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Supervisors receive road, courthouse updates

By **ROB MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy County Board of Supervisors got word on some recent road projects as well as an update on the courthouse from custodian Mark Jungling during Tuesday morning's regular meeting.

County Engineer Gary Mauer reported that the T55 road paving project will continue this year but likely won't finish, and Jungling said that the circulating pump for the boiler at the courthouse is leaking and added that in the aftermath of the major trial in Grundy County last week, he noticed that three or four floor tiles were sagging in the courtroom. Jungling also inquired about plans for a garage and hoped for something like a 20x20' structure in the \$10,000 price range.

After a brief discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve a change order for a transaction window at the new annex building.

Deputy Tim Wolthoff of the sheriff's department received his 35-year service award at the beginning of the

meeting, and Sheriff Rick Penning announced that Deputy Ron Tordoff would be retiring in March after nearly three decades of service to the county.

The board briefly addressed the proposed airport regulations but moved no closer to setting a public hearing, citing similar concerns to those voiced in the past.

"Do you pass a bunch of restrictions for such a small amount of use?" Supervisor Harlyn Riekema asked.

Supervisor Barb Smith opined that it could impede on economic development, but the board will be required to take a vote at some point because the planning and zoning commission voted 4-2 to approve the proposal last month.

"Can we think about it for a couple more weeks?" Supervisor Jim Ross asked.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- * Approved the payment of bills.
- * Received updates on board and committee meetings.

Grundy County REC moves to new location

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - After 65 years at their previous location, the Grundy County REC has made the move to their brand new facility at the Grundy Center Industrial Park just north of town.

According to REC General Manager Vicki Daily, the REC Board of Directors decided to make the move to the new location for a variety of different reasons.

"One of the biggest factors is changing technology," she said. "Our new location is much more efficient than our old facility, and our new building has LED lighting and a geothermal heating and cooling system that's proven to save energy."

Daily added that another benefit of their new location is that everything will be in one place.

"We will actually be moving our pole yard out [to our new location] in the spring, so that will make it easier on our guys to have everything all in one place," she said. "And being out here, we're now able to serve ourselves, whereas be-



fore we were getting our electricity from the city of Grundy Center Municipal Utilities."

"We were happy to make the move to the Industrial Park and to contribute to the growth and development of our community," she said.

Daily said that the REC is very excited to be serving members at their new location, and that

they will be hosting an Open House on March 30 to help acquaint community members with their new location.

As for their old location at 102 East G Avenue, the facility will be taken over by the Grundy Family YMCA. For more information on the YMCA's plans for the space, see story on page 2.

Guilty on all counts

Knudsen faces up to 80 years after conviction

By **MICHAELA KENDALL AND ROB MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- "We are here because two children decided to tell. They told again and told again and told again."

Grundy County Attorney Erika Allen uttered these words during her closing statements to the jury in the trial of Paul Ryan Knudsen, a 39-year-old rural Cedar Falls man who was convicted of three counts of Third Degree Sexual Abuse and one count of Lascivious Conduct with a Minor on Monday afternoon after a four day trial in Grundy Center. He now faces up to 80 years in prison.

The 12-member jury, comprised of five men and seven women, reached its verdict in less than an hour as Judge Joel Dalrymple oversaw the case, and State Assistant Attorney General Keisha Cretsinger worked with Allen on the prosecution.

Attorneys Michael Bandy and Troy Powell represented Knudsen, who remained stone-faced throughout most of the testimony before finally breaking down and embracing his wife, Shelly, when he learned of the conviction.

The prosecution called a total of six witnesses to the stand: Grundy County Deputies Ron Tordoff and BJ Jorgensen, Anna Kalkhoff of the Department of Human Services, former Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Rebecca Duffy, and the two victims.

The two victims, one male and one female, gave teary-eyed testimony against Knudsen, describing how he engaged in sex acts with them and forced them to engage in sex acts with each other over several years, spanning from 2009 to 2014, while they were both under the age of 18.

When Cretsinger asked one of the victims to try to remember details about her encounters with Knudsen, the girl replied that much of it is too painful for her to recall.

"Those aren't memories I like to think about," the girl said. "I try to push them away."

Initially, the abuse was discovered during a session in late 2014, when one of the victims revealed their encounters with Knudsen to a therapist at the Child Protection Center (CPC). The other victim confirmed their own abuse as well, and Knudsen was arrested on November 25.

When asked by Defense Attorney Michael Bandy why they did not come forward earlier, the victims each agreed that they were not only scared to come forward, but also embarrassed about what had happened to them.

The defense's argument centered around the lack of physical evidence and inconsistencies in the victims' recollection of events: when Deputies Tordoff and Jorgensen arrived at Knudsen's home, which is located near the Black Hawk-Grundy County line, to investigate on November 21, 2014, they did not collect any DNA or secure the property. The last incident had allegedly occurred five days prior.

"There was absolutely no investigation done," Bandy said. "They had days and weeks to go back into that house, and they never did it. DCI never even got called."

The prosecution countered, however, that because the crimes occurred over several years, it was impossible to expect the depositions and testimony to line up perfectly.

"It would be nice if there were witnesses, consistent stories and DNA evidence," Allen said. "But that's not real life."

Bandy and Powell called up three witnesses of their own— Knudsen's aunt Letha Feeney, who serves as a deputy in Nebraska; Kerry Weatherly, a friend of Knudsen's who lived with the family for a brief period; and Shelly Knudsen, Knudsen's wife. All of them testified that they had no knowledge of Knudsen performing any inappropriate sexual acts with minors, and the defense also argued that the victims had a deep-seated resentment for Knudsen that undermined their credibility.

The jury remained unconvinced and quickly returned a verdict much to the chagrin of Knudsen. The defendant, who had previously been convicted of Sexual Abuse in Polk County in 2006, will now be entered into the sex offender registry for the rest of his life. After the trial concluded on Monday, the male victim agreed to speak to The Grundy Register.

"It's something I don't want anybody to go through," he said. "A lot of people have tried to silence us... I have PTSD so bad (that) I sleep a half hour at night. I wake up from nightmares from it, and it tears me apart every day."

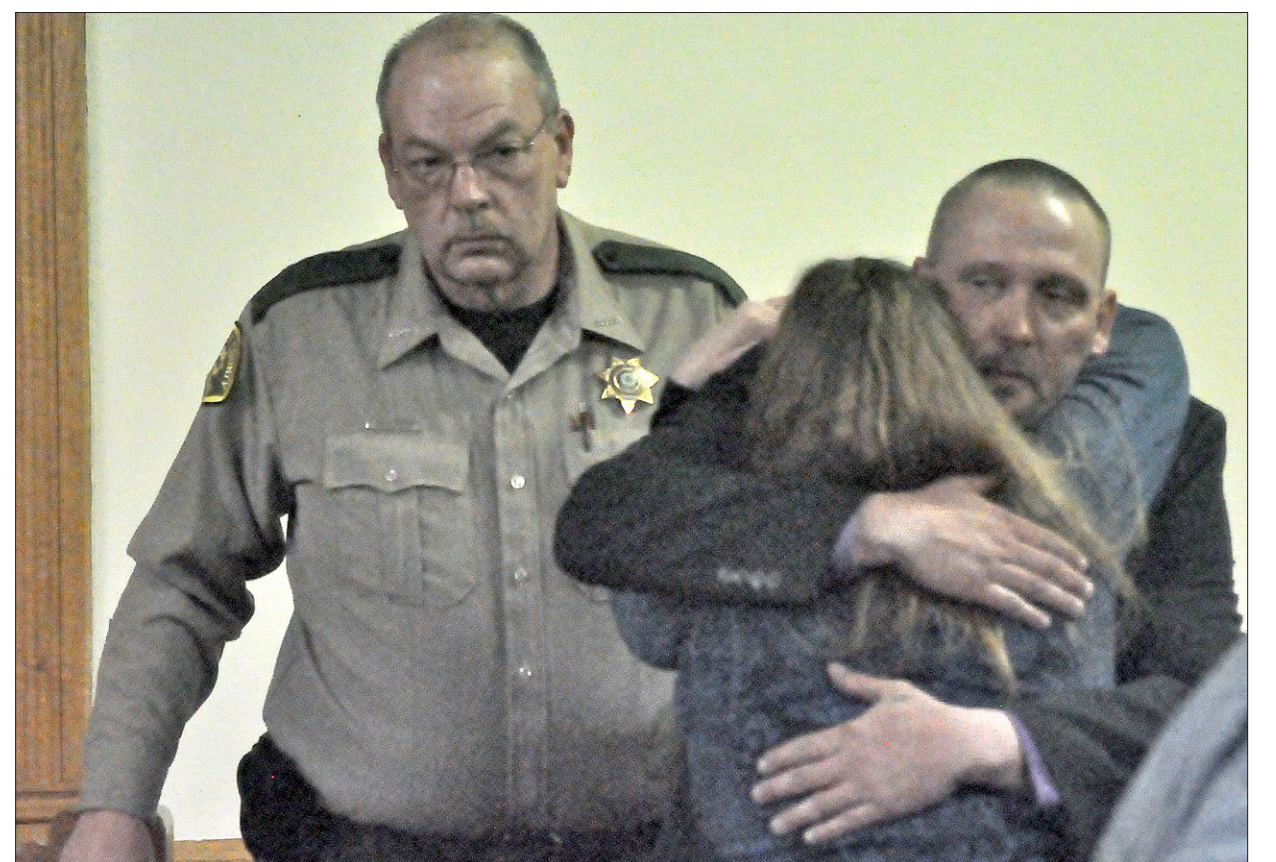
He added that he hopes to become a DHS worker or a police officer and assist victims of similar crimes in the future. Deputy Tordoff handcuffed Knudsen after he learned his fate in front of a small group of spectators comprised of relatives and members of the press, and he will be sentenced at a later date pending an appeal of the trial.



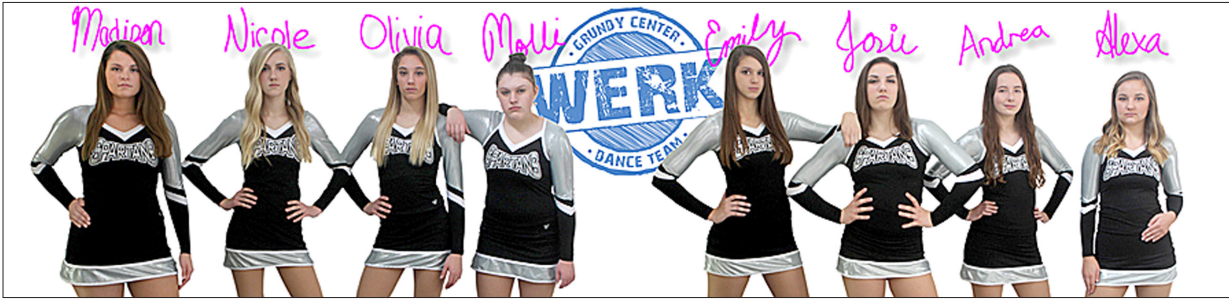
Johnson wins state wrestling title
Dike-New Hartford's Trent Johnson smiles atop the podium as Class 1A's 145-pound champion at the Iowa state wrestling tournament in Des Moines. (more on page 15)



Judge Joel Dalrymple (far left), defense attorneys Michael Bandy (left) and Troy Powell (right), and prosecuting attorneys Keisha Cretsinger and Erika Allen (center) convene during the trial of Paul Knudsen on Monday. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)



Paul Knudsen (right) embraces his wife Shelly before being handcuffed by Grundy County Deputy Ron Tordoff (left) at the courthouse on Monday afternoon. Knudsen was convicted of three counts of Third Degree Sexual Abuse and one count of Lascivious Acts with a Minor, and he faces up to 80 years in prison. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)



GC Dance Team to perform show on Saturday

The Grundy Center Dance Team will be celebrating the 2016-2017 dance season on Saturday, February 25 in the high school gymnasium at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. They have "WERKED" very hard this year and cannot wait to share their experiences. Each show will share in the various routines, experiences, and successes from throughout the season. Both

shows will unveil a fun coed routine, friend routine, and the always secret parent routine.

The afternoon show will feature the junior clinic dancers. Over 60 students, preschool through fourth grade, will enjoy a clinic Friday, February 24 after school to learn some fun routines to perform at the show. The night school will feature guest teams from

AGWSR, Cedar Falls, and Waverly-Shell Rock. Additionally, the middle school dance team made up of 20 girls grades 5-8 will perform.

Grundy Center dancers include senior Alexa Strickler, juniors Emily Ehrig, Madison Glass, Nicole McNeil, and Olivia Opheim, sophomores Josie Holke-Farnam and Andrea Thorsen, and freshman Mollie Craig.



YMCA makes plans to expand into former REC space

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – After the Grundy County REC moved out of the facility that they shared with the Grundy Family YMCA late last month, the YMCA has officially taken over the space, and is now free to begin planning the next phase of their remodeling project, which will utilize the extra square footage formerly occupied by the REC.

Grundy Family YMCA Director Andrew Peters says some things they are hoping to incorporate into the new space includes: shower facilities, program and meeting rooms – including multipurpose rooms for teen and adult programs, office space, a kitchenette and child-watch facilities.

"I'm really excited to expand our

teen and adult programs with the new space," Peters said. "We want to provide a place for teens to hang out, and be active and social outside of the school setting."

Sloan Alberhasky, the Youth Programs Coordinator at the Grundy Family YMCA, echoed Peters' thoughts.

"Right now, we have a pretty good program for sixth through twelfth graders, but I think we can really expand on that and provide these kids with a fun, safe place to socialize and just hang out," she said.

"We're also really excited to expand our child-watch services," she added. "For a lot of parents, it can be hard to find someone to watch their children while they come and work out, but with the new space here we have more room to provide child-watch, and we hope we can bring more families in that way."

Peters said that since they made the move to their current location back in July of last year, they have

seen a 25 percent increase in YMCA visitors already, and they hope the new renovation will increase that growth even further.

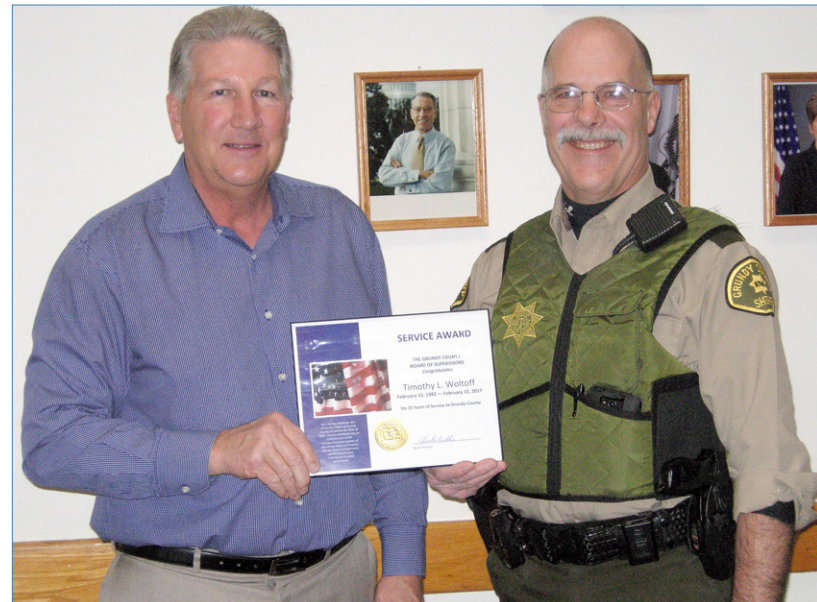
"We're really excited to see where it goes with our renovation," Peters said. "We asked a lot of people what they would like to see, and we did some focus groups and used that feedback to come up with what we want the new space to bring to our facility. We really want this to meet the needs of the community."

As of right now, the timeline for the renovation is not concrete, but Peters said he thinks the project will be done sometime in the next year or two.

Until the renovation is finished, the Y will continue to sublease space at the Upper Elementary School for certain programs such as Before and After School Care, Summer Day Camp, Youth wellness and Adult wellness programs. After the renovation is complete, the YMCA will relocate these programs to their new space.

Daily high and low temperature readings and precipitation amounts at the National Weather Service Station in Grundy Center for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. on the following dates:

	High	Low	Rain	Snow
Feb. 14	45	24	0.00	0.00
Feb. 15	37	24	0.00	0.00
Feb. 16	50	27	0.00	0.00
Feb. 17	70	29	0.00	0.00
Feb. 18	59	26	0.00	0.00
Feb. 19	67	34	0.00	0.00
Feb. 20	55	30	0.44	0.00



Wolhoff receives 35-year service award
Deputy Sheriff Timothy L. Wolhoff received his 35-year service award from Grundy County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Charles Bakker at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday.

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School Board hires several new coaches

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER — The Grundy Center board of education hired three new coaches, and approved the 2017-2018 School Year calendar during the regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15.

New coaches hired will take over girls and boys tennis, as well as baseball at the high school level.

The position of Head Girls and Boys Tennis Coach, which was previously one position held by Austin Rushford, has been split into two separate positions.

Taking over the position of Head Girls Tennis Coach is Joel Johnson. Johnson has served for several years as an Assistant Coach in Grundy Center, and has held Head Coaching positions at other schools.

In his letter of recommendation for the position, Grundy Center Activities Director Dan Breyfogle reported that Johnson is energetic and has been a loyal assistant coach in softball as well as basketball.

Johnson will receive a salary of \$2,627 for his services.

Taking over the position of Head Boys Tennis Coach is Dale Boren, who will also receive a salary of \$2,627.

Boren has no experience coaching, but is very interested in the position and passionate about the sport, according to Breyfogle.

"Dale approached me about the position and is very passionate about the sport of tennis and what it has done for his two sons. He is interested [in] promoted the sport of tennis," he said.

According to Breyfogle, it has become essential to have two separate coaches for the girls and boys tennis teams.

"We are at a position where we need a person who is in charge of the boys program at one location and one who is in charge of the girls in another," Breyfogle said. "The two of these guys will work well together for the best interest of our student athletes."

The two will begin their duties on March 13, 2017.

The third coach hired at Wednesday's meeting is Matt Lauver, who will replace Kyle Francis as the Assistant High School Baseball Coach.

In his letter of recommendation, Breyfogle stated that Lauver has volunteered to help the program in the past.

"[He] volunteered his time last year to help the program. He coached in the absence of the head coach during the substate final game against Mason City Newman," Breyfogle said. "He is an asset to the program and to the head coach."

Lauver will begin his coaching duties on May 1, 2017, and will also receive a salary of \$2,627.

Other personnel requests that the board approved include the resignation of Val Ehlers as the Grundy Center Speech Coach.

In her letter of resignation, Ehlers cited lack of time as her purpose for resigning from the position.

"I have deeply enjoyed my time

as the Grundy Center High School Speech Coach. However, because I'm only at Grundy part time, it has been increasingly difficult to find enough time to schedule individual speech practices," Ehlers wrote. "Because students are so very involved, I have many participants who wish to practice before school, and I don't have enough time to be able to schedule these practices to meet the needs of these students. I thoroughly enjoyed the students that I have worked with, and it is with great regrets that I have to resign."

Other items on the agenda included the adoption of a new Mission and Vision statement for the district.

The new vision statement is as follows: "Grundy Center Schools is a community of learners committed to providing a world-class education that develops individual skills and empowers students to be collaborative, responsible citizens with the knowledge and character necessary for success in a rapidly changing society."

The new mission statement is also as follows: "We create pathways to success by providing opportunities for growth to all learners."

These revised statements were constructed by the Grundy Center SIAC committee (School Improvement Advisory Committee), who spent several months this fall working on the revisions.

The next step for the district is to facilitate a session with staff during a Professional Development Day at the end of the year, during which time they will identify focus areas for growth and define goals and action plans to help make these statements a reality.

After adjourning the meeting, board members went into closed session to discuss certified staff negotiations and the organization of classified staff.

The next Grundy Center board of education meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on March 22 at the High School IMC.

IN OTHER NEWS, the board ... Approved the School Calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Approved Policy 213, pertaining to visitors at board meetings. Previously, visitors who wished to speak at school board meetings were required to alert the board within 24 hours prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda. This has now been changed, and visitors wishing to speak at school board meetings must now alert the board within 12 hours in order to be included on the agenda.

Received a donation of \$170.28 from Kochie Construction to be used for the purchase of Robotics Club t-shirts.

Approved the open enrollment of Chase Winger, TK/K, who is enrolling in from AGWSR for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approved the open enrollment of Cayontae Guzzle, 12th grade, who is enrolling in from AGWSR for the 2016-2017 school year.

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Brief placement is available to events that fall within The Grundy Register readership area, which includes all of Grundy County, Aplington, Liscomb, Parkersburg, Union and Whitten. Select events from the Ackley, Eldora, Gladbrook and Hudson areas may be printed at the editor's discretion. Any cost to participate will not be printed within the briefs, nor will any mention of menu items. Bulletin Board placement is available to non-profit groups or for major community events.

Briefs must be received by 2 p.m. Monday for placement in that week's paper. Briefs submitted at the office must be on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper (no half pages please!). Please type briefs if possible. The Register is not responsible for errors in hand-written submissions.

Grundy Center

Ham Radio group invites visitors to meeting

GRUNDY CENTER — IWARN, Iowa Wireless Amateur Radio Network, is a group of Ham Radio operators from Butler, Franklin, Hardin, Grundy, Marshall and Tama Counties.

The group invites anyone interested in learning about Ham Radio to join them for their next meeting on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital Education Room (Use Entrance 3 - West Side of Hospital).

Ash Wednesday service planned

GRUNDY CENTER — Several area churches will come together for an all-community shared Ash Wednesday worship service next month.

On Wednesday, March 1, there will be an All-Community Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Worship at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 8th Street, Grundy Center. The event will feature special music by GCHS seniors and presentations involving CHAOS (middle school youth group).

Before the time of worship, a Soup Supper will be served downstairs, from 6 to 6:45 pm. Free Will Offering goes to Grundy Ministerial Fund to help people in special need situations.

For more information, contact Rev. Mike Campbell 319-824-3152.

Wellsburg

Timothy Christian school to host benefit auction

WELLSBURG — The Timothy Christian School Benefit Auction will be held Saturday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at the Wellsburg Memorial Building. The Silent Auction will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Farm Items and Tools at noon, Quilts and Collectibles at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served all day.

Beaman

Beaman Lions Club to sponsor blood drive

BEAMAN — Be a contributor in your community and schedule your blood donation at the next Conrad/Beaman Community Blood Drive. The blood drive will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Beaman Memorial Hall, 215 Main Street.

The blood drive is sponsored by the Beaman Lions Club. For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, please contact www.lifesevebloodcenter.org.

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Whitten

Johnson Strings to perform at Whitten Church

WHITTEN — Whitten Community Church invites you to join them for a concert by The Johnson Strings on Wednesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m., followed by Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

Join the members of the church for an unforgettable evening of classical, bluegrass and gospel music at the Whitten Community Church, located at 812 Irwin Street, Whitten, Iowa. For more information, contact Pastor Jim 641-849-7473.

New Hartford

Lions Club to host fish fry

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Grassley Q & A: Supreme Court Nomination

Question: What is the status of filling the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Answer: The Constitution gives the U.S. Senate "advise and consent" authority for nominations made by the president to the federal bench. It is a vital element of our republic's fundamental separation of powers that empowers each branch to keep check on the others and thwart overreach by any one branch of government. Last year, the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia opened a seat on the Supreme Court in a presidential election year. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I agreed with the Senate majority to uphold the standard previously set by our Democratic colleagues. We made the decision to hold off on nomination proceedings during the "cauldron" of election year politics that the former Vice President and then-Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden said wouldn't be "fair to the president or to the nominee." To that end, it was only fair to allow the electorate to weigh in on the nomination at the ballot box on Election Day. I committed to advance Supreme Court nomination proceedings after the newly elected president was inaugurated in January, no matter which candidate won the election. That's an important distinction that gets lost in the politically charged atmosphere that has stalled the president's Cabinet nominations and led to highly publicized protests by those who refuse to accept the results of the election. Nonetheless, I'm staying true to my word and moving forward with the nomination. Notably, about 65 percent of voters considered the Supreme Court vacancy a critical factor for voting according to the Pew Research Center. What's more, in an unprecedented signal of electoral transparency, candidate Donald Trump gave voters an informed perspective by releasing a list of 21 individuals he would consider for the vacancy if elected. And on Jan. 31, President Trump did just that by nominating Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to serve as Associate Justice on the nation's highest court. Now, the Judiciary Committee is following an established confirmation timeline, allowing about six weeks for senators to conduct a thorough review of the nominee's record. Already, Judge Gorsuch has met one-on-one with dozens of senators. He's also completed a 68-page written questionnaire and produced thousands of pages of documents that flesh out his legal background, biography, and key legal cases for senators to examine. Judge Gorsuch has a lengthy record of distinguished service on the bench, where he has participated in about 2,700 cases and written 240 opinions, including 175 in the majority. Judge Gorsuch was approved unanimously by the U.S. Senate in 2006 to serve on the Denver-based United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. In fact, 31 current senators were in the Senate for his confirmation vote.

Question: When will the congressional nomination hearings begin?

Answer: In bipartisan consultation with the Ranking Member, I've scheduled hearings for Judge Gorsuch by the Senate Judiciary Committee to begin on March 20. The hearings for Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan began 48 and 49 days, respectively, following the announcement of their nominations by President Obama. This timeline will put Judge Gorsuch at 48 days following the announcement of his nomination. First, the 20-member committee will begin with opening statements from senators who serve on the Judiciary Committee, as well as remarks from the nominee himself. We most likely will begin questioning Judge Gorsuch the following day. Outside legal experts will also testify. I expect the hearings will last three to four days. I look forward to chairing the committee's review of Judge Gorsuch. So far, he has earned broad acclaim as a mainstream and independent jurist who will apply the law as written. His record reflects a proper view of a judge's role, that is, to refrain from legislating policies or injecting moral convictions from the bench. From what I've learned so far, he wears the robes of justice with distinction and impartiality. In our 240-year history, 112 Justices have served on the nation's high court, issuing rulings that have extraordinary impact in the daily lives and individual freedoms of citizens to pursue life, liberty and happiness. Keeping this in mind, the U.S. Senate has a duty to carefully and rigorously examine the lifetime appointment of this nominee to ensure the 113th Justice has the qualifications and temperament to uphold the rights enshrined in the Constitution and to secure the blessings of liberty, freedom and justice for all.

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Sheltered Reality is a nonprofit musical organization of youth aged 7-18 from around the Midwest. They will perform on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the BCLUW gym in Conrad.

Silent Auction and Sheltered Reality Concert Feb. 25

CONRAD – Bethel Grove Church of rural Liscomb is sponsoring an evening of entertainment on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the BCLUW Gym in Conrad. There will be tables of items for a silent auction and a concert by the amazing musical group, Sheltered Reality. Admission will be a free-will offering. The events are part of a fundraising drive for the Church's new sanctuary.

Donated items will be on display for a silent auction where you can bid on gift baskets filled by KNWS 101.9; Tupperware; Scenty; JBS

Meat; Stepping Stones Christian Bookstore; Hens and Chicks; also a Dinner Party for eight guests; an Iowa State University Basketball signed by the coach; four tickets to the 2017 Iowa Hawkeye Football Home Opener; homemade pies, and many more.

Sheltered Reality is a nonprofit musical group using percussion set to music and high energy choreography that engages the audience and encourages individuals of all ages to dream and succeed. Sheltered Reality's ultimate mission is to advocate for youth in crisis by teaching per-

sonal empowerment and character building. Sheltered Realityactive members participate in hands-on mission work in their communities that shows how actions can change the world around us.

The public is invited to enjoy a fun family evening of entertainment this Saturday evening. All proceeds of the evening will help Bethel Grove Church, 1409 Knapp Avenue, rural Liscomb, construct a new sanctuary in the near future. The evening will be a true blessing to all who attend.

"Barn Quilt Guy" speaks in Beaman

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

BEAMAN- Barn quilts are about as low as corn and pork tenderloins, but they have a secret history that many residents may be unaware of: they were actually used as codes to help escaping slaves along the Underground Railroad during the 19th century. Danny Steiber of Waverly, informally known as the "barn quilt guy," addressed a crowd of about 15 on Saturday morning at the Beaman Memorial Library to explain this process and show off many of the barn quilts around Grundy County.

"Some of these people love their barn quilts more than their John Deere tractors," he said.

As Iowa was a free state bordering a slave state (Missouri), it was a crucial point on the journey to freedom for slaves attempting to escape. One of the primary routes led from the Kansas City area through southwest Iowa and Des Moines and then east along the route that is now Interstate 80. Particularly in Cedar County, different signs on barn quilts had very specific meanings: for example, a monkey wrench meant "gather the tools you'll need for your journey; there is a person here who will organize your trip." A crossroads was a safe terminal. A log cabin meant an arrival place.

There were several other signs, and because of the sizable Quaker population in Cedar County, it was an abolitionist stronghold. Fugitive slaves were smuggled onto trains and shipped to Chicago as "freight," and John Brown even trained his followers in Cedar County before the famous raid on Harper's Ferry that directly contributed to the secession of the southern states and eventual Civil War.

During his address, which lasted just over an hour, Steiber also showcased many of the unique barn quilt designs in both Grundy County and



"Barn Quilt Guy" Danny Steiber speaks at the library in Beaman on Saturday morning. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

the rest of the state. The Beaman Women's Club hosted the event and served light refreshments.

For additional information on the connection between Iowa and the Underground Railroad, the following books are recommended reading: "Fleeing to Freedom on the Underground Railroad" by Elaine Landau, "Hidden in Plain View"

by Jacqueline L. Tobin, "Traveling the Freedom Road" by Linda B. Osborne, "Passages to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in History and Memory" by David Blight, "Barn Quilts: The American Barn Quilt Movement" by Suzi Parron, "Following the Barn Quilt Trail" by Suzi Parron and "Outside In: African-American History in Iowa."

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BCLUW Foundation scholarships announced

Ken & Carol Hoff Continuing Education Scholarship

Every school year Ken & Carol Hoff offer a Continuing Education Scholarship for former BCLUW students entering the teaching field. Ken & Carol were both teachers in the BCLUW School District for many years. In honor of their dedication to the teaching profession a \$1000 scholarship is provided for students in their second, third or final year of college. Students must also have a GPA of at least 3.0

Art & Louise Bine Continuing Education Scholarship

Art & Louise Bine are offering a Continuing Education Scholarship for former BCLUW students working on a degree in Agriculture, Education, Business, Trader, or Health Care. In honor of their dedication to help young adult reach their goals, (2) \$2000 scholarships are provided for students in their third or final year of college. Students will be awarded the scholarship in \$1000 increments. Students must also have a GPA of at least 2.5.

Clarification

Last week, The Grundy Register reported that the budget for the Heritage Hall Museum in Conrad would nearly double in fiscal year 2018. While the statement is accurate, it did not include the fact that the monies for the budget are paid out of reserve funds and not city taxes.

BCLUW board approves preliminary tax rate for 2017-2018

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- During an almost three-hour meeting on Monday evening, the BCLUW board of education set its preliminary property tax rate for the 2017-2018 school year and discussed budgetary matters at the high school media center.

According to Superintendent Ben Petty, the total levy for 2017-2018 will be approximately \$12.95 per \$1,000 of valuation, which is just a few hundredths of a cent below last year's rate. He also noted that auditors informed the district it will no longer be able to fund lawn care for athletic facilities through the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEPL) and Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) funds, and those expenses will need to come from the general fund.

Later in the meeting, the board discussed some of the recent developments at the statehouse, where collective bargaining rights for public employees, including teachers, have been scaled back, and many items other than base wages that were previously required to be bargained are

now only optional. Members seemed to agree that the situation wasn't as dire as many opponents of the bill are painting it to be.

"It's not as scary as everyone has made it out to be," board member LJ Kopsa said. "It's made to be very management friendly."

School districts will also received just 1.1 percent in Supplemental State Aid, which amounts to \$25,686 for BCLUW, and the future of standardized testing is back in limbo as legislators attempt to choose between the Iowa Assessments and the Smarter Balanced Assessments, which align more closely with the Iowa Core.

Petty mentioned the future of the budget, the unspent authority and how continued declining enrollment could affect the numbers in the future. Incentives like operational sharing and early retirement have allowed the district to save small amounts of money through attrition, but Petty warned that it may not always be the case.

"We're in very good financial shape right now, and we haven't been spending as much as we

could," he said. "(But) if you just ignore (the budget), it kind of tends to keep growing."

In personnel news, the board offered contracts to Cara Skramovsky as a special education aide at the middle school, Dave Lee as the high school softball coach and Heath Rhinehart as an assistant high school football coach. Driver's education fees were increased by \$5, and the summer recreation budget was also approved. The board approved The Grundy Register as the official publication for the district and will add an applied chemistry class to the curriculum next semester.

A sharing agreement with GMG for the services of new Transportation Director Donnie Box was approved at an annual salary of \$51,695, and BCLUW will cover 80 percent of the costs. An early graduation request from Kristen Selken was also approved. Activities sharing agreements with South Hardin (wrestling) and Marshalltown (bowling, swimming and tennis) received unanimous approval (Brian Feldpausch was absent).

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A look back through The Grundy Register

Compiled by Michaela Kendall

10 Years Ago This Week - 2007

For the fourth consecutive year, a Grundy Center Academic Decathlon team has won the Waterloo Regional competition. The Spartan Maroon Team score of 28,495 also qualified GC for a berth in next month's state competition in Mount Vernon. The Maroon Team consisted of (Honors) Brad Harken, Ross Kiewiet, Magdalena Oehlschlager; (Scholastic) Lance Husak, Janae Nibbelink, Zachary Zimmel; (Varsity) David Ackerman, Quinton Butler, Mason Kane. This is the 10th year in a row that Grundy Center has sent a team to state. The Spartans held off challenges from Iowa Falls-Alden (25,241) and Waterloo Columbus (23,761) to earn their title. Grundy Center, Iowa Falls-Alden and Columbus will square off again in March, as all three teams qualified for the state competition. Other teams at the competition were Clear Lake, Lone Tree, Mason City, Waterloo East and Waterloo West.

Early retirement applications, hiring a junior high boys' track coach, and approving an open enrollment request were topics occupying the Grundy Center School Board Monday night. Two staff members in the Grundy Center Community School District are applying for early retirement. They are Ron Swanson and Patti Copeman. Swanson would retire at the end of the school year. Copeman would retire mid-year in the 2007-08 school year.

For those who enjoy jigsaw puzzles, like Phyllis Holland of Grundy Center shown here, the Kling Memorial Library in Grundy Center offers a lot more than just books. Phyllis was busy Monday afternoon at the library working on a round 517-piece puzzle called "A Day at the Amusement Park." The library usually has a 1,000-piece puzzle in various stages of completion at a table near the front door for people to work on as they wish. Phyllis says she stops at the library to work on puzzles a couple days a week, adding that she enjoys jigsaw puzzles at the library because a "helpful" cat makes doing one at home too much of a challenge.

At the Center Theatre ... "Night at the Museum" and "Catch and Release."

25 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Grundy County Sheriff Rick Penning released this week the 1991 annual report for the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. The Grundy County Sheriff's Department is comprised of the Sheriff, 6 Deputies, and 4 full-time and 1 part-time Communication Operators. The Grundy County Deputy Sheriffs Association, which consisted of 15 Reserve officers, was disbanded in June. In addition to patrolling the rural areas, 6 communities are patrolled pursuant to a Law Enforcement Contract, these include Beaman, Conrad, Holland, Morrison, Stout, and Wellsburg. The Department also assists the remaining 3 communities that have their own Police Departments, which include Dike, Grundy Center, and Reinbeck.

The proposed 1992-93 budget for the Grundy County Assessor's Office was revealed to the Grundy County Conference Board Wednesday evening at the Grundy County Courthouse. The \$137,989 budget represents a 3.2 percent increase over the 1991-92 budget, and proposed estimates to be raised through taxation will increase from \$108,422 in 1991-92, to \$130,588 for 1992-93. Within the budget appropriated amounts will change from the present year. Insurance costs will increase 38.57 percent.

The Grundy Center Dollars for Scholars Chapter, an affiliate of Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America Inc. (CSFA), is celebrating its 5th anniversary year of helping students in Grundy Center pursue their educational goals beyond high school by raising "scholarship funds within their local community. CSFA, parent organization to over 600 Dollars for Scholars chapters nationwide, is recognizing the Grundy Center Dollars for Scholars Chapter and 62 other chapters across the United States that are celebrating anniversaries this year. The Grundy Center Dollars for Scholars Chapter distributed \$1,600 to 8 students last year.

1905 the cost was \$5,208.85, but this was only for nine months, since the program was begun in March of that year.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1967

A Grundy Center landmark, the 12-room house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venenga was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning despite efforts by local firemen to save the structure. The Venengas and their children barely escaped the burning house in zero weather. In this photo, taken about 2 a.m. Thursday, firemen at right arc silhouetted against the inferno. A couple hours only a chimney was left standing.

The future of Grundy county's 24-hour police radio service appears to be somewhat in doubt after it was learned this week at least two towns do not plan continuing financial assistance to the setup. For the past two years the Grundy County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$4,000 in county funds to help underwrite the cost of keeping the County Sheriff's office radio on the air around the clock, seven days a week. Balance of the expense has been paid by pro rated contributions from each of the towns in the county. Last year, for instance, it cost \$96,831.51 to maintain the radio service — \$4,000 paid by the county, the balance by the towns. In 1905 the cost was \$5,208.85, but this was only for nine months, since the program was begun in March of that year.

George Richard Bernard, 23, from Waterloo, was arrested Sunday at Reinbeck by police officers Boomer and Pearson. The officers charged him with driving a car on the streets of Reinbeck while he was intoxicated. The youth was brought to the county Jail. He waived preliminary hearing before Justice H K Wilson, who bound him over to the District Court. The Justice fixed his bail at \$500 and he remained in jail until a satisfactory bond was furnished.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1942

Three Black Hawk county people were killed about 8:30 Sunday evening when a Black & White Transportation Co. bus plowed into an automobile owned and driven by R. M. Corbin of Cedar Falls 5 miles north of Grundy Center. The dead are Mrs. R. M. Corbin and her 18 year old son from Cedar Falls and Norman Goldman, 16 year old son of Louis Goldman, manager of the B. & L. Tobacco Company of Waterloo. R. M. Corbin, owner and driver of the car, was seriously injured and he was taken to the Cedar Falls hospital shortly after the accident. There were 26 passengers in the bus. Five of them received injuries, none of which were serious.

Fire at the county maintenance shed in Fairfield township last week caused damage amounting to about \$200. The building and contents were saved by the prompt response of the Dike Fire Company, the county maintainer and other equipment were in the building at the time.

Late during the past year food quota was assigned to Grundy farmers for the year 1942. Intention sheets signed by farmers later showed that the county was going to meet its expected quota. This country had not been actively at war when the food quotas were assigned. Since war came the demand for food products has increased and production quotas for farmers have been increased.

At the Center Theatre ... "The Chocolate Soldier" and "You Belong to Me."



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TRIVIAL PURSUITS

The buzz in Iowa this week

With all the negative news and the political trash talk lately, finding a positive national news story is like finding a needle in a haystack. But, there was one very positive news story just last week that I wanted to share with you all — just in time for Spring!



By MICHAELA KENDALL

It was an article that appeared on 'Popular Science' magazine's website last Wednesday, titled "A small city in Iowa is devoting 1,000 acres of land to America's vanishing bees." The article, which I would highly encourage anyone to read, talks about none other than Cedar Rapids, Iowa, just a short(ish) trip down the road from us.

In the article, the author explains how city officials in Cedar Rapids have paired up with the Monarch Research Project to restore 1,000 acres of land into a pollinator habitat over the next five years.

The group's reason for doing this is obvious. For decades now, our nation's bees have been disappearing or mysteriously dying. The population crash could mean a lot of trouble for the global food supply, but so far, there have been no real answers as to why the bees are vanishing and what we can do about it.

Many blame pesticides, others blame habitat loss. Today, 99.9 percent of all native habitat of Iowa has been lost. By restoring it, this helps not only bees and monarchs, but other animals as well.

And that's why it's so refreshing to see some positive action being taken. As far as I can tell, Cedar Rapids is one of the only cities that has pledged a plan like this, and it really makes me proud to be an Iowan, and proud of Cedar Rapids for taking initiative like this.

According to the author, Cedar Rapids has developed a special mix of grasses and wildflowers to help restore that native habitat. The seed mix includes 39 species of wildflowers, and 7 species of native prairie grasses.

In regards to where they will plant, the group has catalogued all the unused public land where they could potentially plant the flowers and grasses. The list includes not only the rarely frequented corners of parks, golf courses, and the local airport, but also sewage ditches, water retention basins, and roadway right-of-ways, totaling nearly 500 acres.

What's more, Cedar Rapids is working with other cities within the county to reach its 1,000-acre target. They think 10,000 acres is possible if they get surrounding counties involved, and Cedar Rapids Park Superintendent Daniel Gibbins is inviting everyone around the state to help in any way they can.

You don't need to have 1,000 spare acres to help bees and butterflies. Even devoting a few square feet of your garden—or even a few small planters—to wildflowers native to your area could make a difference, Gibbins said.

Some tips you can follow to create your own pollinator garden include:
 * Plant a large diversity of wildflowers and heirloom crops that bloom in the spring, summer and fall.
 * Avoid using herbicides or insecticides.
 * Avoid using mulch, as bees hate it.
 * Having mud or water on the premises helps.
 * Provide nesting sites for bees. This could be anything from an old log or stump, a hollow plant such as a bamboo or reed, an adobe block with holes drilled in it, or nesting blocks made of preservative free lumber.

All of these are great tips for attracting pollinators to your garden, and they're relatively easy to do. It would be awesome to see more people doing this, and if more cities follow Cedar Rapids' suit, we might just help steady the population of our hard-working pollinator friends.

If you want to check out the full article, you can find it online at www.popsci.com/Cedar-Rapids-Iowa-save-bee-pollinator

Letter to the editor

Pat Grassley helps gut Collective Bargaining

We write to condemn the swift passage of SF 213 and HF 291 by the Republican controlled Iowa Legislature. It was immediately signed into law by Governor Branstad before any opposition could be mounted.

This sweeping change to Iowa Code Chapter 20 drastically alters labor-management relations, damages the middle class, and dramatically harms hard working Iowans.

Furthermore, we take strong exception to State Representative Pat Grassley's recent political column in many of his district's newspaper entitled "What is Actually Happening to Chapter 20" because it is literally fake-news bunkum. We request equal space to set the record straight.

In truth, Senate Majority Leader Bill Dix (R-Shell Rock), House Speaker Linda Upmeyer (R-Clear Lake) and Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) have engineered an ALEC written, closed door, fast track, attack on collective bargaining that guts Iowa worker's rights.

The new law takes all employment conditions (health insurance, vacation time, sick time, seniority, hours, overtime, and evaluation procedures) off the table and limits negotiations to wages only.

This new scheme, forces unions to recertify every 2 or 3 years by a majority of those in the bargaining unit rather than a majority of those voting. Applying Grassley's logic to himself would mean that he is not a legitimate legislator since less than half of eligible voters voted for him although he got a majority of those voting.

The Chapter 20 rewrite also puts a straight-jacket on the umpire by imposing wage caps and other limits on what a formerly neutral arbitrator could decide. Further, it uses a divide and conquer strategy to exempt police and firefighters from the laws consequences. But they will probably be next and soon it will be your turn on the chopping block. If you don't have a seat at the table, likely you will be on the menu.

Basically, Republicans have destroyed almost every meaningful element of collective bargaining formerly set out in Iowa Code Chapter 20 going even further than what Scott Walker did in Wisconsin.

There are 238,500 jobs in Iowa state and local governments and about half (119,000) are in jobs covered by 1,203 different contracts negotiated under the former law in Chapter 20. All of them are affected by the changes including: 34,400 state employees, 11,595 county employees, 11,562 city employees and 56,402 local school employees. This bill was designed to drive down wages and benefits for snow plow drivers, nurses, teachers, custodians, county clerks, librarians, social workers, correction officers, para-educators and many others.

Chapter 20 of the Iowa code has served our state well for four decades since it was signed into law by a bi-partisan legislative majority and Governor Robert Ray. The benefit of Chapter 20 was that it put a stop to public employees striking in return for the right to collectively bargain working conditions. Now that Republicans have removed those rights, will we see public workers on strike again and consequent disruptions of public services?

The bill pushed by Grassley, Dix, and Upmeyer is pure and raw partisan politics that benefits only those who want to see an attrition in union membership and reductions in AFSCME and ISEA support for Democrats. Meanwhile, the Republican Party will be able to heighten their already large fundraising advantage over Democrats since the policies they support benefit wealthy individuals and corporations who in turn bestow their thanks in money contributions almost exclusively to Republicans.

Since Republicans took total control of Iowa government in the last election, their top priority is not to meet Iowan's pressing needs; it is to consolidate power and keep control by weakening their political opposition. This new law is really an anti-labor crusade by out-of-state corporate interests, management fat cats, and their paid retainers in our legislature who are bent on vendetta politics.

Neither Pat Grassley nor the Iowa Republican Party campaigned in the last election on stirring up labor strife so some voters justifiably feel hoodwinked. Voters of Iowa House District 50 in Butler, Grundy, and Hardin Counties should remember this betrayal in the next election.

Signed: Mike Redenius, Grundy Center; Kyle Maitland, Parkersburg; Charles Hewitt, Parkersburg; Phil and Sheila Berger, New Hartford; Liz Bergmann, New Hartford; Bill and Jane Close, New Hartford; Kim Smith, New Hartford; Bob Morck, Aplington; Marian Kuper, Ackley; Kathy Vitasek, Iowa Falls; Craig and Kristi Harris, Iowa Falls; Mary Rose Brown, Iowa Falls.

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Ecumenical worship at First Presbyterian Church March 1

The community is invited to gather for ecumenical worship Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 8th Street in Grundy Center.

It is Ash Wednesday, the first day in what is for many the spiritual journey of Lent. Ashes will be offered as a symbol of mortality, for repentance, grief, or any place one is in on their own journey. We recall the temptation of Christ in the wilderness, His willingness to die for our sin, and the ways God calls us and reaches us through grace.

The season of Lent ends Easter Sunday, as the community celebrates Christ's resurrection.

Special music will be provided by some of the GCHS seniors. A dramatic presentation will be shared by Brad Hillebrand and some of the students of CHAOS, a combined youth group of students grades 6-8.

Just before the 7 pm service, a soup supper will be served downstairs at the church 6:00-6:45, payable by free-will offering. All offerings of both the soup supper and during the worship service will go to the Grundy Ministerial Fund, which helps all kinds of people in emergency and unmet need situations.

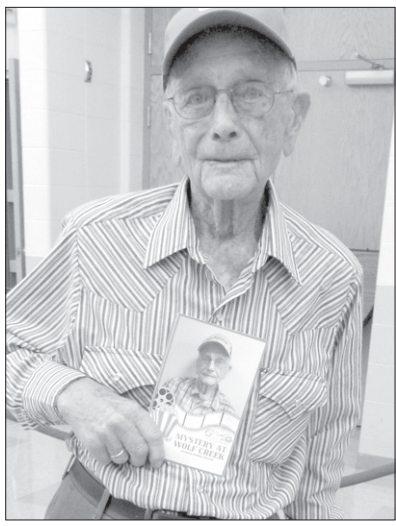
All are welcome, regardless of church membership or background. Participating churches for this event include Grundy United Methodist, Orchard Hill (Grundy and Lincoln Center), American Lutheran, Bethany Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian. For more information, contact Rev. Mike or Rev. Sheryl Campbell 319-824-3152.

Chapter AR meeting held

Members of Chapter AR, P.E.O. gathered for a regular meeting at Kling Memorial Library on Thursday evening, February 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The hostesses were Kay Graham, Carol Gordon, and Jama Johnson. Jackie Stevens presented an inspiring program on the seven ladies who founded the organization in 1869. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, at 1:30 pm.



Happy Birthday "Cutie Pie"



To celebrate 103rd birthday

Robert Prosser will be celebrating his 103rd birthday on March 3, 2017. Birthday wishes may be sent to: Robert Prosser, General Delivery, Conrad Post Office, Conrad, Iowa 50621.

Caregiver specialist scheduled to speak at Senior Center

GRUNDY CENTER — Are you a caregiver for an older family member or friend? You may not consider what you do as caregiving. Do you help with your parents' household chores and finances? Or mow your neighbor's yard? Do you drive an elderly friend to her doctor appointment? If so, then you are among approximately 34.2 million Americans who provide informal care each year. The care you provide allows your friend or loved one to stay independent and in their home for as long as they desire.

Many caregivers are providing care for and older adult while working and caring for their own families. While caregiving can be rewarding, it can also be stressful. Unfortunately, many caregivers will forego their own needs to care for others. At Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging, our Caregiver Specialist are here to help caregivers find the services they need to help care for themselves while they are caring for others. Cayla Smith, NEISA Caregiver Specialist, will be presenting information about the various services available for caregivers at Grundy Center Senior Center on Friday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. The Grundy Center Senior Center is located at 705 F Avenue in Grundy Center.

Learn about the many services available to caregivers including planning assistance, training, support groups, respite care, counseling, supplemental services and much more. Caregiving can't be done alone, and you don't have to! Make plans to attend this valuable presentation. For more information call Grundy Center Senior Center at 319-824-3843 or LifeLong Links toll-free at 866-468-7887.

News deadline is 10 a.m. Monday!

CENTER THEATRE'S Reel-to-Reel

At the Center Theatre on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. will be the animated/family movie *The Lego Batman Movie 3D*. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 105 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the true story *Patriots Day*, starring Mark Wahlberg, John Goodman, Michelle Monaghan and Kevin Bacon, and Octavia Spencer. This movie is rated R for strong language, running approximately 125 minutes in length. There will be no matinees this week.

Fridays are 50 cent Fridays at the center theatre. attend a movie on Friday evening and receive your choice of a medium popcorn or any drink for just 50 cents!

In the irreverent spirit of fun that made *The Lego Movie* a worldwide phenomenon, the self-described leading man of that ensemble - LEGO Batman - stars in his own big-screen adventure, *The Lego Batman Movie 3D*. But there are big changes brewing in Gotham and if he wants to save the city from The Joker's hostile takeover, Batman may have to drop the vigilante thing and try working with others, like a new police commissioner and a certain young orphan named Dick Grayson. Don't miss the brand new *The Lego Batman Movie 3D* at the Center Theatre this week!

From acclaimed Director Peter Berg (*Deepwater Horizon* and *Lone Survivor*) comes the true story movie *Patriots Day*. In the aftermath of an unspeakable attack, Police Sergeant Tommy Saunders (Mark Wahlberg) joins courageous survivors, first responders and investigators in a race against the clock to hunt down the bombers before they strike again. Weaving together the stories of Special Agent Richard DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon), Police Commissioner Ed Davis (John Goodman), Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese (J.K. Simmons) and nurse Carol Saunders (Michelle Monaghan) this unflinching chronicle captures the suspense of one of the most sophisticated manhunts in law enforcement history and celebrates the strength of the people of Boston. *Patriots Day* stars Iowa-born and raised actress Michelle Monaghan!

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

News from Ivester

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Tuesdays at 9 am - Sewing Group
Wednesday at 6:30 pm - Bible Study and Prayer Group
Saturday, February 25 at 9 am - Sheller Cemetery Meeting
Sunday, February 26 at noon - All Church Birthday Party Potluck, dessert is furnished.
March 1 - 5:30 pm - Lenten meetings begin with meal, study projects, and choir. "Non-Violent Life" book is available in library.
March 18 - 9:30 am - Friendly Forum at Ivester Church to view Lyle Neher's pictures of Costa Rico.
April 23 at 4 pm - Stover Music Fest in Des Moines.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



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

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

Fishers Conservation Comments



By KEVIN WILLIAMS
Grundy County Conservation Director

were extirpated by the early 1900s. But the population has grown steadily since then. Since the late 1970s, the population has remained at more than 10,000, enough to support a regulated trapping harvest of about

2,000 each year. So, Allamakee County is one of the very first places that we could expect to see them moving into Iowa. Minnesota is likely where this one came from. We don't know right now if fishers will reestablish themselves in Iowa, but it's certainly interesting!

Fishers eat rodents, rabbits, birds, and are even known to tackle porcupines! They do not, however, eat fish. The name "fisher" is thought to have come from early American immigrants who noted the animal's resemblance to the European polecat, which was also called a "fitchet," "fitch," or "fitchew."

They are agile and swift and are also excellent climbers. Males and females look similar. Adult males are about 36 inches long and weigh about 10 lbs. Adult females are slightly smaller and weigh 4-6 lbs. The reproductive cycle of the fisher lasts almost a year! Female fishers give birth to a litter of three or four kits in the spring. Females enter estrus shortly after giving birth and leave the den to find a mate. Implantation of the blastocyst is delayed until the following spring.

I don't recommend that you take to the woods in search of fishers just yet. But if you need an excuse to get outside, it is as good as any!

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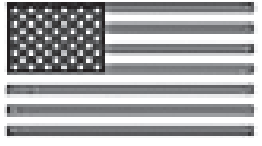
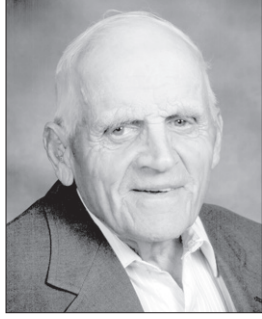
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Obituaries

Edgar Dale "Beaver" Henricks

Edgar "Beaver" Henricks, 89, of Reinbeck died February 16, 2017, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care. A funeral service was held February 20 at the First Presbyterian Church in Reinbeck. Burial was at the Reinbeck Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the American Legion Post #242 of Reinbeck. A visitation was held February 19 at French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be made at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



Edgar Dale Henricks, son of Elke and Mary Sparenborg Henricks, was born on August 17, 1927, in rural Grundy County. He attended country schools in the area. Beaver began farming with his father, and later moved to his father's farm near Reinbeck. On October 12, 1950, he married Marietta Aalfs at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wellsburg. In November of 1950, he entered the U.S. Army where he honorably served in the Korean War until his discharge in August of 1952. Following his discharge, he continued farming and was owner and operator of Eager Beaver Trucking Company for over 50 years. Beaver loved to raise cattle and also enjoyed snowmobiling, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his daughter, Darla (Jerry) Huisman of Grundy Center; sons, Murray (Lori) Henricks of Clinton, Jeff (Teresa) Henricks of Reinbeck; grandchildren, Jesse (Crystal) Huisman of Grundy Center, Nickolas (Kate) Huisman of Iowa Falls, Kelsee (Garrett) Hove of West Des Moines, Beth (Scott) Schellhorn of Tripola, Jennifer Henricks of Waterloo, Alex (financé Chelsea) Henricks of Reinbeck, Holly Henricks of Davenport, Jamie Henricks of Clinton, Murray Henricks, Jr. also of Clinton; six great-grandchildren; brother, Harold (Mattie) Henricks of Grundy Center; and special friend, Lou Ehrig of Grundy Center.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Marietta Henricks; his great-grandson, Grant Schellhorn; sisters, Eloise Brandt and Mary Meester and brothers, Ronnie and Elmer Henricks.

Sherry Ann Kosanke

Sherry A. Kosanke, 61, of Grundy Center died February 17, 2017, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. A funeral service was held February 22 at the United Methodist Church in Reinbeck with Pastor Terry Plocher officiating. Burial followed at the Washington Township Cemetery near Morrison. A visitation was held Tuesday at the Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Wednesday. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



Sherry Ann McIntyre, daughter of LeVern (Nut) and Idabelle Ragsdale McIntyre was born on March 27, 1955, at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center. She graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1974. Sherry worked at various positions in the last 42 years, most recently as a Pharmacy Technician with Manly Drug Store in Grundy Center. She was married to Lee Kosanke on June 4, 2005, in rural Grundy County. Sherry enjoyed numerous things, most notably spending time with her grandchildren, reading, crocheting and fishing with her family.

Survivors include her loving husband, Lee Kosanke of Grundy Center; sons, Michael Johnson of Arizona, Dan (Danelle) Johnson of Reinbeck, Ryan (Linda) Kosanke of Wisconsin; grandchildren, Tyler Eidell, Kristen Kalkwarf, Aiden Johnson, Amelia Johnson, Isabel Kosanke; brother, Lyndon (Becky) McIntyre; and brothers-in-law, Roger Kiewiet and Frank Erhardt.

In addition to her parents, Sherry was also preceded in death by her son, Joe Johnson; sisters, Vicky Kiewiet and Mary Rachel Erhardt; and her first husband, Fred Johnson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

Friday February 24	• 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
Monday February 27	• 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
Tuesday February 28	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
Wednesday March 1	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room Amvets, 6 p.m., Legion
Thursday March 2	• Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room Stroke Detection Plus, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Legion Room

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A group of Clover kids working with Legos

Palermo Clovers February meeting

The February meeting was held at the home of Eileen Flater on February 11 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Anessa Smith. Abby Butler led the Pledge to the flag. Roll call of "something I like" was answered by 36 members. Four leaders and 3 parents attended. The omelet breakfast was discussed. Olivia Patrick led the 4-H pledge. The members started working on a dreamcatcher. The clover kids worked with Legos to design something that matched their direction cards.

Today's hosts were Arianna Dirx, Jasmine Kanagy, Blessing Edditu, Alana Husmann and Abigail Butler.

For presentations: Blessing Edditu played her saxophone. Chloe Merritt shared a knitting loom and Jasmine Kanagy made an easy snack: chocolate chip cookies. Marisa Kanagy made a bath bomb.

For clover share Paige Messmore told how to write a story; Alana Husmann showed how to follow lego directions, and Abby Butler shared her calf project.

The t-shirts and omelette breakfast tickets were handed out.

March hosts: Drinks: Cheyenne and Savannah

Snacks Mickayla, Hayley Anderson, and Ashlyn Kuiper

The next meeting date will be Saturday, March 4, 9am at Eileen's house.

A Clover kid workshop will be held after the meeting for those who have preregistered. More omelet tickets will be available.

Reporter Ashlynn Kuiper.



Morgan Appel of GNB Bank presents a donation to Andrew Peters and Sloan Alberhasky of the YMCA, the featured Bean Counter organization for January.

GNB donate dollars locally

GNB Bank in Grundy Center announces its year-long casual for a cause and Bean Counter contributions totaled \$2941. The funds were donated to the following 12 organizations chosen by GNB employees: YMCA, Cedar Valley Hospice, Grundy Community Preschool and Childcare, Grundy Center Community Schools Foundation, Grundy County Relay for Life, Agape Fosters, Grundy County 4-H, Grundy County Memorial Hospital, Spartan Booster Club, Grundy County Museum, Kling Memorial Library, and Operation Threshold.

Throughout the year, GNB employees extend donations for the opportunity to dress in jeans and

casual GNB attire on Fridays. "The program is a win-win for the dedicated staff that work in our offices," said Bob Johans, President of GNB Bank. "They get a chance to be comfortable while raising money for organizations that matter to them."

"Investing in our communities is one of the five core values at GNB Bank," added Brenda Corbett, Location Manager. "Our team enjoys participating and we're proud of the results. We invite you to enjoy a cup of coffee, cappuccino or hot chocolate and delicious homemade cookies each Friday from our Bean Counter."

For more than 80 years, GNB has lived its mission to build life-

time customer relationships and help achieve financial dreams. We're proud to be locally owned by more than 200 shareholders, the largest of which is our employees. Take a look around and you'll notice the impact GNB's support has made in the communities we serve including Grundy Center, Ackley, Conrad, Geneva, Iowa Falls, Manchester, Marshalltown and Story City.

Nutrition site menu

Friday, February 24 — Meatloaf with Tomato Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Multi Grain Bread, Margarine, Pears

Monday, February 27 — Beef Italiano, Garlic Rotini, Lima Beans, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Cookie

Tuesday, February 28 — Roast Beef with Gravy, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Wheat Bread, Margarine, Banana Pudding

Wednesday, March 1 — Tuna Croquettes, Corn & Macaroni Casserole, Capri Vegetable Blend, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Heavenly Fruit Salad

Thursday, March 2 — Pork Loin with Lemon Herb Sauce, Baked Sweet Potato, Broccoli and Cauliflower, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Tropical Fruit

Each meal includes milk. All meals must be ordered by 9 a.m. the day before receiving a meal. For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Grundy Center Senior Center at (319) 824-3843.

National
Developmental
Disabilities
Awareness Month

WATERLOO — Since 1987, March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. During this month we celebrate the many contributions people with developmental disabilities make to our community as well as seek to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. We also want to raise awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities face in connecting to communities in which they live.

According to the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) over 5 million Americans are estimated to have a developmental disability. The DD Act defines a developmental disability as a severe, chronic disability that occurs before an individual is 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or economic self-sufficiency. These impairments require the individual to sustain lifelong or extended supports or assistance. Diagnosed conditions may include autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or spina bifida.

In Northeast and North Central Iowa, County Social Services (CSS), a partner of NEI3A, offers the I-START program designed to help individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and complex behavioral needs remain in their home or community placement. This evidence-informed model offers person-centered approaches and training to work in conjunction with current services. I-START provides prevention and intervention services through crisis response, training and consultation. The goal of the program is to create a support network that is able to respond to crisis needs at the community level.

If you would like more information or know of someone who could benefit from the I-START program, contact Jim Aberg, I-START Director, at jaberg@countysocialservices.org or call 641.903.5210 or LifeLong Links toll-free at 866.468.7887.

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Sub-District FFA contest participants

The Grundy Center FFA recently participated in the Sub-District FFA contest held on Friday, February 17 at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. The chapter received a Gold Award and will advance to District competition on Saturday, March 4 in Riceville in the following areas - Creed Speaking, Job Interview, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and the Parliamentary Procedure Team. The Program of Activities received a Bronze award and was an alternate to District. Ag Sales received a Silver Award. Congratulations to all members who participated and best of luck as you advance to district competition! Some of the participants from left to right - Finn Cleveland, Addie Johnston, Lauren Mosher, Leah Mosher, Abby Feldpausch and Mary Venenga

TC School to hold annual benefit auction

Timothy Christian School will be holding their annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 4 at the Wellsburg Memorial Building beginning at 10 a.m.

The auction committee has received some very exciting tickets that would make for a fun family getaway.

The big destination experience this year is to the Wisconsin Dells. This trip includes a family 4-pack for a suite at the Great Wolf Lodge, waterpark passes and a \$200 gift card.

For Cubs fans there is a Classic Wrigley Field Rooftop Experience which includes 2 rooftop seats and all you can eat and drink plus 3 nights' stay in Chicago.

Another destination trip includes the Omaha Zoo and Aquarium, Bo-

tanical Center and Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game.

Other sports tickets include Kansas City Royals baseball, UNI Panther football, Iowa Barnstormers football, Iowa Cubs baseball and Iowa Energy basketball.

If you are looking for a family stay-cation, fun packs to be auctioned include the Iowa Children's Museum in Coralville, the Play Station in Cedar Rapids, the Sky Zone in Des Moines as well as the "Hypnotic Brass Ensemble" at the Performing Arts Center, the Reiman Gardens in Ames and the National Farm Toy Museum in Dyersville.

There are plenty of opportunities right in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. Tickets will be sold for the Grou-

seum, Lost Island Waterpark, Palmer's Mini Golf, Oster Regent Theater and the WCF Symphony.

Two tickets to the Tim McGraw & Faith Hill concert on June 10 at the Wells Fargo Arena are currently being raffled. The drawing will be at the end of the auction and you need not be present to win.

Please call 641-869-3679 or email: office@timothychristianschool.net for more information on any of the trips or event tickets.

Go to www.timothychristianschool.net the week before the auction for a full list of items to be sold including a colorful queen-sized quilt by Dorothy Bakker and an autographed football by the Iowa State Cyclones.

Wellsburg Library News

The library held "Handiwork Hoopla" the first week of February. We had 15 different ladies bring in over 150 different projects for display throughout the library. We are especially grateful to Jean Heikens for the work she put into setting up such beautiful displays.

On Thursday we held our Valentine Party at the library. The children enjoyed the games, craft and refreshments...so did the librarian! We are glad that Lora Martin was able to help out with the activities.

We invite you to attend W.O.W. on March 1 at 2:00 p.m. The Knot Sew Perfect Piecers are sponsoring the AQA Certified Quilt Appraisers as they will present their program "Let's Talk about YOUR Quilt". Bring your quilt to share what you know or ask questions. Anyone wishing to have a written appraisal (\$45) of their quilt should set up an appointment in advance by contacting Loretta Jones (641)869-3684.

War Brides by Helen Bryan is the March book club selection. This group

will meet at 10:00 a.m. on March 1 at the library.

Preschool story time has been temporarily cancelled due to poor attendance. We are hoping we will be able to resume this program at a later date.

One of our newest programs at the library is Yoga with Karen (and Adrienne) which is held on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Keep in touch with library happenings by checking out our Facebook page or the library's website.

AREA SERVICES *Please join us in worship!*

<p>ALBION 319-988-3967 Sundays Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 8:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>APLINGTON Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>BANGOR Bangor Liberty Friends Church Matt Bishop, Pastor office@blfchurch.org Sundays 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship</p> <p>BEAMAN United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>CONRAD Alice Church of God Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-623-5641 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</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 Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School 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</p>	<p>319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>GRUNDY CENTER 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</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 The Rev. Mike Campbell, Pastor The Rev. Sheryl Campbell, Parish Assoc 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 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org Sundays at Center Theatre 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Orchard Kids for PreK thru 5th grade Sundays at Lincoln Center 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>United Methodist Church Phil Dicks, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. 'Full Charge Service' Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Kid & Family WOW, Meal & Sunday School 6:30-7 p.m. 'Quick Charge Service'</p> <p>HOLLAND Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Sservice (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church The 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 Ivester Church of the Brethren</p>	<p>Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Potluck 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 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 Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA Sundays 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum Mondays 7 p.m. Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship, Communion</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor</p>	<p>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 Wednesdays 6:14 p.m. Individual Absolution 7 p.m. Responsive Prayer</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 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 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 Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>UNION Calvary Baptist Church Roger Crawford, Pastor Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Church Service 6:45 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens</p> <p>Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Class</p> <p>Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship First Wednesday 7 p.m. Church Board First Thursday 1 p.m. Willing Workers</p> <p>WELLSBURG East Friesland Presbyterian Lynn Arends, Supply Pastor 641-847-2896 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Faith Presbyterian Church 641-847-3188 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>First Christian Reformed</p>	<p>Dan Brouwer, Interim Pastor 641-869-3305 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study</p> <p>St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service</p> <p>United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Worries 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>WHITTEN Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Thursdays 7 p.m. Soul Keeping</p>
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Exercise Every Day

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."
—1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

The advice to exercise every day is related to protecting our physical health, but exercise is so important for our overall well-being that we should also sing its praises for its mental and emotional benefits. By now, we've probably all heard the witty remark that "sitting is the new smoking." Most of us who don't want to be pariahs have given up smoking, but some of us still do a lot of sitting. On the other hand, "standing desks" and even treadmill desks are becoming common in many workplaces. Many workplaces also have exercise rooms or allow workers to take exercise breaks during the day. Our bodies are designed to move, and if we don't do a fair amount of that every day, we're going to get weak and flabby. Exercise doesn't have to be strenuous to be good; most of us are not destined to be Olympians. But considering that the human body is designed to walk efficiently, it shouldn't surprise us that walking is great exercise. The human body is also well-designed for swimming, throwing things, and locomotion in general. So get out of that chair and move your body. It's important to find something that you enjoy enough for it to become a habit, and then you will be well on your way to living the healthy life that God desires for you.
— Christopher Simon

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Dike News

Birthdays

Thursday, February 23: Doris Petersen, Jason Hemmen, Shannon Tector

Friday, February 24: Cindy Hemmen Kill, Amy Dieken Bullock

Saturday, February 25: Jannon Marx

Sunday, February 26: Betty Habben, Janet Vandehaar, Denise Sherwood

Monday, February 27: Ashtyn Dove, Reid Ehmen, Madelyn Norton

Tuesday, February 28: Suzan (70) Bienfang, Ashlee Wienkes if it were Leap Year, Carl Bakker, Paul Nielsen, Carrie Bergman

Wednesday, March 1: Doug Petersen, Heidi Loger, David juhll

Thursday, March 2: Katie Camarata

Weather

A weekend of weather that has all but stumped the weathermen and Dike residents. It is February! It's a pleasant surprise that we hope will last maybe another week.

No snow, no below zero temps and no heavy winter coats. What did we see happening?

On Thursday we listened to Fox Ridge manager, Ben Biersner, welcome golfers to Fox Ridge.

The course opened on Friday and by noon the parking lot was full and golfers shook last season's dirt off the clubs and made February golf a lasting memory. February 18 and 19 2017 golf in the sun with temps at 65 degrees.

The trails at Grundy County Lake were filled with walkers, bike riders and pets.

Here is a not so lucky detail. One couple from Dike left town on Saturday morning headed for sunny Arizona. The flight was delayed a few hours in Cedar Rapids and they enjoyed passing the time outside soaking up the warm Iowa weather. By 9:00 pm Saturday evening they were in rainy Mesa, Az. The rain continued through Sunday and please, no one tell them we played golf.

How long will this last? Who cares, these warm days can't be taken away.

Dates for Dike

Thursday, February 23
Friday February 24
End of 2nd Trimester

Saturday, February 25
Boys BB Sub-state final

Sunday, February 26
Local Church services

Monday, February 27
6pm Cabaret dress rehearsal girls state basketball

Tuesday, February 28
Boys track at wartburg
6pm Cabaret dress rehearsal

Wednesday, March 1
Girls state basketball
Ash Wednesday

Form 631.1

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET ESTIMATE**
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

City of Grundy Center, Iowa

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at City Hall, 703 F Avenue, Suite 2 on 3/8/17 at 6:30pm

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property ... 15.59597
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is ... 3.00375
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

319-825-6118 phone number Kristy Sawyer City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME

	Budget FY 2018 (a)	Re-est. FY 2017 (b)	Actual FY 2016 (c)
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1,306,075	1,344,008	1,180,338
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	1,306,073	1,344,008	1,180,338
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	273,450	269,490
Other City Taxes	6	222,007	345,200
Licenses & Permits	7	30,240	55,440
Use of Money and Property	8	99,940	95,304
Intergovernmental	9	515,983	639,492
Charges for Services	10	1,479,000	1,471,500
Special Assessments	11	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	217,820	235,200
Other Financing Sources	13	0	700,000
Transfers In	14	309,248	293,388
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,453,763	5,449,022
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16	441,170	442,691
Public Works	17	522,019	602,838
Health and Social Services	18	1,000	2,350
Culture and Recreation	19	424,973	437,610
Community and Economic Development	20	195,593	249,068
General Government	21	252,328	232,910
Debt Service	22	469,629	455,879
Capital Projects	23	0	796,750
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,306,712	3,220,096
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,731,710	1,569,721
Total ALL Expenditures	26	4,038,422	4,789,817
Transfers Out	27	309,248	293,388
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,347,670	5,083,205
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	106,093	365,817
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	3,844,189	3,478,372
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	3,950,282	3,844,189

GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Department

A one vehicle accident occurred February 11 at 1:50 AM on P Avenue south of 250th Street. DER-RICK THIRAN, age 18, Grundy Center, was northbound and lost control. Thiran over corrected, vehicle overturned and came to rest on its top on the roadway. Thiran's 1999 GMC received an estimated \$5,000 damage. THIRAN was issued citations for POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL UNDER LEGAL AGE and FAILURE TO WEAR A SEATBELT. Accident remains under investigation. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A two vehicle accident occurred February 13 at 3:00 PM on the westbound off ramp of Hwy 20 at Hwy 14. MICHAEL MOSER, age 41, North Bend, NE, was the 3rd vehicle on the off ramp. SCOTT NEBLUNG, age 51, Vinton, was behind Moser. Driver stated that he stopped but his foot came off the brake and hit the

back of Moser's vehicle. Moser's 2013 Peterbilt received an estimated \$300 damage. NEBLUNG's 2008 Ford received an estimated \$1,500 damage. NEBLUNG was issued a citation for FAILURE TO STOP IN ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE. No injury. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

JOSEPH SIREs, age 21, Grundy Center, was arrested February 17 at 5:56 PM in Grundy Center on a Black Hawk County warrant charging him with FAILURE TO APPEAR. Released to Black Hawk County authorities. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

PAUL THOMAS, age 61, Eldora, was arrested February 19 at 6:18 PM on 220th Street east of E Avenue and charged with OWI 1st. Released on a promise to appear. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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Form 644 BFD Iowa Department of Management

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

DISTRICT NAME:
Dike Benefited Fire District

The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year

Meeting Date: **March 8, 2017** Meeting Time: **5:00 p.m.** Meeting Location: **Dike Fire Station**

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: **319-989-2652** District Clerk/Secretary Name: **Darrell Sloth**

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

FUND (Use Whole Dollars)	Expenditures			D Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2018	E Estimated July 1, 2017 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	F Estimated Amount (C + D - E) To Be Raised By Taxation
	A FYE 6-30-2016 Actual	B FYE 6-30-2017 Re-estimated	C FYE 6-30-2018 Proposed			
	1. General	32,354	34,605			
2. Debt Service						
3. TOTAL	32,354	34,605	34,375	8,419	9,173	33,621

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.38755

COUNTY NAME: Grundy **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- BUDGET ESTIMATE** **CO NO.:** 38
Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: **03/06/2017** Meeting Time: **9:00** Meeting Location: **Grundy County Board of Supervisors Room**

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Web Site (if available): www.grundycounty.org County Telephone Number: 319-824-3122

Item	Budget 2017/2018	Re-Est 2016/2017	Actual 2015/2016	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Taxes Levied on Property*	6,144,110	5,883,714	5,508,008	5.62
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	0	0	0	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	349,500	363,206		
Net Current Property Taxes	5,794,610	5,520,508	5,508,008	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	11	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	3,000	30,446	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	571,522	609,845	-3.19
Intergovernmental	8	7,651,905	8,371,283	
Licenses & Permits	9	7,650	16,195	
Charges for Service	10	351,391	379,101	
Use of Money & Property	11	54,775	55,618	
Miscellaneous	12	132,706	254,393	
Subtotal Revenues	13	14,567,559	19,126,558	
Other Financing Sources: General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	1,849,100	1,608,568	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	1,232,335	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,416,659	20,735,126	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating: Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,235,149	1,832,189	10.45
Physical Health and Social Services	19	563,983	480,003	8.4
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	813,924	708,355	7.19
County Environment and Education	21	946,986	922,789	1.3
Roads & Transportation	22	5,364,307	5,328,696	0.33
Government Services to Residents	23	467,585	400,610	8.04
Administration	24	1,849,490	1,674,401	5.1
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	
Debt Service	26	1,826,378	6,540,007	-47.15
Capital Projects	27	2,569,626	734,197	87.08
Subtotal Expenditures	28	16,637,428	18,621,247	
Other Financing Uses: Operating Transfers Out	29	1,849,100	1,608,568	
Refunded Debt/ Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,486,528	20,229,815	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,069,869	505,311	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	5,839,893	6,446,042	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	1,640,290	4,864,841	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	95,839		
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,033,895	1,581,201	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	3,770,024	5,839,893	

Proposed property taxation by type: Countywide Levies*: 4,144,827 Rural Only Levies*: 1,999,283 Special District Levies*: 0 TIF Tax Revenues: 7,750 Utility Replacmnt. Excise Tax: 110,972

Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation: Urban Areas: 5.10513 Rural Areas: 8.72049
Any special district tax rates not included.
Date: 03/06/2017

Form 653A Miscellaneous (revised 1999) Iowa Department of Management

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

The Grundy County Extension Council of Grundy County Agricultural Extension District (Municipality)

of Grundy County, Iowa will meet at: the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 703 F Avenue, Suite 1, Grundy Center, on (Place of Meeting)

March 6 2017, at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of amending the current FY17 Grundy County Agricultural Extension District (Date) (Hour) (Municipality)

budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, by increasing expenditures in the following funds:

Education Fund from \$226,400 to \$241,400

Fund from \$ to \$

Fund from \$ to \$

Reasons for increases: to cover additional program expenses.

The increase in expenditures set out above will be met from increased receipts and/or cash balances not budgeted or considered in the current budget.

There will be no increase in taxes to be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts (other than taxes), cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

(Clerk, Secretary)

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Form 631.1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

City of Conrad, Iowa The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at on 3/9/17 at 7:00 pm City Hall

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Taxes Levied on Property, Net Current Property Taxes, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Social Services, etc.

Form 631.1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

City of WELLSBURG, Iowa The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at on 3/8/17 at 7:00 p.m. City Hall

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Taxes Levied on Property, Net Current Property Taxes, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Social Services, etc.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on February 13, 2017, at 9:05 A.M. Chairperson Bakker called the meeting to order with the following members present: Ross, Riekena, Schildroth, and Smith.

Motion was made by Ross and seconded by Riekena to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried unanimously.

At 9:06 a.m., the chairperson opened the public hearing regarding an amendment to the County Development/Zoning Ordinance. After hearing everyone wishing to speak in favor of or against the amendment, the chairperson closed the hearing. It was noted that no written comments had been received.

Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Ross to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2017-5, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2009-5 - Grundy County, Iowa, Development Ordinance as follows: Be It Ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Grundy County, Iowa: SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Official Zoning Maps of Ordinance No. 2009-5 - Grundy County, Iowa, Development Ordinance. SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. The Official Zoning Maps of Ordinance No. 2009-5 Grundy County, Iowa, Development Ordinance are hereby amended by reclassifying the following described real property from an A-1 Agricultural District to a C-Commercial District for purposes of allowing an event center and catering business: Commencing 998 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Eighty-seven (87) North, Range Fifteen (15), West of the 5th P.M., thence West 206 feet, thence Northwesterly at a 45 degree angle 42.426 feet; thence North 390 feet, thence Northwesterly at a 45 degree angle 42.426 feet; thence East 206 feet; thence South 450 feet to the point of beginning. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances heretofore enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Grundy County, Iowa, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed. SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS. It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors that each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separate, and if any such provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance or any part thereof other than that affected by such decision. SECTION 5. EF-

FECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes - Ross, Riekena, Schildroth, Smith, and Bakker. Nays - none. Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Smith to suspend the rules and move Ordinance #2017-5 from first to third reading and adoption. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes - Ross, Riekena, Schildroth, Smith, and Bakker. Nays - none. Ordinance adopted.

Motion was made by Schildroth and seconded by Ross to approve plans and specifications on F-M rock surfacing Project No. FM-C038(106)-55-38 for letting on March 20, 2017, and to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign said plans. Carried unanimously.

Gary Mauer, County Engineer, reviewed department matters with the Board. LaRa Randall, Community Development Director, Grundy Center Chamber of Commerce, reported on the Central Iowa Tourism Region meeting that she attended on February 1, 2017.

Motion was made by Riekena and seconded by Ross to accept and order filed the Clerk of Court's January 2017 Report. Carried unanimously.

The Board continued to meet for the purpose of reviewing the FY2018 County budget. Motion was made by Ross and seconded by Schildroth to approve the budget as presented and to set March 6, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. for the Public Hearing on the FY2018 County Budget. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ross and seconded by Schildroth to adjourn. Carried unanimously. Charles Bakker, Chairperson Rhonda R. Deters, County Auditor

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Stout City Council met in re-scheduled session on Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm. in City Hall. Mayor Joe Rich called meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Officials present: Mayor Joe Rich, Barb Engel, Jaymie Odell and D. Ross. Also present C. Hauser and Daran Klingenberg (came around 7:45pm).

Absent: None. Guests: Kenny DeVries, Velma Cordes and Shirley Rogers. Council member B. Engel moved to approve the consent agenda, and minutes dated January 9, 2017, seconded by D. Ross. Ayes: 3. Motion carried. B. Engel moved to approve the January bill list in the amount of \$11,149.33, seconded by D. Ross. Ayes: 3. Motion carried. The following claims include expenses for the City, Park and Fire Department: AgSource, Jan Water Tests \$79.00 Allied Insurance, Jan premium pd \$899.42 Auditor of State, Annual exam fee \$475.00 Card Services, Jan. Staples supplies 286.94 Ungogy brndnd \$565.58 Century Link, Jan phone bill \$130.38 CIWA, Sewer for PO, FD, Wtr and mtr read fee \$170.43 Cedar Valley Law, Council consult 10/2016 \$50.00 CZ Property Services, 1/11 and 1/17 salt/sand \$3000.00 Grundy County Heritage Ctr, 12/31/2016 Fire gasoline \$41.70 IPERS, Jan IPERS 14.88% due \$261.17 Iowa Firefighters Assoc., Annual member dues \$195.00 Jim Folkerts, Dec/Jan snow removal \$292.50 Jim Folkerts, snow supplies \$79.42 Kwik Star, Snow removal gasoline \$134.25 MidAmerican Energy, Jan Electric \$530.14 MidAmerican Pub. Corp., Jan publishing \$54.84 Mileage, Jan mileage \$10.26 \$10.26 Mosquito Control of Iowa, FY15 and FY16 spray fees \$1725.00 Payroll, Jan-City/Water \$1755.14 State Bank, Loan payment \$700.00 Total January Expenses \$11,149.33

January 2017 expenses per fund: General \$3882.32, Road Use Tax \$3891.27, Fire \$1031.32, Drainage \$0.00, Debt Service \$700, Water \$1539.99, Sewer \$104.43. TOTAL \$11,149.33. December receipts per fund: General \$0.00 Ag Levy \$60.10, PO Rent \$0.00, Interest \$37.01 Road Use Tax \$1705.77, LOST \$1344.00 and Water \$1953.26. Total December Revenue \$5,099.03. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: New Business-not necessarily in order of discussion. A. Ungogy Broadband to start installs this week in town.

B. Century Link contract to be discussed. They will still charge \$65/month even after internet cancellation. Service will be cancelled as long as phone line from Ungogy will work in the office. Charge for phone will be \$19.95/month. C. Look over FY17 Budget Amendment and FY18 Budget spreadsheet. FY17 Amendment approved for Publication and public hearing date set. Council would like to take some time to look over spreadsheet but public hearing was also set.

D. Discuss issues with City Facebook social media page and authorize new Administrators. Council feels that the City Facebook page is being misused to discuss or argue over presumed issues in town. Council would like to see the social media page used for more appropriate discussions that shed a positive light on the community, NOT NEGATIVE. Clerk will add all Council members as Administrators, so that they may see posts and decide what is appropriate to be posted on the Facebook page. Clerk will start uploading Minutes to the Facebook page as well.

New Business: A. Daran to contact Ray with CIWA to see about possible adjustment to bills received for City Street repairs. B. Clerk will contact INRCOG to see when to start Income Survey to get process started for Drainage grant and inquire about Engineering costs.

Water Clerk Report: Report for Jan 2017-None Water Superintendent Report: Report for Jan 2017-Daran and Doyle attended a water class today and will be attending another in the next month or so. RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION 02.08.17.01-Setting public hearing date for FY17 Budget Amendment to be held Monday March 6, 2017. B. Engel moved to approve, seconded by J. Odell. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 02.08.17.02-Setting public hearing date for FY18 Budget Approval. B. Engel moved to approve, seconded by J. Odell. Ayes: 3. Motion carried. ORDINANCE: None NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED-CHANGE MAY BE POSTED

B. Engel moved for adjournment, seconded by D. Ross. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. These Minutes have been transcribed and subject to Council approval at March meeting Respectfully submitted, Celane Hauser, Stout City Clerk Joe Rich, Stout Mayor

REGULAR MEETING

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Arnold Motor Supply, Black Hills Energy, Brother's Market, Jeff Carson, Electric Supply, Fletcher-Reinhardt, Fransly Equipment, GNB Bank, GNB Insurance, GCMU, Heartland Coop, Iowa Utilities Board, IAMU, J Harlen, Itron, John Deere Financial, Kriz-Davis, Manly's, Matt Parrott, McMaster-Carr.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Monkeytown, Mid-America Publishing, Napa, Dan Oltman, Power Line Supply, Premier, Skarshaug, Spahn & Rose, Terry-Durin, TurnKey, UniFirst, US Bank, Van Wert, Visa, Wellmark, Semi Monthly Payroll, Axa Equitable, Rhonda Cole, Greg Cory, Doug Curren, Dearborn National, Steve Gerhard, Monkeytown, Randy Thompson, Wellmark, City of GC, GCMU, Tyler Witte, Semi Monthly Payroll, Jeff Carson, Petty Cash, Operation Threshold, Pitney Bowes, Verizon, Semi Monthly Payroll, CONSUMER, Jared Aspenson, GCMU, Ron Randall III, COMMUNICATIONS, Aureon, Black Hills Energy, BSG Clearing, CFU, Consortia, DFC Countryman, Deluxe, Eagle Comtronics, GNB Bank, Greg Cory, GCMU, Gray, Heartland Coop, Iowa Utilities Board, James Rohweder Estate, John Deere Financial, KWLL, Long Lines, Mark Lynch, Mid-America Publishing, Monkeytown, NCTC, Neustar, Oak Hill Consulting, Router 12, Rovl, Spahn & Rose, TSB, Tulsat-Nebraska, VanWert, Visa, Derek Whitehill, Windstream, Aureon, BSG Clearing, Gray, Long Lines, Neustar, GCMU, Great Lakes, BTN, Fox Sports, GCMU, NCTC, Showtime, Tower Dist, Windstream, Jeff Carson, Secretary Laci Murra, Treasurer

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR GRUNDY COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA Docket No. (Sale No.): 17-0063(1) Court No. EQCV059424 Special Execution

PLAINTIFF: U.S. BAK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. DEFENDANTS: WILLIAM WAYNE KIRCHMANN a/k/a WILLIAM KIRCHMANN - IN REM; KIMBERLY LYNN KIRCHMANN a/k/a KIMBERLY KIRCHMANN - IN REM; PARTIES IN POSSESSION - IN REM; MARIA ELENA KIRCHMANN - IN REM; DISCOVER BANK - IN REM; BROWN HEATING & COOLING, INC. - IN REM; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. et al. - IN REM

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) Real Estate Property to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: THE SOUTH TWO (2) FEET OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), AND THE SOUTH TWO (2) FEET OF THE EAST TWELVE (12) FEET OF THE LOT THREE (3), AND THE NORTH FIFTY (50) FEET OF LOTS EIGHT (8), NINE (9) AND TEN (10) ALL OF THE ABOVE BEING IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) OF THE REISINGER AND STODDARD'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF GRUNDY CENTER, IOWA. Street Address: 1105 10th Street, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Date of Sale is May 23, 2017, at 10 a.m., at the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, 705 8th St., Grundy Center, Iowa 50638. Phone (319) 824-6933. Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the Sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case. This sale not subject to redemption. Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if applicable. Judgment Amt - \$58,017.76; Costs - \$285.00; Accruing Costs - Plus; Interest - 5.25% of \$58,017.76 from December 1, 2013 = \$10,589.83. Attorney is South Law (913) 663-7600. Date: February 17, 2017 Sheriff: Rick D. Penning Deputy: By Deputy Bill Jorgensen

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. Sealed Bids will be received by the Auditor of Grundy County at his/her office in Grundy Center, Iowa until 9:05 A.M. on March 20th, 2017 for the various items of construction work listed below. 2. A certified check, made payable to the County, or a Cashier's check, or an acceptable Bid bond, made payable to either the County or to the contractor, drawn upon a solvent bank shall be filed with each proposal in an amount as set forth in the proposal form. Cashier's check, made payable to the contractor, shall contain an unqualified endorsement to the County signed by the contractor or his authorized agent. Failure to execute a contract and file an acceptable bond and certificate of insurance within 15 days

Form 631.1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

City of Liscomb, Iowa The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at on 3/13/17 at 7:00 pm Liscomb City Hall

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Taxes Levied on Property, Net Current Property Taxes, etc.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF FY2016-2017 CITY BUDGET

Form 653.C1 The City Council of HOLLAND in GRUNDY County, Iowa will meet at City Hall, 304 2nd Avenue, Holland, IA 50642 on 3/7/17 at 7pm (hour) 3/17 (Date)

for the purpose of amending the current budget of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 (year) by changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations in the following programs for the reasons given. Additional detail is available at the city clerk's office showing revenues and expenditures by fund type and by activity.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2018, Re-est. FY 2017, Actual FY 2016. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Taxes Levied on Property, Net Current Property Taxes, etc. Includes a section for Expenditures & Other Financing Uses.

Explanation of increases or decreases in revenue estimates, appropriations, or available cash: Change in City Clerk position, sanitary sewer maintenance expenses paid for two fiscal years of work in FY2017

There will be no increase in tax levies to be paid in the current fiscal year named above. Any increase in expenditures set out above will be met from the increased non-property tax revenues and cash balances not budgeted or considered in this current budget. This will provide for a balanced budget.

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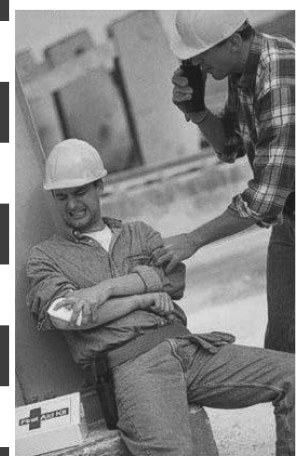
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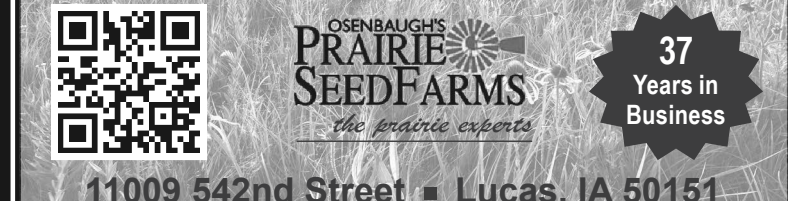
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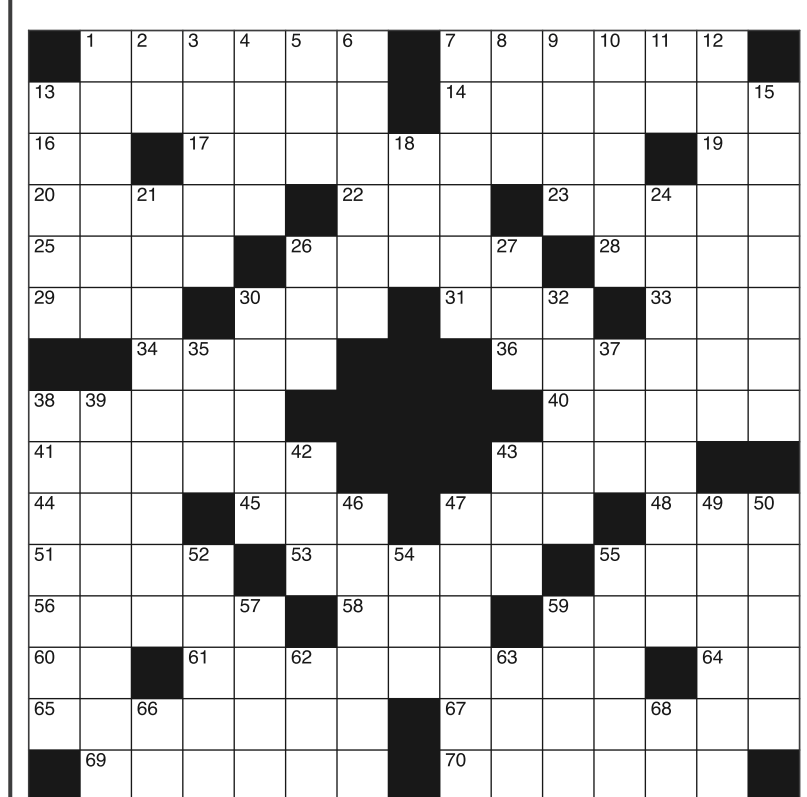
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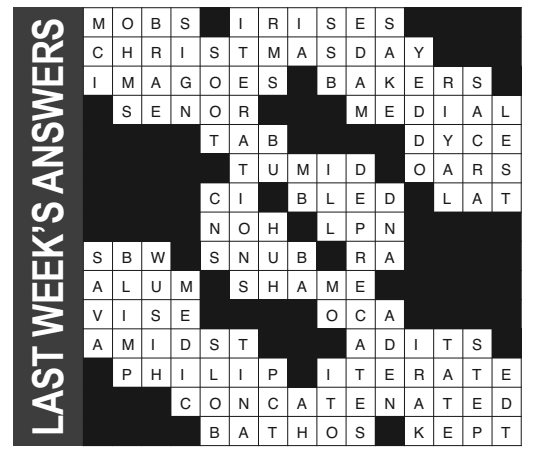
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1. Package
 7. Wear away
 13. Joins a leaf to a stem
 14. Worsen
 16. Promotes international cooperation (abbr.)
 17. Your folks
 19. Publicity
 20. Moves up
 22. Dept. of Labor
 23. Physicist Enrico
 25. Whitney and Manning are two
 26. Human foot (pl.)
 28. Coral is an example
 29. Extended error correction
 30. Small amount
 31. Dash
 33. The greatest of all time
 34. Middle Eastern country
 36. Ravine
 38. Cup-like cavity
 40. Chemical substances
 41. Extremely stupid behavior
 43. He built Aramtea
 44. Beverage beloved by Brits
 45. Cereal plant
 47. Signal
 48. A bar bill
 51. Comedienne Farris
 53. Preface to a book
 55. Stores grain
 56. In a way, medicated
 58. Small island (British)
 59. An Indiana-based hoopster
 60. Measures width of printed matter
 61. Riders use this to transport goods
 64. Once more
- CLUES DOWN
1. Relating to male organ
 2. Indicates position
 3. Covers with frost
 4. Makes a soft murmuring sound
 5. Wood
 6. Type of fuel
 7. Confused
 8. Where you go at night
 9. Canadian flyers
 10. Type of birch tree
 11. Beloved Welsh princess
 12. Coated
 13. Smooth substance of crushed fruit
 15. Improves intellectually
 18. A sign of assent
 21. Island-based Italians
 24. Pragmatic
 26. Peter's last name
 27. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 30. Mexican city
32. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman
35. Summer Olympics were just here
37. Fiddler crabs
38. Southern military academy
39. Tumors
42. Speaks incessantly
43. Sacred sound in Indian religions
46. Transactions
47. Et. __
49. Reminders
50. Doesn't interest
52. Norse gods
54. Canola is one type
55. Beloved sportscaster Craig
57. Irish mother goddess
59. Daddy
62. Press against tightly
63. Sound unit
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68. Morning



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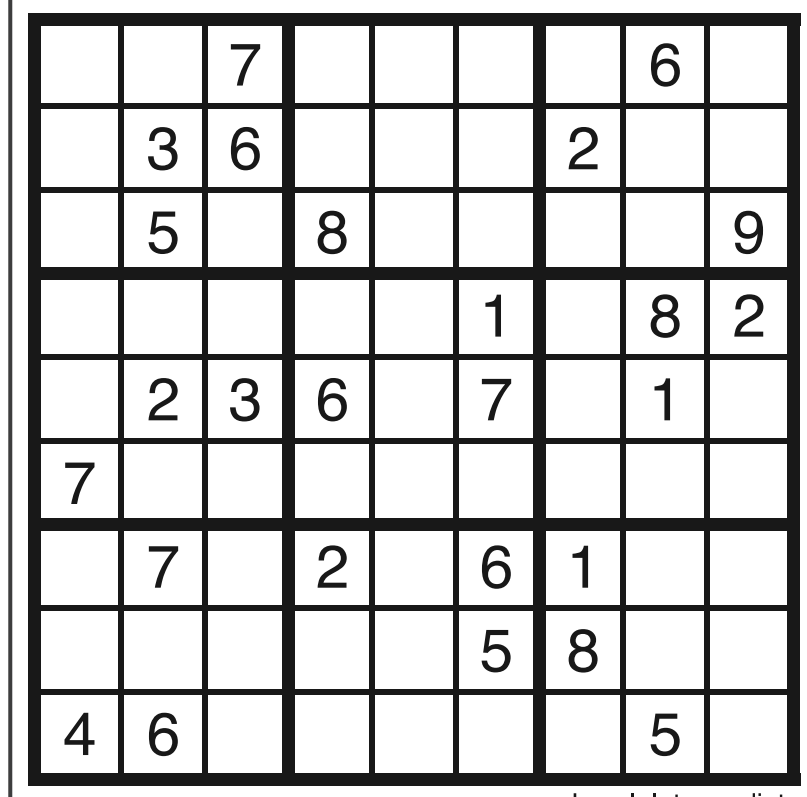
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

7	5	9	1	3	2	4	6	8
4	2	8	9	6	7	1	5	3
3	1	6	5	8	4	2	9	7
9	3	1	4	7	6	5	8	2
8	6	5	2	1	3	9	7	4
2	4	7	8	9	5	3	1	6
5	8	2	6	4	9	7	3	1
1	7	4	3	5	8	6	2	9
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A delicious beverage or dessert can be enhanced with the flavor of maple. For example, chef Megan Miller, of Baker Miller in Chicago, recommends the crisp, fresh taste of Homemade Maple Cream Soda as a beverage that pairs perfectly with the smoky kick of Stacy's® Fire Roasted Jalapeno Pita Chips – a pantry staple in her home.

For a sweet treat, chef Joanne Chang, of Flour in Boston, suggests New England Maple Apple Dip. This dip delivers the flavors of the season with maple syrup, fresh apples and cinnamon as another delectable accompaniment to pita chips.

By combining these seasonal ingredients, you can create delicious pairings and mouthwatering desserts. Find more chef selections and featured pairings at stacyssnacks.com.

New England Maple Apple Dip

Prep time: 5 minutes | Servings: 6

1 cup cream cheese
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch of salt
1/4 cup Greek yogurt
2 apples, peeled and chopped into 1/4-inch cubes
Stacy's Cinnamon Sugar Pita Chips or Stacy's Sim-

ply Naked Pita Chips
Using food processor, blend cream cheese with maple syrup, cinnamon and salt until smooth.
Fold Greek yogurt into cream cheese mixture; mix in apples.
Serve with pita chips.



Homemade Maple Cream Soda

Prep time: 1 minute | Servings: 1

1/2 ounce maple syrup
1 tablespoon warm water
Ice cubes
6 ounces sparkling water
Orange or lemon, for garnish
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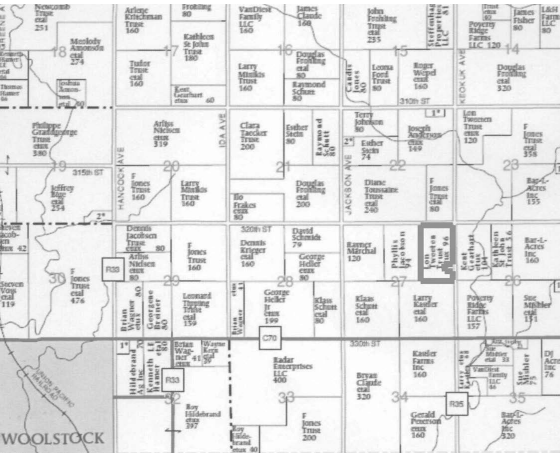
94.64+/- Acres Wright County, Iowa Selling At ONLINE AUCTION

Friday, March 10, 2017

Bidding Opens On Feb 24 and Closes On March 10 at 11:05 A.M.*

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Win for Tate

Trent Johnson reaches the pinnacle in emotional state wrestling title match

By JAKE RYDER

Mid-America Publishing

DES MOINES – Trent Johnson has given everything to wrestling.

He grew up on the mats as a kindergarten grappler, spent countless hours in wrestling rooms and weight rooms, traveling to events, finding time for workouts between the other sports he loved playing with his teammates.

Johnson had already taken home three medals from the state wrestling tournament before he stepped foot in Wells Fargo Arena as a Dike-New Hartford senior.

Everything he had worked for, everything he had lived for, Johnson wanted so badly for it to result in him standing center stage in “The Well,” with his hand raised for all of his family and friends to see how much his hard work had paid off.

At long last, Johnson achieved his ultimate goal as the Class 1A 145-pound champion, winning a 6-2 decision over Sibley-Ocheyedan’s Dylan Schuck, the third champion in school history and the first since Chad Eberhart in 1999.

But the first thing on Johnson’s mind was the inspiration for the blood, sweat and tears he poured into the sport he loves.

“My brother died in seventh grade, and I just do everything for him,” Johnson said, tears welling in his eyes.

Trent’s brother is Tate Johnson, who died in an ATV rollover accident on Sept. 11, 2011.

Tate was nine years old.

“I know he’s proud of me right now. I know he was looking down on me, helping me,” Trent said.

The support has always been there for Trent and his high school accomplishments. He knows what it’s like to be the kid that everyone greets from the sidewalks along the city streets to the school hallways.

He’s consistently credited his Wolverine teammates that helped him become the state’s all-time leading rusher this year, with a final mark of 7,653 yards on the ground.

His wrestling coaches and his workout partners have helped, no doubt. When the time came for Johnson to get his gold medal, though, there was only one person who could win it for him.

“I’ve worked so hard for this,” Johnson said. “I never stopped, ... it’s all the hard work I put in.”

The road to the championship match didn’t have many surprises for the motivated senior. Johnson won his first-round match by fall over Reno Chiri of New London in 2 minutes, 38 seconds, won a 5-3 decision over AHSTW’s Joel Becerra-



Dike-New Hartford's Trent Johnson (left) jumps into the arms of D-NH wrestling coach Tony Norton after winning the Class 1A 145-pound championship with a 6-2 decision over Sibley-Ocheyedan's Dylan Schuck at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Saturday. (Jake Ryder/Mid-America Publishing photo)

ra in the quarterfinals and won a 9-3 decision in the semifinals over East Buchanan's Braydon Nunemaker.

Schuck was a familiar foe for Johnson as recently as last year, when Johnson pinned Schuck in the 2016 state semifinals. Johnson went on to finish runner-up to Lisbon's four-time state champion Carter Hoppel that year.

For this championship match, Johnson wanted to start the match right.

“I wanted that first takedown,” Johnson said. “Just to get the jitters out. I knew I could. ... Second period, I was just trying to go with it. I knew he’d defer. I’d go down, get away, get another takedown, and I did that. Third period, I just wanted to win.”

Even if Schuck entered the championship match with a 51-0 record, D-NH head coach Tony Norton knew Johnson had to make it his match.

“I was confident in Trent’s training, abilities. He just had to stay in good position and that’s what he was able to do,” Norton said.

One of the first things Johnson did when he left the circle was take a big leap into Norton’s arms.

“It feels so good,” Norton said. “I’m so happy for him and everyone that’s part of our team and the contributions everyone makes, it paid off for Trent tonight.”

Trent was the team’s lone returning state qualifier from last season’s squad, and accepted the role of leading Norton’s largest state-qualifying group into Des Moines.

“We came down here for the 3A session first thing Thursday morning and I showed them around,” Johnson said.

He also watched closely as fellow senior Jacob Ragsdale placed third and Chase Arends took a seventh-place medal in his junior season.

“I got emotional,” Johnson admitted of watching his teammates’ success. “I love these guys. I’ve been through hell with them, practicing in a hot, sweaty room. ... It’s a dream come true. It’s all worth it.”

D-NH’s Ragsdale, Arends earn state wrestling medals

Wolverines finish 7th in team standings

By JAKE RYDER

Mid-America Publishing

DES MOINES – The state wrestling tournament held its fair share of surprises for Jacob Ragsdale and Chase Arends.

But the Dike-New Hartford wrestlers were able to keep their focus at the right times to take home medals from the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, with Ragsdale placing third at 113 pounds and Arends taking seventh at heavyweight.

Combined with Trent Johnson’s championship at 145 pounds and a first-round consolation win by 220-pounder Ethan Huntington, Dike-New Hartford finished seventh in the team standings with 52 points, an impressive feat for a team that only qualified five wrestlers.

“All we wanted our guys to do was to represent themselves well, and their community and their school,” D-NH coach Tony Norton said. “Just wrestle hard. We saw that all weekend.”

Ragsdale started his tournament with a 12-4 major decision over Logan Heaberlin of Belmont-Klemme but fell in the quarterfinals to Devon Meeker of Wapello in a 6-3 decision to start Friday.

“Couldn’t do much against him,” Ragsdale admitted. “Those tall, lanky kids will always get you.”

The 113-pounder rebounded with pinfall victories over Postville’s Uvaldo Camarillo and Lake Mills’ Tyler Helgeson to set up a consolation semi with Interstate 35’s Nathan Phillips. Ragsdale edged Phillips 2-0, and drew Underwood’s Logan James in the third-place match.

“He got refocused real fast,”

Norton said. “That’s what you have to do. Saturday wrestling can be tough, everyone’s banged up, beat up and it’s mostly mental. Jacob’s a pretty mentally tough kid.”

Ragsdale still had to weather the storm when James found a headlock late in the match and nearly had Ragsdale pinned.

“He had the headlock pretty tight,” Ragsdale said. “I just gave it everything I had to get out.”

He successfully escaped into a reversal and hung on for the 10-8 decision and the third-place medal.

“I didn’t know the score, started to work something and then saw it was close and just held on,” Ragsdale said.

Arends had a tough draw facing eventual state champion Jared Brinkman in a first-round loss, but survived to day two with a pin of Riverside’s Coy Maher in 3:19. He scored a big win over Akron-Westfield’s Montana Jackson to start Friday to ensure that he would win a medal, which was also a match that was special in a different way for Arends – he said it was the first time he had gotten a bloody nose in a match.

“That scared me really bad,” Arends said. “Kinda thought it might be a bad omen, but it turned out really good. I kept my wits about me and knew if I kept my distance from his hip toss and worked on him, I’d be fine.”

When it came time for the 7th-place match, Arends felt like he was ready.

“I felt like I could take control,” Arends said. “I took control early and kept that.”

Dike-New Hartford’s Ethan Huntington (220) and Zack Nicol (106) didn’t earn medals, with Huntington going 1-2 and Nicol going 0-2, but they still got to enjoy watching their teammates go for the medal stand.

“It was more than fun,” Arends said. “Since Trent had been there

a lot, he could calm me down and walk me through what I needed to do.

“Every day, we’d run into each other’s room and jump on each other. We were hanging out, just telling jokes and being there for each other. ... It was great.”

State Wrestling Tournament

At Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

Class 1A

Team scores (Top 3 and area teams): 1. Lisbon 97.5; 2. Don Bosco 76; 3. Sibley-Ocheyedan 75; 7. Dike-New Hartford 52; 52. AGWSR 7.

Individual results

(Area qualifiers only)

106 – Zack Nicol, Dike-New Hartford, 3rd place

First round: Jaymus Wilson (Alburnett) pinned Nicol 1:11. First-round consolation: Jake Nieman (OA-BCIG) dec. Nicol 13-10.

113 – Jacob Ragsdale, Dike-New Hartford, 3rd place

First round: Ragsdale major dec. Logan Heaberlin (Belmond-Klemme) 12-4. Quarterfinal: Devon Meeker (Wapello) dec. Ragsdale 6-3. Second-round consolation: Ragsdale pinned Uvaldo Camarillo (Postville) 1:49. Third-round consolation: Ragsdale pinned Tyler Helgeson (Lake Mills) 3:12. Consolation semi: Ragsdale dec. Nathan Phillips (I-35) 2-0. Third place match: Ragsdale dec. Logan James (Underwood) 10-8.

145 – Trent Johnson, Dike-New Hartford, champion

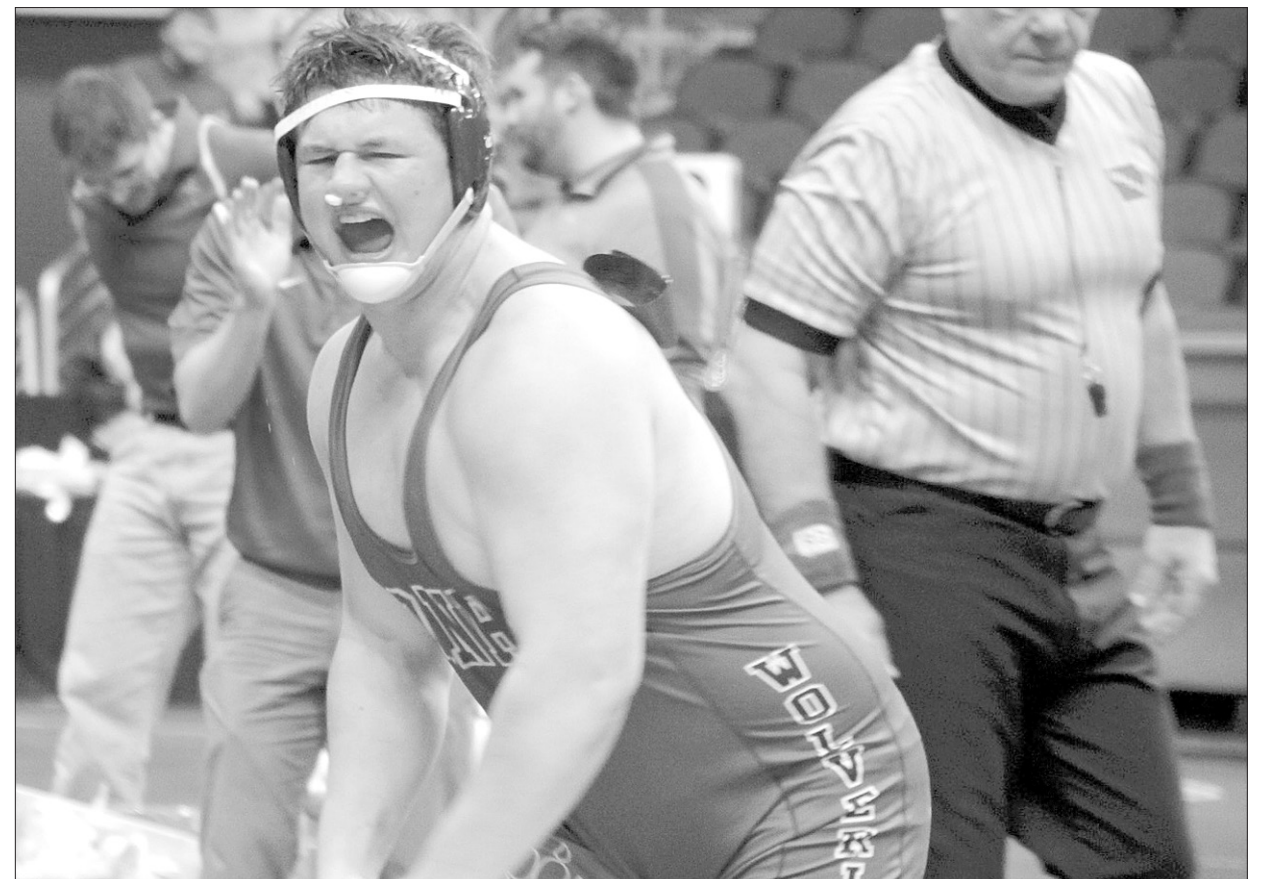
First round: Johnson pinned Reno Chiri (New London) 2:38. Quarterfinal: Johnson dec. Joel Becerra (AHSTW) 5-3. Semifinal: Johnson dec. Braydon Nunemaker (East Buchanan) 9-3. Championship: Johnson dec. Dylan Schuck (Sibley-Ocheyedan) 6-2.

220 – Ethan Huntington, Dike-New Hartford, 1-2

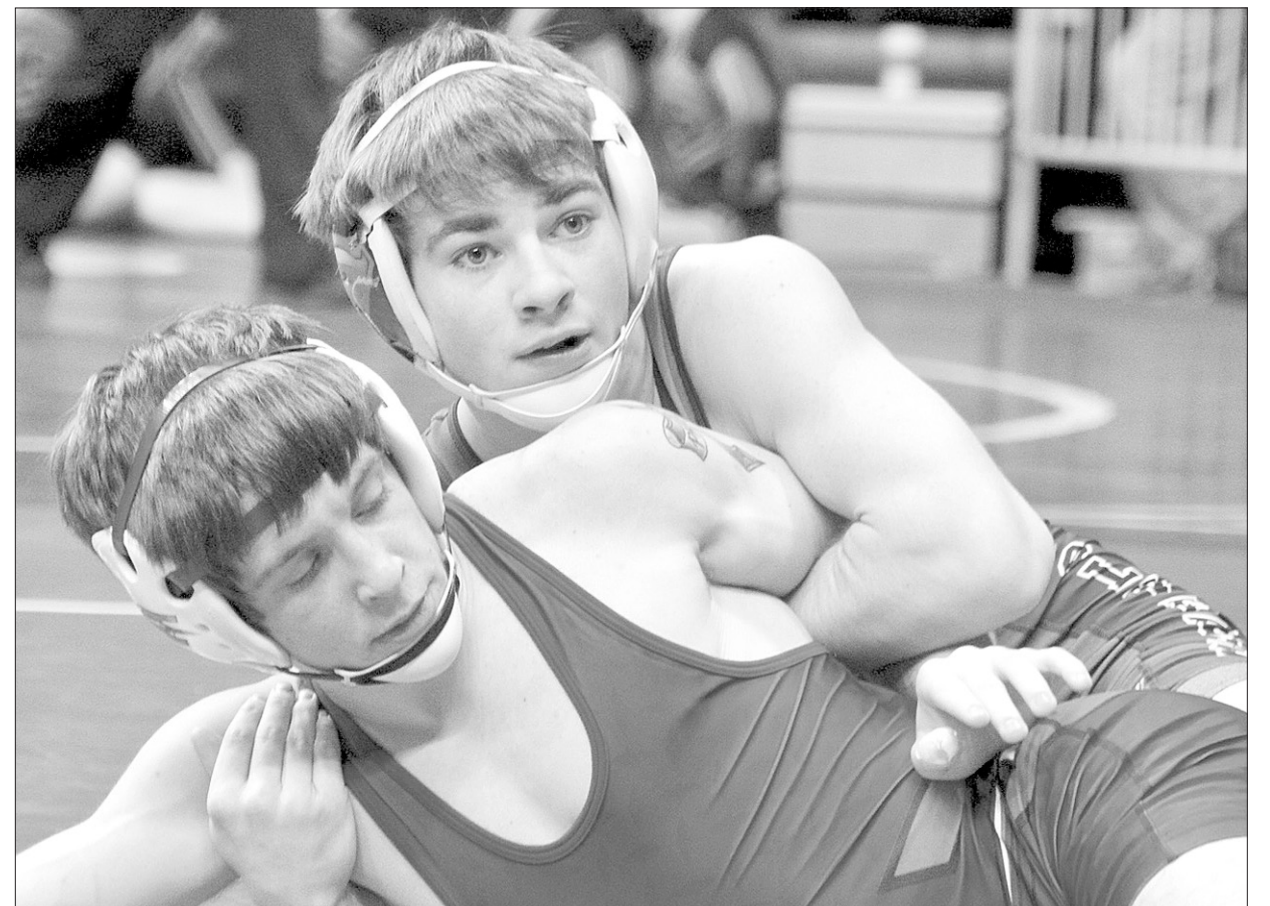
First round: Noah Boender (Sigourney-Keota) won by tech fall over Huntington 20-4, 5:51. First-round consolation: Huntington dec. Logan O’Connor (Lisbon) 8-7. Second-round consolation: Skyler Bonestroo (Western Christian) dec. Huntington 10-4.

285 – Chase Arends, Dike-New Hartford, 7th place

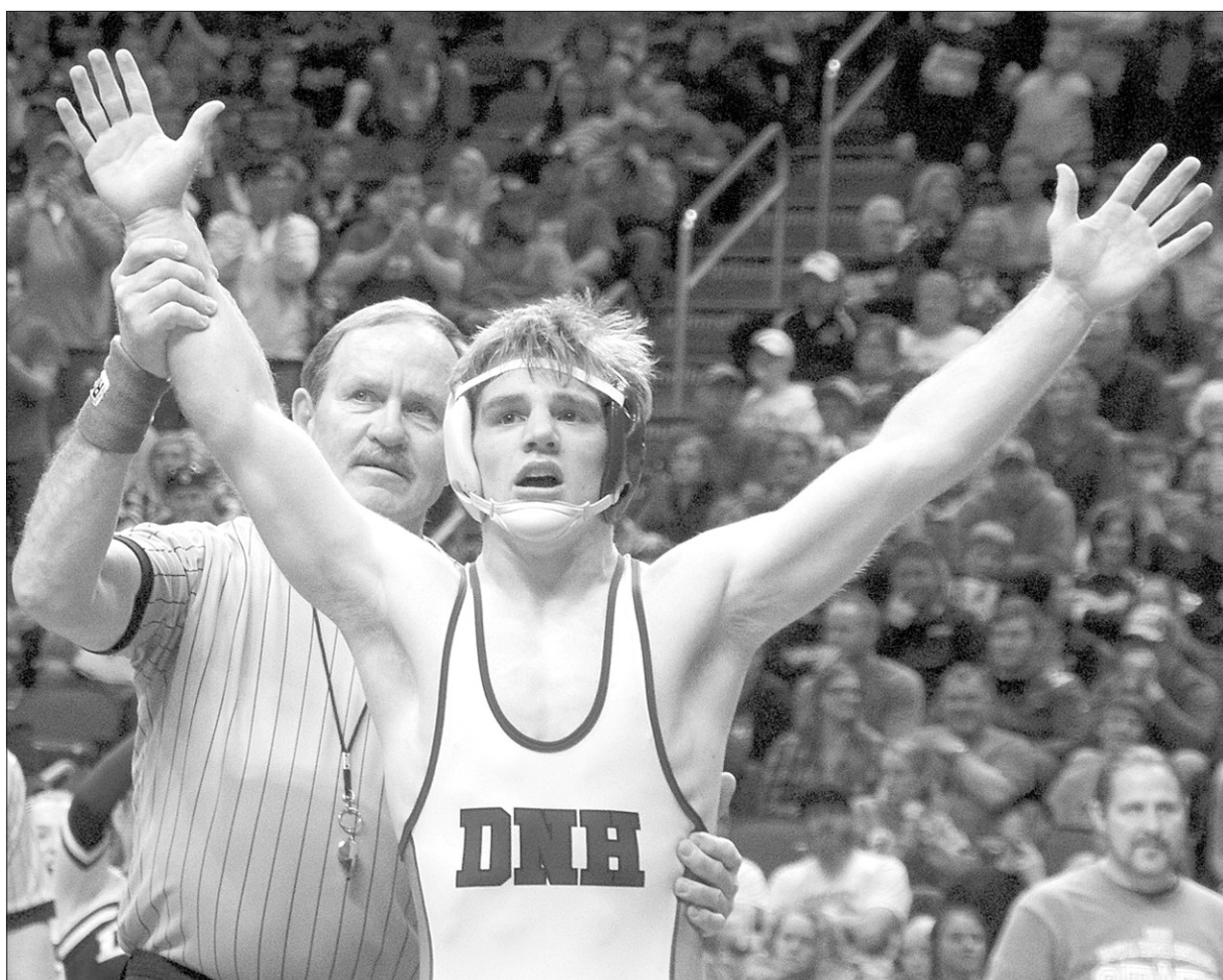
First round: Jared Brinkman (Iowa City Regina) pinned Arends 1:20. First-round consolation: Arends pinned Coy Maher (Riverside) 3:19. Second-round consolation: Arends pinned Montana Jackson (Akron-Westfield) 4:58. Third-round consolation: Will Anthony (Pleasantville) pinned Arends 2:24. Seventh-place match: Arends dec. Cody Crawford (WACO) 5-3.



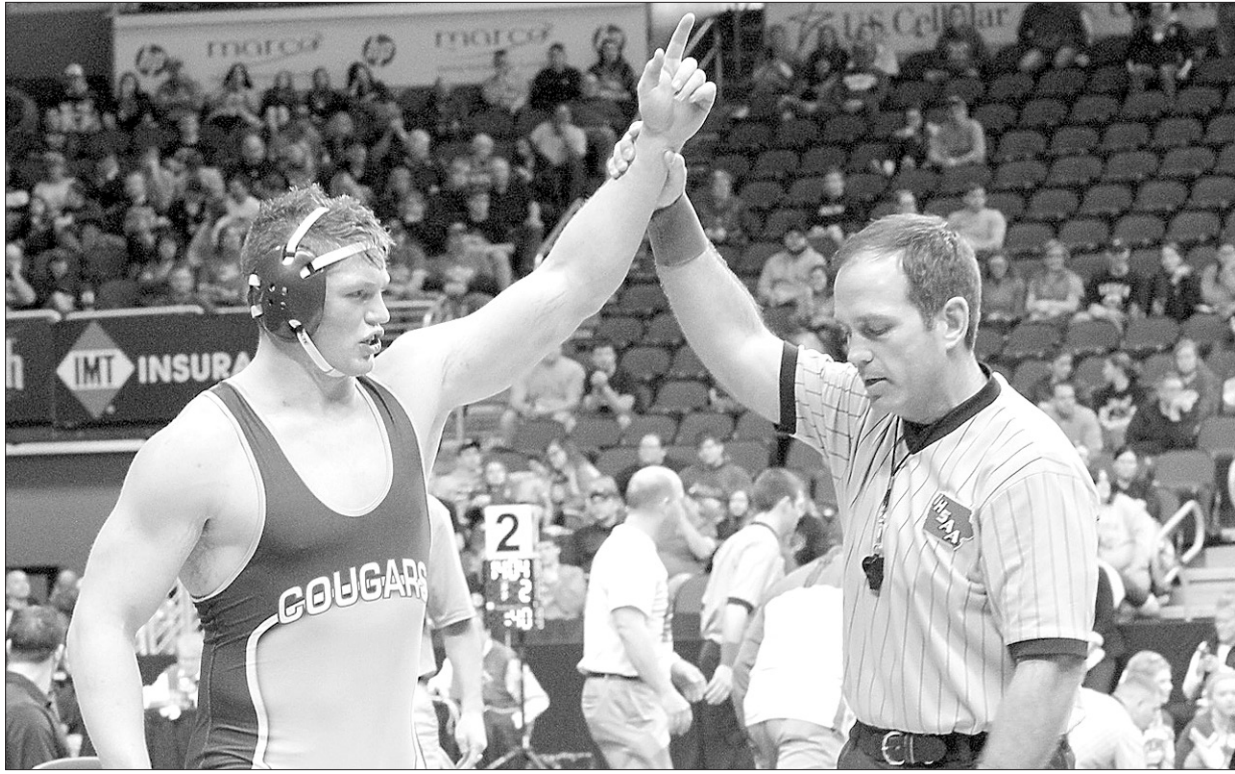
Dike-New Hartford's Chase Arends celebrates winning a second-round consolation match at 285 pounds at the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines. Arends went on to finish seventh. (Jake Ryder/Mid-America Publishing photo)



Dike-New Hartford's Jacob Ragsdale looks at the clock during his 113-pound consolation semifinal match with Interstate 35's Nathan Phillips at the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines on Saturday. Ragsdale won the match 2-0 and went on to finish third. (Jake Ryder/Mid-America Publishing photo)



Dike-New Hartford's Trent Johnson has his arm raised as the Class 1A 145-pound champion after a 6-2 decision over Sibley-Ocheyedan's Dylan Schuck. (Jake Ryder/Mid-America Publishing photo)



Caleb Meinders has his arm raised as the winner of the seventh-place match at 220 pounds at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament in Des Moines on Saturday. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing photo)

AGWSR's Meinders takes 7th at state

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

DES MOINES – It's not the spot on the podium where Caleb Meinders wanted to stand.

But the AGWSR senior finished his high school wrestling career with a victory all the same, winning a 5-2 decision over Korby Keehner of MFL MarMac to take the seventh-place medal at 220 pounds in Class 1A at the state wrestling tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Saturday.

That makes back-to-back seventh-place medals for Meinders.

"He came out and got another medal, represents our school and our program very well," AGWSR coach Chad Gerbracht said. "He knew it wasn't where his goal was to be on the podium, but at the state tournament, you get a lot of good kids and weird things happen. I'm proud of him."

Meinders' first major roadblock was winning a 3-0 decision over Sibley-Ocheyedan in the first round

and receiving top-ranked Drake Johnsen of Logan-Magnolia as a reward in the quarterfinal. Johnsen pinned Meinders in the third period en route to Johnsen's state title, and Meinders started wrestling back in the consolation bracket with a late pin of Midland's Brett Schoenherr. That set up another match with West Hancock's Colton Francis, a pairing that had squared off twice in the last two weeks, including at the district tournament where Meinders bested Francis for the first time this season to win the district title.

Francis got the better of Meinders this time around in a 3-2 decision that denied Meinders an opportunity for a placement as potentially high as third.

"That match really motivated me for (the seventh-place match)," Meinders said. "You never know what is going to be your last try and this was my last try and I ended up winning it."

In the placement match, Meinders scored two back points

after a scoreless first period and then was able to escape and get a takedown to start the third, providing enough of a cushion to hang on for the 7th-place finish.

"I wanted to finish higher, but it happens," Meinders said. "You've just got to bounce back like I did today."

State Wrestling Tournament

At Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

Class 1A

220 – Caleb Meinders, AGWSR, 7th place

First round: Meinders dec. Erick Olvera (Sibley-Ocheyedan) 3-0. Quarterfinal: Drake Johnsen (Logan-Magnolia) pinned Meinders 4:16. Second-round consolation: Meinders pinned Brett Schoenherr (Midland) 5:59. Third-round consolation: Colton Francis (West Hancock) dec. Meinders 3-2. Seventh-place match: Meinders dec. Korby Keehner (MFL MarMac) 5-2.



SH-BCLUW's Ian Showers tries to put Mount Vernon's Ryan Clark up and over during a consolation match at 113 pounds at the Class 2A state wrestling tournament in Des Moines. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing photo)

Showers goes 0-2 at state

Storm wrestler battles knee injury

By JAKE RYDER

The Grundy Register

DES MOINES – Ian Showers fought through a knee injury, but the SH-BCLUW 113-pounder wasn't able to pick up a victory in his appearance at the Class 2A state wrestling tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Thursday.

Showers started strong against Perry's Kaleb Olejniczak with an

early takedown but eventually dropped a 9-3 decision to go to the consolation bracket.

In the first-round consolation match with Mount Vernon's Ryan Clark, Showers twisted his knee in the first period but after a bit of time being checked out on the mat, opted to continue.

Showers took his shot to try and score a win and make it to Friday, but Clark used the momentum of the shot to eventually pin Showers and eliminate the Storm senior.

Showers finished with a 37-8

record in his final high school season.

State Wrestling Tournament

At Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

Class 2A

113 – Ian Showers, SH-BCLUW, 0-2

First round: Kaleb Olejniczak (Perry) dec. Showers 9-3. First-round consolation: Ryan Clark (Mount Vernon) pinned Showers 1:46.



AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher looks for the open teammate against the defense of Turkey Valley's Sadie Nymeyer during Monday's Class 1A Region 3 basketball final. The No. 14 Cougars lost to the second-ranked Trojans, 47-33.

Cougar girls end season to Turkey Valley in regional finals

By SCOTT BIERLE

Mid-America Publishing

CLARKSVILLE – Post-season nemesis Turkey Valley once again derailed the AGWSR girls' basketball team.

The Cougars' third time against the Trojans along the tournament trail came up short in the Class 1A Region 3 final, losing 47-33 here Monday.

Second-ranked Turkey Valley turned back a late challenged by the No. 14 Cougars to earn one of eight tickets to the 1A state tourney field.

The Trojans scored the first eight points of the second half and on a 10-2 spurt led 25-13. AGWSR then battled back, ending the third quarter on a 7-0 run sparked by Alana Groninga's three-point goal to pull within 25-20. The Cougars were then down just three on Rachel Sicard's basket off a Groninga assist to open the fourth.

The Cougars were still within striking range at 31-25 and 33-28

after Mandy Willems and again Groninga threes at the mid-way mark of the fourth. The comeback ended there as AGWSR was forced to foul and Turkey Valley was perfect at the charity stripe. The Trojans finished 14-of-14 on free throws, including 10-of-10 in the contest's final 1:54.

"I'm proud of the girls. We were right there in the game up to the last couple minutes. It shows the improvement we have made over the past couple seasons," said AGWSR coach Laurie Gann.

The Cougars were ousted by the Trojans the past two campaigns in the regional quarterfinals and both were played on Turkey Valley's home court.

AGWSR was down 10-4 after one quarter and 15-11 at the break in a low-scoring first half. Maddie Brandt had all 11 points for Cougars and ended with a team-high 17.

"The shots were not falling and part of that is due to Turkey Valley.

I feel we were rushing some shots and were not real confident in some shots," said Gann.

After Brandt, Groninga and Willems had six points apiece while combining for the team's four treys.

Shelby Reicks' game-high 20 points led a four-cager scoring column for the Trojans with Morgan Kuennen 12, Kayla Gebel nine and Elli Winter six.

The loss closed the cage campaign at 19-5 for the Cougars and snapped an 11-game winning streak.

"I feel bad for the seniors. They had a goal of getting to Des Moines," Gann noted.

Turkey Valley, the state runner-up a year ago, takes a 21-2 record to the state meet and plays 24-0 Janesville in the 1A quarterfinals Monday (Feb. 27) at 1:30 p.m.

Scoring by Quarters:
AGWSR 4 7 9 13 – 33
Turkey Valley 10 5 10 22 – 47
AGWSR scoring – Maddie Brandt 17, Alana Groninga 6, Mandy Willems 6, Taryan Barrick 2, Rachel Sicard 2. Three-point goals: Groninga 2, Willems 2.



Dike-New Hartford guard Broden Coulter puts up a shot during Thursday night's Class 2A district semifinal with Waterloo Columbus. The Wolverines won 83-47. (Rob Maharry/Mid-America Publishing photo)

Wolverines capsize Sailors with 2nd-half surge

By ROB MAHARRY

Mid-America Publishing

PARKERSBURG – The Dike-New Hartford boys put up a whopping 50 points in the second half en route to an 83-47 win over Waterloo Columbus in a Class 2A District 5 semifinal on Thursday night in Parkersburg.

D-NH advanced to face Jesup (19-4) in a district final on Tuesday night in Waverly.

Star senior Ben Latusek finished the game with 25 points, nine rebounds and four assists to lead the way for the Wolverines (20-3), while Connor Blough added 16 and Broden Coulter had 12. D-NH

shot a stellar 31-of-52 (59.6 percent from the field) and broke away after leading just 33-30 at halftime.

"I think our defense picked it up. We started playing harder, getting all the 50-50 balls, and then on offense, we really just got it moving inside out and started executing. That was the biggest difference for us," Latusek said.

Senior Teion Sales led Columbus (6-16) with 18 points, and their full statistics were not available at press time. The Wolverines had beaten the Sailors 52-40 just nine days earlier.

"(Sales) got a few more than what we hoped, especially in the

first half, but I thought we did a better job in the second half," D-NH coach Greg Moore said.

D-NH 20 13 25 25 – 83

WC 12 18 12 5 – 47

D-NH — Ben Latusek 9 7-14 25, Connor Blough 8 0-1 16, Broden Coulter 4 3-5 12, Cade Fuller 4 0-2 9, Royce Weber 3 0-0 7, Jaxson Foster 1 2-4 4, Isaac Jorgensen 0 4-4 4, Ryan Moore 1 0-0 3, Colton Harberts 1 0-3 2, Ethan Weichers 0 1-2 1, Tim Koop 0 0-0 0, Ely Sohn 0 0-0 0, Jake Landphair 0 0-0 0, Owen Goos 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 17-35 83.

3-pointers: D-NH 4 (Coulter, Fuller, Weber, Moore). Rebounds: D-NH 46 (Harberts 10, Latusek 9). Assists: D-NH 17 (Latusek 4, Weber 4, Foster 4). Steals: D-NH 7 (Blough 3, Fuller 2). Blocks: D-NH (Latusek). Total fouls: D-NH 23.



Reegan Zinkula watches her 3-point attempt sail to the basket as Grundy Center fans, coaches and players wait with bated breath to see the result late in a regional basketball game with Sumner-Fredericksburg last Tuesday. The Spartans eventually won in double overtime, 65-59. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

Spartan girls refuse to lose in instant classic with Cougars

Grundy Center survives with help of two buzzer-beaters
By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER — The Grundy Center girls basketball team refused to let the season end Tuesday on its home court.

The Spartans pulled out all the stops to stave off Sumner-Fredericksburg, including two last-second shots to eventually push the game to double overtime where the Spartans finally took charge and sent Grundy Center fans home happy with a major 65-59 win over the Cougars.

Grundy Center advanced to a regional semifinal with North Linn, which North Linn won 68-37 to end the Spartans' season at 19-3.

"I'm proud of my team for how we stepped up," said Grundy Center's Hailey Wallis, who scored a game-high 32 points. "At one point during a timeout and I said, we're not losing this game. We've worked too hard for this, this is our time."

Brooke Flater contributed 13 points and Reegan Zinkula added 10 points.

With just over 90 seconds remaining in regulation, Grundy Center was down 49-42. Wallis brought the offensive pressure, though, getting to the line and hitting four of six free throws. The Cougars also made key turnovers down the stretch, but it came down to a last-second opportunity for Reegan Zinkula.

With both teams in transition running down the court, Zinkula stepped up and lifted a 3-pointer that bounced around the rim, an agonizing wait before a cathartic release when the shot finally fell and forced OT.

"I've been in the gym a lot of hours, and all I've been working on is the three," Zinkula said. "My only thought was confidence: Do what I do, shoot my shot. And that's exactly what I did."

Sumner had the late advantage in the first overtime, but still couldn't get far enough ahead to where the Spartans couldn't find another equalizer. This time, it was Wallis' turn.

The play started at halfcourt out of timeout with 11.6 seconds left.

Wallis started at one side of the court and as Zinkula approached the 3-point arc, Wallis darted to her left, backpedaling behind the 3-point line as Zinkula dished to Kylie Willis at the top of the key, who found Wallis in her new position just in front of the Spartans' bench.

"We've worked through end-of-game situations in practice and a lot of times I'm put in the pressure of making that shot," Wallis said. "When I got the ball, I saw the clock and knew there wasn't enough time, I was just going to let it fly."

Unlike Zinkula's rim-rattler, this one was a nothing-but-net no-brainer, swishing through with just under two seconds to go in the period, a small enough amount to keep the Cougars from answering.

"I realize my teammates rely on me to make those shots," Wallis said. "It doesn't feel like pressure; I know I have to do it for my teammates."

Grundy Center seized the momentum in the second overtime period with some early defensive stops and hit the free throws necessary down the stretch to finally close the door on the Cougars.

"It had to be off of full-court pressure," Grundy Center coach Matt Lindeman said of closing out the victory. "We found a way to get in this game by pressuring them a little more and knocking down some shots."

"Both Reegan and Hailey have come up big multiple times throughout the year, whether they're shooting free throws, hitting 3-point shots at key points in the game. These are just great girls that aren't willing to give up until the clock reads zero."

S-F 13 7 18 11 (8) (2) — 59
GC 20 17 9 25 (8) (8) — 65

S-F — Cassidy Pangel 5 4-8 14, Krayton Allen 5 1-3 13, Jaydin Seehase 4 2-2 10, Jenna Pangel 3 2-2 8, Ivy Hirsch 3 0-0 6, Becca Pangel 2 2-4 6, Jenna Brandt 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 11-19 59.

Grundy Center — Hailey Wallis 8 13-16 32, Brooke Flater 6 1-3 13, Reegan Zinkula 3 2-4 10, Maddie McMartin 2 0-0 6, Sydney Mathews 0 2-2 2, Kylie Willis 1 0-0 2, Landry Lühring 0 0-0 0, Sarah Lindeman 0 0-0 0, Cora Saak 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 18-25 65.

3-pointers: S-F (Allen 2); GC 7 (Wallis 3, Zinkula 2, McMartin 2). Rebounds: S-F 21, GC 20 (Wallis 6). Assists: S-F 14, GC 12 (Flater 4, Wallis 3). Steals: S-F 5, GC 8 (Flater 5). Blocks: S-F 2, GC 1. Total fouls: GC 19.



Grundy Center's Maddie McMartin (in white) is immediately in the face of Sumner-Fredericksburg's Krayton Allen as the Cougars inbound the ball during a regional basketball game in Grundy Center on Tuesday. The Spartans won in double overtime, 65-59. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

Cougar girls win pair of postseason clashes

ACKLEY, COLO. — The AGWSR girls basketball team kept rolling through the postseason with a 69-32 win over Tripoli last Tuesday and a 67-38 win over Colo-Nesco the following Friday to reach Monday's regional final.

Tuesday, Feb. 14
AGWSR 69, Tripoli 32
Mandy Willems scored 20 points and Maddie Brandt contributed 11 points as the Cougars drained 11 3-pointers in a rout of the Panthers.

Brandt added eight rebounds and Aubrie Fisher distributed seven of AGWSR's 20 assists on Tuesday.

The Cougars were already up 37-23 at halftime but burst forth with a 19-6 third quarter to extend the lead to 56-29.

Addi Johnson chipped in 12 points.

Tripoli 12 11 6 3 — 32
AGWSR 15 22 19 13 — 69

Tripoli — Samara Harms 4 1-1 11, Ali Harms 3 2-2 11, Kennedy Drewis 3 4-10. Totals 10 7-13 32.

AGWSR — Mandy Willems 7 2-2 20, Maddie Brandt 5 4-4 18, Addi Johnson 5 2-2 12, Ally Finger 2 0-0 6, Rachel Sicard 2 0-0 4, Alana Groninga 1 0-0 3, Aubrie Fisher 1 0-0 2, Mariah Jimmerson 1 0-0 2, Hanna Benning 1 0-0 2, Tori Brandt 0 0-0 0, Whitney Nederhoff 0 0-2 0, Taryan Barrick 0 0-0 0, Miranda Jimmerson 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 8-10 69.

3-pointers: Trip 5 (A. Harms 3, S. Harms 2); AGWSR 11 (Willems 4, Brandt 4, Finger 2, Groninga). Rebounds: Trip 21, AGWSR 35 (Brandt 8). Assists: Trip 8, AGWSR 20 (Fisher 7). Steals: Trip 8, AGWSR 7. Blocks: Trip 2, AGWSR 2.

Stats for AGWSR/Colo-Nesco were not available at press time.

Comet girls fall to Montezuma

MONTEZUMA — The BCLUW girls basketball team ended its season against Montezuma in a 54-28 loss in Montezuma last Tuesday.

Lauren Anderson scored eight points with seven rebounds to lead BCLUW, with Madison Ubben adding six points. Leah Yantis added four points, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Comets were within 13-8 after the first quarter but fell behind 33-18 by halftime. Shelby Helm and Riley Gattton scored 12 points each for Montezuma.

BCLUW ends its season at 10-13 overall.

BCLUW 8 10 6 4 — 28
Montezuma 13 20 12 9 — 54

BCLUW — Lauren Anderson 3 2-4 8, Madison Ubben 2 2-7 6, Samantha Ubben 2 0-0 4, Skylar Veldhouse 1 2-2 4, Leah Yantis 2 0-1 4, Easton Swanson 1 0-2 2, Kaylee Goecke 0 0-0 0, Kate Goecke 0 0-2 0. Totals 11 6-18 28.

Montezuma — Shelby Helm 3 4-4 12, Riley Gattton 4 3-4 12, Breck Goodman 3 3-5 9, Sapphire Gattton 4 0-0 8, Mya Pargeon 2 0-0 4, Hanna Jones 1 2-2 4, Cassidy Watts 1 0-0 3, Shateah Wetering 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 12-16 54.

3-pointers: BCLUW 0, Monte 4 (Helm 2, R. Gattton, Watts). Rebounds: BCLUW 18 (Anderson 7, Yantis 5); Monte 28. Assists: BCLUW 10, Monte 10. Steals: BCLUW 11 (Anderson 3); Monte 10. Blocks: BCLUW 6 (Yantis 3); Monte 1. Total fouls: BCLUW 17, Montezuma 16. Fouled out: BCLUW (Veldhouse).

Rebel girls eliminated by Wildcats

JANESVILLE — The Gladbrook-Reinbeck girls basketball team fell into a hole early in last Tuesday's regional quarterfinal with Janesville and couldn't dig out in a 64-16 defeat in Janesville.

Taylor Gienger scored eight points to lead the Rebels, who ended their season with a 2-21 overall record. Megan Swanson added a team-leading seven rebounds.

Tori Hazard and Briana Baker-Bruce scored 16 points each to pace Janesville to victory. Janesville led 37-8 at halftime.

G-R 4 4 3 5 — 16
Janesville 19 18 18 9 — 64

G-R — Taylor Gienger 3 2-3 8, Maddie Frischmeyer 0 2-2 2, Megan Swanson 1 0-0 2, Madison Denny-Weber 1 0-0 2, Rachel Cooley 1 0-2 2, Lily Ehlers 0 0-0 0, Brianna Strohhorn 0 0-0 0, Hanna Quackenbush 0 0-0 0, Haleigh Berendes 0 0-0 0, Morgan Kelley 0 0-0 0. Totals 6 4-7 16.

Janesville — Tori Hazard 7 2-5 16, Briana Baker-Bruce 8 0-0 16, Kennedy Meister 5 1-3 11, Lily Liekweg 3 0-3 6, Grace Hovenga 2 1-1 5, Natalie Dirks 2 0-0 4, Hope McDermott 1 0-0 3, Bailey Hoff 1 1-2 3. Totals 29 5-14 64.

3-pointers: G-R 0, J'ville (Baker-Bruce). Rebounds: G-R 17 (Swanson 7), J'ville 30. Assists: G-R 1, J'ville 17. Steals: G-R 3, J'ville 19. Blocks: G-R 0, J'ville 2. Total fouls: G-R 12, J'ville 9.

Spartan girls fall to ranked Lynx

TROY MILLS — The Class 2A No. 5 North Linn Lynx bested the Grundy Center girls basketball team as the Spartans fell 68-37 in a regional semifinal in Troy Mills last Friday.

Hailey Wallis scored 13 points to lead the Spartans, who ended their season with a 19-3 overall record. Kylie Willis led Grundy Center with seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

Ashley Tull led the Lynx with 18 points, with Grace Flanagan scoring 15 points for North Linn.

North Linn jumped ahead 15-4 at the end of the first quarter and pulled away with a 24-10 margin in the third quarter that pushed the Lynx's lead to 52-27.

Grundy Center 4 13 10 10 — 37
North Linn 15 13 24 16 — 68

Grundy Center — Hailey Wallis 4 2-2 13, Reegan Zinkula 3 0-0 9, Brooke Flater 3 2-4 8, Maddie McMartin Kylie Willis 0 2-2 2, Sydney Mathews 0 0-0 0, Landry Lühring 0 0-0 0, Sarah Lindeman 0 0-0 0, Cora Saak 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 6-8 37.

North Linn — Ashley Tull 7 4-5 18, Grace Flanagan 6 1-2 15, Kylie Kurt 4 4-4 14, Emma Ware 5 0-0 10, Anna LeGrand 1 2-4 4, Sydney Burke 1 1-1 3, Hannah Bridgewater 0 2-2 2, Abby Flanagan 0 2-2 2. Totals 24 16-20 68.

3-pointers: GC 7 (Wallis 3, Zinkula 3, McMartin); NL 4 (G. Flanagan 2, Kurt 2). Rebounds: GC 24 (Willis 7); NL 25. Assists: GC 5, NL 10. Steals: GC 6 (Flater 3); NL 17. Blocks: GC (Willis 2); NL (Tull 5).

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Spartan offense explodes in final home game

GRUNDY CENTER — The Grundy Center boys basketball team went out with a bang in the Spartans' final game in the Grundy Center gym this season.

The Spartans blasted Waterloo Christian in a 98-52 triumph that kicked off district play for both teams in Grundy Center on Monday.

Grundy Center advanced to a game with Gladbrook-Reinbeck last Thursday, which G-R won 78-55 to end the Spartans' campaign at 6-17.

Bryce Flater led Grundy Center with 17 points and four steals, with Chase Boren and Braidan Buhrow contributing nine points each.

"It was great to get a win and help build some momentum," Flater said after the game.

Spartans coach Joe Nelson wanted to see a little more defensive toughness against the Regents, who were led by Luke Zwack's 38-point performance. Waterloo Christian only had six players in uniform on Monday.

"We really couldn't just get into the flow of the game," Nelson said. "We tried to get some different line-ups just to get some different energy, but it has been a few days since we had played a game."

Grundy Center opened up a 27-9 lead after the first quarter but Zwack was a continuous threat throughout, which Nelson was hoping the Spartans could neutralize, perhaps in preparation for facing another high-scoring standout in G-R's Joe Smoldt later that week.

The Spartans still did more than enough to send the home fans away with a smile, with 14 different players taking the floor by the night's end.

W'loo Christian 9 15 16 12 — 52
Grundy Center 27 22 19 30 — 98
WC — Luke Zwack 9 15-22 38, Ethan Van Sickle 3 0-0 8, John Zwack 1 1-3 4, Noah Blakesley 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 16-25 52.

Grundy Center — Bryce Flater 8 1-4 17, Chase Boren 3 0-0 9, Braidan Buhrow 2 4-5 9, Sage Klar 2 2-2 8, Josh Kuiper 4 0-0 8, Jordan Hook 3 2-2 8, Jared Krausman 3 1-3 7, Mitchell Munson 3 0-0 7, Tanner Appel 3 0-0 6, Cameron Steenhoek 2 1-4 5, Drew Rathe 1 2-2 4, Cale Hendricks 2 0-0 4, Joe Johnson 2 0-0 4, Cade Rohler 1 0-0 2. Totals 39 13-22 98.

3-pointers: WC (L. Zwack 5, Van Sickle 2, J. Zwack); GC 7 (Boren 3, Klar 2, Buhrow, Munson). Rebounds: WC 27, GC 41 (Appel 8). Assists: WC 13, GC 1 (Klar 7). Steals: WC 5, GC 11 (Flater 4). Blocks: WC 0, GC 3. Total fouls: WC 16, GC 19.



Grundy Center's Bryce Flater drives and leaps to the basket during last Monday's game with Waterloo Christian. The Spartans won 98-52. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

Cougar boys top Bearcats in district opener

ACKLEY — The AGWSR boys basketball team took the first step toward their postseason goals on Thursday with a 58-47 win over North Butler in Ackley.

The win took the Cougars to a district semifinal against Wapsie Valley that was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Alex Hames drained five 3-pointers toward his team-leading 17 points, with Mason Eilderts scoring 13 points and Nathan Karsjens adding 11 points. Jay Janssen led the team with 10 rebounds in addition to five points.

AGWSR outscored North Butler 19-4 in the second quarter to take a 36-15 lead into halftime.

North Butler 11 4 15 17 — 47
AGWSR 17 19 8 14 — 58

AGWSR — Alex Hames 6 0-1 17, Mason Eilderts 3 7-7 13, Nathan Karsjens 4 3-3 11, Jay Janssen 2 0-0 5, Brent Janssen 2 0-0 4, Austin Rekward 2 0-0 4, Tate Hofmeister 0 2-2 2, Caleb Bartling 0 2-2 2, Luke Starr 0 0-0 0, Ethan Ubben 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 14-15 58.

3-pointers: AGWSR 6 (Hames 5, J. Janssen), Rebounds: AGWSR 27 (J. Janssen 10, Eilderts 5). Assists: AGWSR 13 (Eilderts 4, Hofmeister 4). Steals: AGWSR 6. Blocks: AGWSR (Karsjens). Total fouls: AGWSR 9.

Rebels run through Spartans in postseason opener

REINBECK — The Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys basketball team began postseason play in Reinbeck last Thursday with a 78-55 win over Grundy Center.

G-R (21-2) advanced to a district semifinal with Belle Plaine that was played on Tuesday in Reinbeck.

Joe Smoldt led the Rebels with 37 points, nine assists, five steals and four rebounds. Caden Kickbush added 18 points and Matt Roeding contributed six points and six rebounds.

G-R's lead was just 16-10 after the first quarter, but the Rebels warmed up over the next two quarters, heading into halftime with a

43-25 lead and going up 72-41 by the end of the third quarter.

Tyler Pierce added six points and nine rebounds for the Rebels.

Grundy Center 10 15 16 14 — 55
G-R 16 27 29 6 — 78

G-R — Joe Smoldt 10 13-13 37, Caden Kickbush 7 0-0 18, Matt Roeding 3 0-1 6, Tyler Pierce 1 4-7 6, Walker Thede 2 0-0 4, Mason Skovgard 2 0-0 4, Thomas Mussig 1 0-1 2, Eli Thede 0 1-2 1, Deagan Haack 0 0-0 0, Tyler Tschertner 0 0-0 0, Matt Johansen 0 0-0 0, Jackson Kiburis 0 0-0 0, Jed Peterson 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 18-24 78.

3-pointers: G-R 8 (Smoldt 4, Kickbush 4). Rebounds: G-R 34 (Pierce 9, Roeding 6). Assists: G-R 11 (Smoldt 9). Steals: G-R 11 (Smoldt 5, Skovgard 3). Blocks: G-R (Roeding). Total fouls: G-R 20. Fouled out: G-R (Skovgard).

Comet boys end season at Jesup

JESUP — The BCLUW boys basketball team fought early but couldn't keep up with Jesup in a 67-48 loss in Jesup last Monday.

Ethan Wyant and Tyler Lienau poured in 27 points each for the J-Hawks, ending BCLUW's season with a 4-18 overall record.

Troy Dolfin led the Comets with 14 points and added five rebounds. Jack Garber contributed nine points on three 3-pointers.

BCLUW battled to a 16-15 deficit after the first quarter and trailed 33-25 at halftime, but a 21-3 run for Jesup in the third quarter busted the game wide open.

Jesup 16 17 21 13 — 67
BCLUW 15 10 3 20 — 48

Jesup — Ethan Wyant 11 4-7 27, Tyler Lienau 11 0-1 27, Ben Hummel 2 4-4 8, Drew Schmit 2 0-0 4, Joey Youngblut 0 1-2 1. Totals 26 9-14 67.

BCLUW — Troy Dolfin 6 2-3 14, Jack Garber 3 0-0 9, Jonny Neff 4 1-2 9, Chase Luethje 2 3-3 7, Clay Silver 1 2-2 4, Trey Teske 1 1-1 3, Nathan Hulbert 1 0-0 2, Caleb Silver 0 0-0 0, Bradley Bell 0 0-0 0, Keegan Rhinehart 0 0-0 0, Lane Stanley 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 9-11 48.

3-pointers: Jesup 6 (Lienau 5, Wyant); BCLUW (Garber 3). Rebounds: Jesup 20, BCLUW 27 (Dolfin 5, Teske 4). Assists: Jesup 9, BCLUW 3. Steals: Jesup 9, BCLUW 2. Blocks: Jesup 2, BCLUW 1. Total fouls: Jesup 14, BCLUW 13.

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Local bowlers compete in annual City Tournament at Crystal Bowl

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Crystal Bowl was the site for the annual Grundy Center USBC City Tournament January 20-29, 2017. Men and women bowlers competed in team, doubles, singles and an all-events competition.

On the women's side the Granny & Gals team consisting of Kyla Bryant, Sharon Ash, Susan DeVries and Shelly Luiken finished first with a score of 2,534. The Miller Time team finished second with a score of 2,376, and the GNB Insurance team finished third with 2,356. Eight sets of women competed in the doubles format with Danielle Latwesen & Britny Eberline scoring 1,282 to win. They were followed by the teams of Susan Halbach & DeAnn Eilers in second and Kyla Bryant and Sharon Ash in third with scores of 1,279 and 1,184 respectively. The singles portion was won by Staci Kruger who shot a very good score of 667. Second place went to Britny Eberline (665), followed by Eunice Riesberg (645) and Cinda Vogt (641). The all-events title was won by Cinda Vogt, who shot a nine game, handicapped total of 1,894. Other top performers in the all events portion were Britny Eberline (1,867) and Eunice Riesberg (1,855). The women had seven scratch series over 525 and seven women rolled nine single game scores of 200 and above.

For the men, Grandview Heights captured the crown with a score of 3,065. Team members are Craig Koonce, Jay Flater, Dennis Westerman, Dave Robeson and Matt Wikert. The Jesco Welding and the Tuesday Crystal Bowl teams finished second and third with scores of 2,989 and 2,976. Twenty-two sets of doubles took aim at the championship with the father/son duo of Harvin Rust and Joel Rust claiming the title with a score of 1,311. Joel started his third game with 9 strikes before he missed, finishing with a 265. Denny Kannegieter and Jeremiah Johnson paired up to finish one pin behind Harv and Joel with a 1310 which was good for second place. Jesse Huisman and Mike Weldon finished in third with a 1302. Richard Riesberg



All Events – Cinda Vogt



Men's Team – Craig Koonce, Dave Robeson, Matt Wikert, Jay Flater, Dennis Westerman



Men's All Events – Dave Robeson



Singles – Staci Kruger



Women's Team – Kyla Bryant, Susan DeVries, Shelly Luiken, Sharon Ash



Men's Singles – Richard Riesberg

won the Singles competition with a score of 692. He was followed by Steve Jessup (676), Nathan Sealman (650), Bob Getting (642), and Ryan Meester (641). The All Events list was led by Dave Robeson with a nine game handicap total of 1,992. He was followed closely by Richard Riesberg (1,924), Judd Lyons (1,892), and Bob Getting (1,889). There were six scratch series greater than 600 and sixteen games over 220.

The tournament committee would like to thank Jason Appel and his staff for their hard work in providing an outstanding opportunity to compete during the tournament. For more information, or if you're interested in joining a league, contact the Association at 825-3643.



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