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Roger Hook.

Nutrition site menu

- Friday, April 6 — Honey Mustard Chicken, Baby Red Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruited Gelatin, Chocolate Milk
Monday, April 9 — Baked Chicken, Savory Apricot Sauce, Baked Sweet Potato, Italian Vegetable Blend, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk, Margarine
Tuesday, April 10 — Spaghetti Casserole, California Vegetables, Multi Grain Bread, Hot Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk, Margarine
Wednesday, April 11: Birthday Meal — Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Mashed Red Potatoes, Herbed Green Peas, Wheat Roll, Birthday Cake, Milk, Margarine
Thursday, April 12 — Chicken A La King, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Cinnamon Sugar Cookie, Milk
For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Grundy Center Senior Center at (319) 824-3843.

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Rick Mull Annual Memorial FISH FRY Sat., April 14 5:30 p.m. - As Long as supplies last Hosted by RJ's Lounge-Conrad, IA • Free Will Donation MENU: Fish, Chicken Strips, French Fries, Coleslaw, Beverages Available for Purchase TEE UP TO BEAT CANCER All proceeds from free will donation to support the mission of TEE UP TO BEAT CANCER - providing financial assistance to local individuals and charities in the battle against cancer.

Grundy Register Bulletin Board

Grundy Center Citywide garage sales announced

Save your spring cleaning finds for Grundy Center's Citywide garage sale. The two-day event is scheduled for Friday, June 22nd and Saturday, June 23rd, and will be organized by the Grundy Community Preschool & Childcare Center (GCP&CC).

GCP&CC is the community's oldest childcare facility, serving families from throughout the county. The non-profit organization uses fundraisers to purchase educational materials, toys, and equipment for Grundy County's smallest and youngest residents.

Residents of Grundy Center, Holland and the surrounding rural area are encouraged to hold garage sales as the organization will work to bring bargain lovers galore to Grundy Center.

Each registered garage sale will be promoted and advertised in area newspapers.

Registered garage sales will also be included on the sale map. Each sale will be allowed a brief listing of items, sale hours, sale hosts, and street address. Moreover, each sale will be assigned a number which will be promoted on the yard signs and on the map.

GCP&CC has already talked with Trinkets & Togs and they will be ready for any donations you would like to give after your sale.

More details will be available in the coming weeks. For more information regarding the Grundy Center Citywide Garage Sale, or to pre-register your garage sale, please call Kim Brower at 825-3565.

Wellsburg AGWSR Summer Rec fundraiser

The AGWSR Summer Rec breakfast fundraiser will be held

on Saturday, April 7 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Wellsburg Memorial Building. Free will donation.

Timothy Christian to hold informational meeting, kindergarten roundup

On Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 P.M., there will be an Informational Meeting at the school for parents of children of any age who might be interested in Timothy Christian now or in the future.

On Tuesday, April 17 from 8:20 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. the school will host kindergarten roundup. A chicken nugget lunch will be served and everyone gets a free t-shirt.

For more information, call the school at 641-869-3679.

Reinbeck Spring Clean Up Day in Reinbeck

On Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cooley Sanitation will pick up junk from your property for a fee. Citizens can also dispose of their junk items for free by brining them to Cooley Sanitation on Main Street. Large items like washers, dryers, stoves, etc. are subject to a small disposal fee.

New Hartford NH Lions to hold fish fry

The New Hartford Lions Club will be hosting an all you can eat fish fry on Friday, April 6th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the New Hartford Community Building.



Awarded 50-year certificate Wayne Eilers presented Harold Sealman of rural Wellsburg with a certificate for his 50 years of membership in the American Legion.

Dike News

Birthdays

- Thursday, April 5: Casey Mommer, Kristin Mommer
Friday, April 6: Isabella Norton, Addyson Joslin
Saturday, April 7: Jamie Jones, Stacie Dudden
Sunday, April 8: Rich Menken, Darcy Graves, Jim Doorley
Monday, April 9: Art Beem, Deb Knudsen
Tuesday, April 10: Jesse Juel, Kim Fischer, Matt Murphy
Wednesday, April 11: Kevin Oltman, Virginia Willms

Easter Egg hunt

It was an Easter weekend mixed with wind, wind and more wind. The Easter Bunny's ears were flapping in the wind, and the little kids were hanging on to Mom's and Dad's hands for support. If it had been rain or snow it would have been canceled, but the big wind did not keep kids from gathering hundreds of bright colored eggs.

Diane Paige Correspondent

Dates for Dike

- Thursday, April 5 Golf Columbus at Dike JH Track at NH
Friday, April 6 Golf at Dike
Saturday, April 7 IHASMA State Music Festival
Sunday, April 8 Local church services
Monday, April 9 Golf at Dike JH Track at Dike
Tuesday, April 10 Golf at BCLUW Girls track at Hudson JH Bous track at Dike
Wednesday, April 11 Early Dismissal 6:30 Booster Club meeting

CENTER THEATRE's Reel-to-Reel

At the Center Theatre on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. will be the Iowa true story movie The Miracle Season, starring Helen Hunt, Danika Yarosh & William Hurt.

The Miracle Season, starring Helen Hunt, Danika Yarosh & William Hurt. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 100 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the family movie I Can Only Imagine, starring J. Michael Finley, Dennis Quaid, Cloris Leachman & Priscilla Shire. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 110 minutes in length.

Fridays are 50 cent Fridays at the Center Theatre. Attend a movie on Friday evening & receive your choice of a medium popcorn or any drink for just 50 cents!

Opening nationwide at the Center Theatre is the Iowa true story you don't want to miss: The Miracle Season, based on the inspiring true story of Iowa City West High School girls' volleyball team. After the tragic death of the school's star player Caroline "Line" Found, the remaining team players must band together under the guidance of their tough-love coach Kathy Bresnahan (Oscar winner Helen Hunt) in hope of winning the state championship.

championship.

I Can Only Imagine: the song you know, the story you don't - amazingly, the song was written in mere minutes by MercyMe lead singer Bart Millard. In reality, those lyrics took a lifetime to craft. Although he found faith at a young age, life wasn't easy for Bart. He leaned into an active imagination & his love of music as escapes from a troubled home life. As he grew older, Bart turned to football in hopes of somehow connecting with his abusive father. But a career-ending injury - combined with the vision of a teacher who saw unlimited potential - set Bart on a musical pathway. Chasing a dream while running from his painful childhood, Bart hits the road in an old, decrepit tour bus with his new band MercyMe - named for his grandmother's favorite expression. With the guidance of a grizzled music-industry insider, the band begins a journey none of them could ever have imagined. I Can Only Imagine is about the paradoxical link between pain & redemption, between brokenness & forgiveness. All of us have broken places inside. All of us stand in need of redemption. A gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, I Can Only Imagine beautifully illustrates that no one is ever too far from God's love.

For the most up-to-date movie information, please check out our new website at www.grundycentertheatre.com.

News deadline is: 10 a.m. Monday!

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GOSPEL MEETINGS (NO COLLECTIONS) BEGINNING MARCH 18TH Stout Gospel Hall in Stout, Iowa EACH NIGHT AT 7:00 Except Saturdays. Brody Thibodeau and Frank Sona For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ROMANS 6:23

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AGWSR National Honor Society inducts new members

The AGWSR National Honor Society held its induction on Tuesday evening April 3 in the elementary gymnasium and three students joined the elite group which rewards academic and extracurricular excellence. New inductees are pictured in the front row (left to right): Mollie Abkes, Aubrie Fisher and Josh Bartling. Picture in the back row are current members (left to right): Haley Bakker, Hannah Woerner, Brayden Penning, Allison Finger, Taylor Sicard and Sawyer Heitland. (Lisa Bakker/The Grundy Register photo)



Local bank donates to Grundy County 4-H
Peoples Saving Bank made a donation to the Grundy County 4-H program. Pictured L to R is Carrie Heeren of PSB, Andrea Trager on behalf of Grundy County 4-H, Josh Meyer of PSB and Chelsea Beving of PSB. The donation will go toward various funding and scholarship programs.

GRUNDY COUNTY Magistrate Court

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

- April Damm, Wellsburg, permitting unauthorized person to drive.
- Harold Devries, Austinville, speeding.
- Austin Nederhoff, Wellsburg, speeding.
- Cristina Nelson, Clive, speeding.
- Kyle Hamilton, Traer, dark window or windshield.
- Sean Weldon, Johnston, speeding.
- Elizabeth Kane, Grundy Center, failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Ezra Morris, Eros, LA, operation of motor vehicle with expired license.
- Rene Miranda, Sibley, speeding.
- Marvin Fletcher II, Bonner Springs, KS, speeding.
- John Payne, Marshalltown, speeding.
- Craig O'Keefe, Des Moines, speeding.
- Avari Everts, Parkersburg, speeding.
- Dennis Bryant Jr., St. Anthony, operation without registration card or plate.
- Michelle Hamlin, Waterloo, speeding.
- Randall Claassen, Parkersburg, speeding.
- Quanah Caughron, Dike, speeding.

- David Carr, Omaha, NE, speeding.
- Lisa Stone, Indianola, speeding.
- Izaiah Pringle, Fort Dodge, speeding.
- Brett Thoren, Albion, speeding and operation without certificate of title.
- Diann Nobles, Orange Park, FL, speeding.
- Heather Ries, Eldora, use of electronic communication device.
- Corey St. John, Valrico, FL, speeding.
- Fernando Villate-Sanchez, Miami Gardens, FL, failure to maintain control.
- Danielle Hutton, Cedar Falls, speeding.
- Daniel Schrock, Dike, speeding.
- Alan Rondeau Jr., Parkersburg, speeding.
- Tanner Cox, Dike, snow restrictions.
- Leslie Beninga, Grundy Center, snow restrictions.
- Jenna Bonorden, Grundy Center, speeding.
- Baylie Wrage, Grundy Center, speeding.
- Shannon Roe, Holland, speeding.
- Edith Rowe, Beaman, driving while license under suspension.
- Rene Miranda, Sibley, reckless driving.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRUST NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: Roger James Hook Living Trust
To All Persons regarding Roger James Hook deceased, who died on or about 19th day of June 2017:

You are hereby notified that David E. Hook and Susanne Carney are the Co-Trustees of the Roger James Hook Living Trust. Any action to contest the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Grundy County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice, or one (1) month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and beneficiaries under the Trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.
Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the Trust must mail proof of the claim to the Trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one (1) month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 27th day of March, 2018.

Roger James Hook Living Trust
c/o David E. Hook, Co-Trustee
17752 205th Street
Grundy Center, IA 50638
Date of second publication 12th day of April, 2018. GR-14-2

GRUNDY COUNTY District Court

Dylan Anthony Hoffert, age 19, Grundy Center. Pled guilty to Fourth Degree Theft, a serious misdemeanor, on March 23. Received a 30-day suspended jail sentence, a \$315 fine and one year of unsupervised probation.

AREA SERVICES Please join us in worship!

<p>ALBION</p> <p>Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 8:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>APLINGTON</p> <p>Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>BANGOR</p> <p>Bangor Liberty Friends Church Matt Bishop, Pastor office@blfchurch.org Sundays 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship</p> <p>BEAMAN</p> <p>United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>CONRAD</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>United Methodist Church The Rev. Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship</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. Youth program with meal</p> <p>First Baptist Church (GARBC) Nathan Barkley, Pastor 319-824-3324 www.fbcgrundy.com office@fbcgrundy.com Sundays 9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group 10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., AWANA 7 p.m., Youth Group</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Randy Russom, Pastor 319-824-3152 www.facebook.com/grundycenterfirstpres Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Study in Chapel</p> <p>Orchard Hill Church Brian Steenhoek, Campus Pastor 1800 G Avenue, Grundy Center 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org 9:15 a.m. services 10:45 a.m. services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during both services</p> <p>United Methodist Church Jerry R. Miller, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Celebration Wednesdays 5:15 p.m., Worship on Wednesday Meal - Wednesday School-Confirmation 6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship</p> <p>HOLLAND</p> <p>Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (includes children's sermon, nursery available ages 0-3) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church</p>	<p>Rev. Rick Vollema 319-346-1090 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>IVESTER</p> <p>Ivester Church of the Brethren Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Potluck</p> <p>LINCOLN</p> <p>Salem Church of Lincoln The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</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</p> <p>9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 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 Czapl Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses 4:30 p.m. in English</p> <p>6:30 p.m. in Spanish 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. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Reformed Church of Stout Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors 319-346-1487 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>REINBECK</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>UNION</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church Roger Crawford, Pastor Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Church Service 6:45 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens</p> <p>Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Union Community Church The Rev. 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Medicare cards will be updated with new numbers this summer



Travis K. Fischer
Mid-America Publishing

Medicare recipients should be on the lookout this summer for a brand new Medicare identification card, with a new number to go with it.

Currently, Medicare recipients are identified by their Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN), which is based on their Social Security number. Over the next year these numbers will be replaced on new cards with a randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI).

Separating Social Security numbers from Medicare identification is being done as a measure to protect Medicare's \$7.7 million enrollees from the risk of identity theft.

Identity theft and fraud continues to rise, particularly targeting people over 65. According to CMS, 2.6 million incidents involving seniors were recorded in 2014, a 23 percent increase from just two years prior.

Medicare fraud sometimes happens when scammers use false information to get people to sign up for fake Medicare plans, which can leave recipients with bills for services they never received or equipment that was never delivered.

ered. Having a unique Medicare identification number not only eliminates one potential avenue for scammers to obtain somebody's Social Security number, but also helps crack down on fraudulent Medicare claims using a stolen Social Security number.

"We're taking this step to protect our seniors from fraudulent use of Social Security numbers, which can lead to identity theft and illegal use of Medicare benefits," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma in a release.

"We want to be sure that Medicare beneficiaries and healthcare providers know about these changes well in advance and have the information they need to make a seamless transition."

In 2015, Congress mandated that Social Security numbers were to be removed from all Medicare cards. Since then, CMS has been working towards building the system that would allow them to make a smooth transition. This includes converting not just their own sys-

tem, but all of the systems that interact with them to process claims or do business with the agency.

"As you can imagine, there was a lot to consider because this was a major task for our agency," said Julie Brookhart, Public Affairs Specialist for CMS. "Currently there are about 60 million active cards and 90 million cards from deceased beneficiaries with archived

Medicare cards. So, for historical tracking and maintaining them in our system, and for ongoing claims for the recently deceased, we have to assign new cards even to the deceased."

The transition to the new cards will begin in April as new enrollees into Medicare will be the first to receive cards using MBI numbers. Enrollment packages are generally sent out three months before a person's 65th birthday.

"Basically, those who will turn 65 in July will receive a new card in the mail in April without their Social Security number on it," said Brookhart.

After April, CMS will begin the

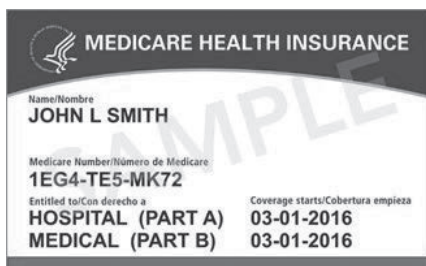
process of mailing out waves of new cards to existing Medicare recipients. Current Iowan Medicare recipients shouldn't be too eager to get their new cards though as the mailing wave for Iowa is not scheduled to start until after June.

The new cards will not only come with the new 11-digit identification number. The entire card has been redesigned with a reduction in size to match the size of a standard credit card and the removal of the signature line, which will allow beneficiaries to laminate their card if they choose.

All Medicare cards are expected to be replaced by April of 2019. For healthcare providers, there will be a 21-month transition period where either identification number can be used for record or billing purposes. Outside of a few exceptions, after December 31, 2019 claims will have to be submitted using the new MBI.

As the rollout begins, CMS will be doing public outreach both nationally and regionally to make sure everybody is on the same page. Throughout April, the Kansas City Regional Office, which covers Iowa, will be providing webinars for senior centers, assisted living, and retirement communities, to inform Medicare beneficiaries directly.

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What to watch this spring

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

Eventually, the weather's going to get decent enough where most of the student-athletes at area high schools can get into competition for the season.

While northern Iowa continues to thaw out, here's some things to keep an eye on in the months to come.

This is a great start at looking at some of the potential big stories in our area, but some of the best stories are the ones that surprise us, and this spring should be no different. If you have a suggestion for what you think would be a great sports story in the Grundy Register, feel free to drop a line at regionalsports@midamericapub.com.

GCGR girls and boys soccer teams looking for strong finishes

Both Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck soccer squads ended their seasons in the substate final round, one step short of the state tournament.

The Rebel boys will look to get back to the state tournament after a 9-7 season ended on their home field in Reinbeck in a 3-1 loss to Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, missing out on a third-consecutive trip to the state tournament in the process.

The GC/G-R girls have a lot of returning players from last season's 9-10 squad which had a deep run before running into Nevada in the substate final, a 4-0 loss for the Rebels.

Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR boys soccer qualified for the state tournament last year and finished in third place, but will have to fill a lot of shoes from a big senior class that included exchange student Marcos Vila along with Logan Steelman and Logan Ward, a trio that accounted for 107 of the Cadets' 123 goals last season.

Grundy Center girls track leads returning state qualifiers

While there are a lot of area athletes returning with experience at the state meet in Des Moines, the Spartan girls return all of their state qualifiers, a talented quartet of Brooke Flater, Kyah Luhring, Landry Luhring, Hailey Wallis that qualified for a combined six events at the state meet last spring.

They left with five total medals, led by Kyah Luhring's third-place finish in the long jump, Hailey Wallis' 7th-place finish in the 100-meter dash and three medals in the sprint medley relay, 4x200 and 4x400.

Other medal winners returning to the track this spring:

- AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher is back after winning three medals in four events last season. Fisher was second in the 1,500, fourth in the 3,000 and was part of the sixth-place 4x800 relay along with Haley Bakker, Maddie Brandt and Bethany Lippert at last season's state meet. AGWSR's boys returners include Liam Stubbe (400 hurdles) and Stubbe and Alec Stahl as part of last year's fourth-place 4x800 team.

- BCLUW hurdler standout Jack Garber is back for the Comets. Garber was fourth as a sophomore in the 110 high hurdles.

- Dike-New Hartford's Ryan Moore was part of the Wolverine boys' state-championship relay in the 4x800 and was also on a 4x400 team that finished second.

- Grundy Center's Will Grames returns for his sophomore year after placing eighth in the long jump in what was a double-medaling event for the Spartans along with Bryce Flater's fifth-place finish.

Golf programs looking for another big spring

The Grundy Center boys' golf program just missed out on a top-three finish in Marshalltown at the state meet last spring, but bring back a young group that got valuable experience under seniors Jesper Holke-Farnam and Braidan Buhrow. This season, they'll be led by Iowa Western golf commit Jake Bangasser as the Spartans look for a 19th state-tournament appearance in the past 25 seasons.

Dike-New Hartford's Morgan Weber was third at the Class 3A state girls golf meet in her freshman season, finishing with her best 18-hole round of her high-school career with a 77 in Panora.

In 2A, the BCLUW girls return all of their state qualifiers from a team that finished seventh at the 2A state meet, led by 14th-place finisher Lauren Anderson with a two-day total of 181. Anderson recently committed to Grand View University's golf program.

GCGR tennis looks to maintain momentum

The Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys tennis team had a breakthrough in advancing to the substate final last season under rookie coach Dale Boren, and with only one senior on last year's roster, the Spartan tennis program has the potential to make a similar run this spring. Grundy Center was second at the NICL tournament last spring with two doubles titles and a singles title for Landon Graham at No. 6 singles.

GCGR girls tennis also had a strong outing with a first-round victory in the regional team tennis tournament last spring before running into the juggernaut Waterloo Columbus program. The Spartan girls were fifth in the NICL tournament.



GCGR's Walker Theede sends a pass upfield during a game with Waverly-Shell Rock last spring. (Grundy Register file photos)



GCGR's Garrett Weldon returns a shot during a preliminary substate dual with North Polk last spring.



At left: Grundy Center's Hailey Wallis takes off as she grabs the baton from Landry Luhring in the 4x400 relay at the state track meet in Des Moines last spring. At right: Dike-New Hartford's Morgan Weber watches her shot off the tee during the second day of the girls state golf tournament last spring.



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Spartan boys win Belle Plaine title

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

BELLE PLAINE — The Grundy Center boys track and field team is still going through the early phase of piecing what they have together.

But there's no doubt that the Spartans are deep, and they showed it as the Class A team champions of the Belle Plaine Boys Invitational on Thursday, March 29.

Grundy Center scored 137 points to eke past Hudson by three points as the two NICL schools dominated the eight-team field throughout most of the night.

"It's huge for our program," Spartan head coach Chris Conger said of the team triumph. "We're still in the process of building this here. We've had starpower the last few years with guys like Bryce Flater, Dylan Hendricks and Finn Cleveland but we're deep this year, we've got a lot of good sophomores and juniors that were issued a challenge to scratch out some points and they did just that."

The Spartans charged to the top of the team standings on the strength of scoring at least twice in nine different events.

Grundy Center's Sawyer Bowen won the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 10 inches and Bowen teamed with Adam Kaufman, Jensen Clapp and Caleb Kuiper to win the 4x400 relay in 3:42.22 for the Spartans two individual event victories on the night.

"We've got some guys in some new events this year and this was a chance to get them on the track," Conger said. "The conditions were less than ideal,

but at the same time the challenge was to compete with a great team like Hudson.

"And, perhaps, if we go south for districts down to Brooklyn, we were going to see teams in Belle Plaine that we don't see throughout the season, so it was a great meet to go see those teams. We're going to need everybody to compete like that against those teams."

Grundy Center will have its boys-only home meet on Thursday at Spartan Stadium, weather permitting. Conger noted that the Spartans are looking to pick up some extra competition for those meets with most of the first week of the track schedule wiped out due to a snowstorm.

"With a win like that, we hope to bring some fans out to check us out," Conger said. "We're excited about coming home and showing the crowd the deep squad we have this year."

Belle Plaine Boys Invite

Class A

Team scores—1. Grundy Center 137; 2. Hudson 134; 3. Belle Plaine 89; 4. North Linn 77; 5. B-G-M 56; 6. Alburett 41; 7. Sigourney 32; 8. North Mahaska 22.

Event results

(Winner and Grundy Center competitors in top 6)

100-meter dash—1. Keegan James (BGM) 11.78.

200—1. Keegan James (BGM) 24.24; 4. Will Grames 25.30; 5. Caleb Kuiper 25.33.

400—1. Joe Eichhorn (BP) 54.40; 2. Caleb Kuiper 54.50.

800—1. Seth Boss (NL) 2:16.51; 4. Cale Hendricks 2:18.08; 6. Jensen Clapp 2:25.04.

1600—1. Wyatt Kelly (Hud) 5:00.21; 4. Derek Ciddio 5:11.66.

3200—1. Wyatt Kelly (Hud) 10:55.39; 3. Derek Ciddio 11:19.13; 5. Kenny Day 11:33.01.

110 hurdles—1. Matthew Barnett (Alb) 17.10; 5. Colton Sandell 18.27; 6. Jesse Mackie 18.91.

400 hurdles—1. Garrett Straight (BP) 1:01.80; 2. Drew Rathe 1:02.27; 4. Colton Sandell 1:03.86.

4x100 relay—1. Hudson 46.56; 5. Grundy Center (Matt Jansen, Austin Knaack, Logan Strickler, Josh Kuiper) 48.60.

4x100 weightperson—1. Belle Plaine 52.92; 3. Grundy Center (Matthew Sternhagen, Austin Engelkes, Sam Steinmeyer, Cade Rohler) 1:02.20.

4x200—1. North Linn 1:36.97; 2. Grundy Center (Matt Jansen, Austin Knaack, Adam Kaufman, Will Grames) 1:38.34.

4x400—1. Grundy Center (Adam Kaufman, Sawyer Bowen, Jensen Clapp, Caleb Kuiper) 3:42.22.

4x800—1. North Linn 9:15.33; 3. Grundy Center (Cale Hendricks, Mitchell Munson, Cole Heideman, Jensen Clapp) 9:26.82.

Shuttle hurdle—1. North Linn 1:03.83; 4. Grundy Center (Colton Sandell, Adam Kaufman, Jesse Mackie, Drew Rathe) 1:07.52.

Sprint medley—1. Hudson 1:41.58; 2. Grundy Center (Matt Jansen, Austin Knaack, Adam Kaufman, Caleb Kuiper) 1:41.67.

Distance medley—1. Hudson 3:56.67; 2. Grundy Center (Austin Knaack, Will Grames, Sawyer Bowen, Drew Rathe) 4:06.98.

Discus throw—1. Dawson Ellingson (Hud) 181-2; 2. Cade Rohler 136-9; 5. Matthew Sternhagen 114-0; 6. Zach Grant 112-9.

High jump—1. Sawyer Bowen (GC) 5-10; 4. Drew Rathe 5-4.

Long jump—1. Ryan Miller (NL) 21-0.75; 3. Nick Ascher 19-7.75; 4. Will Grames 19-5.5.

Shot put—1. Dawson Ellingson (Hud) 55-1; 3. Josh Kuiper 43-3; 4. Jordan Hook 42-11.

This week's schedule

(Weather Permitting)

Thursday

Girls/boys tennis: Grundy Center at Waverly-Shell Rock, 4 p.m.

Girls/boys golf: Waterloo Columbus at D-NH, 4:15 p.m.

Boys golf: Sumner-Fredericksburg at G-R, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track: AGWSR at Hudson, 4:30 p.m.

Boys track: D-NH at Grundy Center, 4:30 p.m.

Girls track: D-NH at Starmont, 4:45 p.m.

Girls soccer: CAL vs. GCGR, 5:30 p.m.

Boys soccer: CAL vs. GCGR, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Girls golf: G-R at D-NH, 4:15 p.m.

Girls golf: Hampton-Dumont at AGWSR, 4:15 p.m.

Boys golf: AGWSR at Aplington-Parkersburg, 4:15 p.m.

Boys tennis: GCGR at South Hardin, 4:15 p.m.

Girls/boys track: G-R at Meskwaki, 4:30 p.m.

Girls track: AGWSR, BCLUW, Grundy Center at South Hardin, 4:30 p.m.

Boys track: D-NH at Waverly-Shell Rock, 5 p.m.

Girls soccer: Grand View Christian at G-R, 5:30 p.m.

Monday

Boys tennis: Hampton-Dumont at GCGR, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: GCGR at Hampton-Dumont, 4 p.m.

Girls/boys golf: Sumner-Fredericksburg at D-NH, 4:15 p.m.

Girls/boys golf: East Marshall, GMG at G-R, 4:15 p.m.

Girls/boys golf: West Marshall at Grundy Center, 4:15 p.m.

Girls golf: AGWSR, Hudson at BCLUW (Conrad), 4:15 p.m.

Boys golf: AGWSR, Hudson at BCLUW (Union), 4:15 p.m.

Boys track: AGWSR, BCLUW at East Marshall, 4:30 p.m.

Girls track: BCLUW at GMG Relays (Tama), 5 p.m.

Boys soccer: GCGR at Waterloo Columbus, 5:30 p.m.

Clarification

In the Thursday, March 29 edition of the Grundy Register, in an article titled "Back to basics," Grundy Center baseball's performance since 2006 is assessed as being below an overall .500 winning percentage. However, a three-year span of postseason performance from 2014-2016 was not mentioned in the article. The Spartans won district titles in 2014 and 2016 and reached the district final round in 2015. Grundy Register sports editor Jake Ryder apologizes for the error.

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Rebels, Cadets in boys soccer rankings

Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys soccer is ranked No. 11 in Class 1A in preseason rankings issued by the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches Association last week.

The Rebels were 9-7 last season and bowed out in the substate final to Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, which is ranked No. 16 to start the season.

Iowa City Regina starts the

season at the top of the Class 1A rankings after winning last season's state championship over Davenport Assumption, which is ranked No. 2.

In Class 2A, Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR is ranked No. 10 to start the season after finishing in third at last season's state tournament. Cedar Rapids Xavier is ranked No. 1.

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