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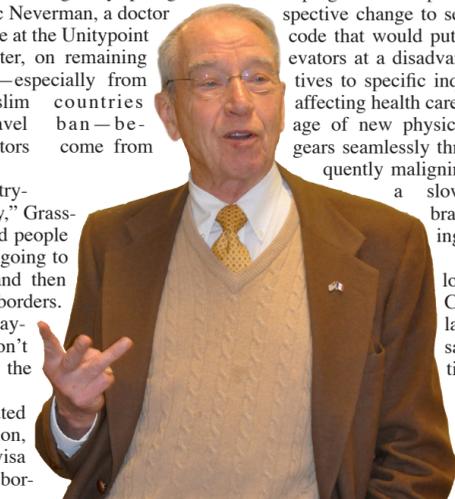
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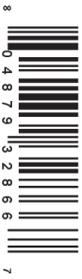
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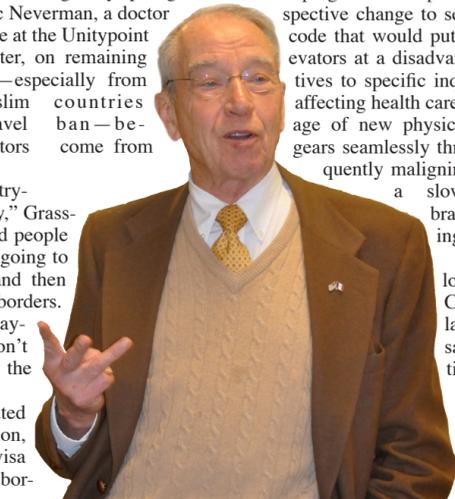
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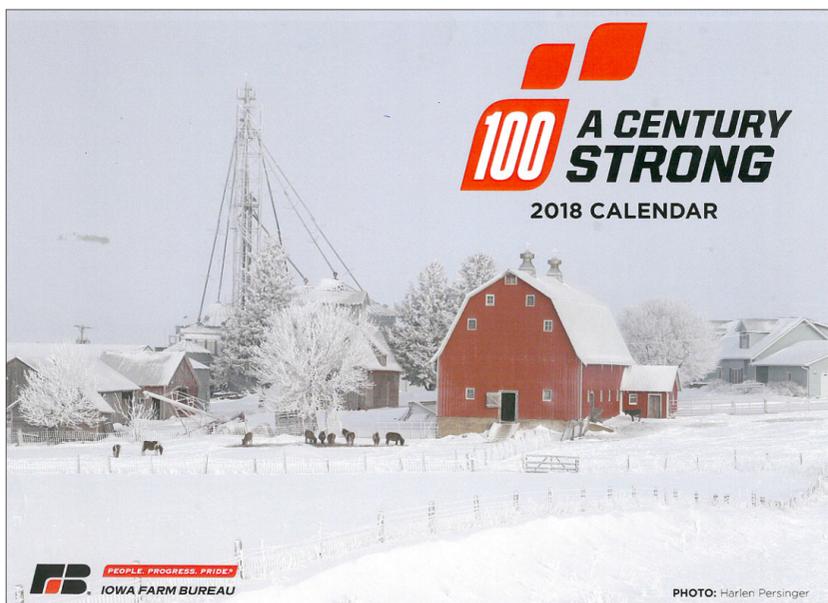


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"It's imperative we continue to do what we do best, which is listen to our members and give them the opportunity for input," Heitz said. "We have to engage the numbers, and make sure the

process continues into the future, because that's how we're going to continue our success for another 100 years."



Shown above is a photo of a local farm, captured by Harlen Persinger, which was chosen for the cover of the Farm Bureau's Centennial Calendar.

Area native has special connection to Farm Bureau past

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
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GRUNDY CENTER – For one area native, Harlen Persinger, the Grundy County Farm Bureau Centennial Celebration this year holds a special significance.

Persinger's grandfather, W.D. Miller, was a charter member of the GCFB when it was founded in 1918, and his father, Francis Persinger, was a longtime member and President back in the 1950s.

"My family has always been involved in the farm bureau," Harlen said. "My dad was a huge spokesman for the cause, and he was a strong representative for the Grundy County land, people and heritage."

So when Harlen, a photojournalist specializing in the area of agriculture, heard the Grundy County Farm Bureau was holding a photo contest for their Centennial Calendar, he jumped at the chance to submit some of his work as an ode to his Farm Bureau heritage.

Harlen says he was leaving his family farmhouse outside of Grundy Center one wintery morning, when he snapped a



Here is another photo captured by Harlen Persinger, which is featured inside the same calendar.

picture of his neighbor's snowy farmstead. He submitted the photo, which landed on the front page of the GCFB's Centennial Calendar.

"I just thought it was a really special thing to have my photo on the front of the Farm Bureau's Centennial Calendar," Harlen said. "It's kind of a nod to my father and my grandfather, who were so involved with the Farm

Bureau over the last 100 years. I'm very proud of my farming heritage, and I think my father and grandfather would be proud to see where the organization is today. I think they would be glad to know it's in good hands, and that it's still a strong and viable voice for agriculture. As far as me having a photo on the front of the Centennial Calendar, I think they'd just smile."



The Pork Tornadoes (pictured) of Cedar Falls are this year's headlining act at Felix Grundy Festival in Grundy Center. The committee recently unveiled the selection on social media. (Photo from the band's website)

Felix Grundy Days nabs Pork Tornadoes as headlining act

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GRUNDY CENTER- The Felix Grundy Days committee has booked one of the most popular cover bands in Iowa for this year's festival, and according to chairwoman Mindy Greany, the Cedar Falls-based Pork Tornadoes are indicative of a larger push to attract more patrons to the downtown area in early July.

"In order for us to keep having great festivals, we have to keep bringing in bigger, better bands for Saturday night," she said. "If we keep improving our Saturday night entertainment, we can keep making Felix better each year."

The band—comprised of Mason Greve, Cory Talbot, Mike Schulte, Brent Estlund,

Jerry Lorenson and Trevor Polk—has been a fixture on the summer festival circuit over the last few years and played shows at venues like Sturgis Falls, Wooly's in Des Moines, Whiskey Jack's in Madison, Wisconsin, and the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids. They've played private parties as far away as San Francisco and Long Beach, California, in March.

"We had a lot of people request (the Pork Tornadoes) last year, and we tried to get them. But they were booked," Greany said.

Last year, up-and-coming country singer Cody Hicks headlined Felix Grundy, and the committee has continued to push for well-known acts that

will draw visitors from both inside and outside of town. While they may never reach the stature of Waterloo's Irish Fest or Sturgis Falls in Cedar Falls, the people behind the festival are doing everything they can to make Felix Grundy one of the best small town events around.

"Obviously we want to be like Cedar Falls and Waterloo, but I don't think we're ever going to get there," Greany said. "We're trying to make it bigger and better, but it's going to take baby steps to get there. We can't do everything in one year."

The band will play on Saturday, July 7, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and there will be a \$10 cover charge. For more information on the band, visit www.porktornadoes.com.

Supervisors hear more budget requests, consider land acquisition

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
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GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy County Board of Supervisors heard requests from a total of eight departments and went into executive session to discuss a potential land acquisition for conservation during a lengthy meeting on Monday morning.

The fair board was the only group to ask for a major increase in contribution from the county, requesting a total of \$62,000 (\$13,000 more than the usual \$49,000). Last year, the board received \$59,000 on the understanding that it was a one-time deal for facilities upgrades.

"This is sort of jumping over that yet," Supervisor Barb Smith said. "I just want us all to be aware of what conditions were placed upon (last year's increase)."

Kyle Dudden and Jared Gutknecht, who spoke on behalf of the fair board, envisioned broader usage of the fairgrounds, a busier county fair and some major capital improvements in the coming years.

"I don't know if we'll ever be Jones County... but I think we can be a lot better than Franklin or Butler or any of the counties that do more than we do now," Gutknecht said. "We have some of the best facilities in the state, and we're wanting to utilize them better."

It was also mentioned that

the fairgrounds could be a potential rest spot if Grundy Center is chosen as a stop on this year's RAGBRAI route, which will be officially announced on February 15. Gutknecht and Dudden also hope to host events both before and after the fair this summer, including a figure eight race in June.

"We're looking forward to a very busy, good and hopefully very profitable year for the fair," Dudden said.

New county Veterans Affairs Director Janetta Miller-Buck outlined some of her efforts earlier in the meeting, and she received approval to attend a re-time training in Reno, Nevada, at a total cost of \$1,600. She also plans to start a Facebook page and use new avenues to reach out to local veterans.

Sheriff Rick Penning asked the board about projections for the increases in law enforcement contracts with all of the communities in the county besides Grundy Center that do not have their own departments. He noted that the city of Reinbeck had cut its budget by 10 percent last year and did not wish to see the trend continue.

"Just going back to what we get with (IT/GIS Director) Don (Kampman), we either pay it, or we go without," Board chairman Jim Ross said. "And I think that's what needs to be conveyed to the cities."

Kampman reported cost in-

creases due to a contract with Tyler Technologies and technology upgrades, and County Sanitarian Carrie Sager said her overall budget would be similar to past years except for the re-codification expected to occur. Cara Ferch of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NE3IA) requested \$3,213 (one dollar for each senior in the county), and in past years, the board has contributed \$3,000. County engineer Gary Mauer requested a total of \$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2019, up from \$1,670,000 in fy2018. Conservation Director Kevin Williams requested an overall increase of just under \$400 in county tax askings, and he told the board that the potential land acquisition, which was not disclosed outside of the executive session, could take up most of the conservation trust and REAP grant money (around \$350,000). The session lasted around 30 minutes and included Williams, his employees and two members of the conservation board.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved contract documents with Aspro, Inc. of Waterloo for the T55/D53 paving projects.
- Approved the county treasurer's December 31, 2017, investment report.

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He's been officiating for 25 years (23 of those in college), with four years in the BIG, four bowls and a conference championship game under his belt—not to mention working an Arena Football League crew in the offseason. But Stumberg is always learning and absorbing the game to help him stay sharp while he's on the field.

"There's no ceiling. There are always opportunities to learn and grow to get better," he said. "That applies to officiating as with just about anything else. You're always looking for opportunities to make sure you're at the right place at the right time, whether it's rules, knowledge. ... Film study is huge in this day and age, and just watching football as much as you can."

The Friday before the game, Stumberg arrived in Atlanta with his wife Heather, where they enjoyed sightseeing throughout the weekend and a formal dinner with CFP personnel on Saturday night.

"But Monday was all business," Stumberg said.

Game day

The morning of January 8 started with an 8 a.m. breakfast, followed by a pregame officials meeting. From there, members of the 12-man crew were more or less on their own prior to a 4 p.m. departure time for Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The center judge is a relatively new position on the field (first added four years ago), and as Stumberg explained, he's responsible for handling substitutions in a manner that's fair to both teams.

"Teams on offense were starting to gain an advantage where they'd substitute personnel and snap the ball prior to the defense getting an opportunity to match up from a personnel standpoint," he said. "The rules committee recognized that issue and felt an eighth official was necessary to help with substitutions and controlling the pace to make it fair."

Stumberg's post is typically just outside of where a tight end would line up at the line of scrimmage, about 12 to 14 yards back from the offensive line. In addition to pace-of-play responsibilities, Stumberg keeps an eye on penalties (most commonly holding) occurring on the offensive line.

The 26-23 overtime thriller between the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs took social media by storm as Alabama pulled off a remarkable comeback—overcoming a 13-point half-time deficit—to capture the national title. If the jitters got to Stumberg, he never showed it.

"I don't know if you'll ever find or meet another person that's as even keeled as he is. I think I was probably more nervous for him than he was," said Jeff Carson, an Iowa Conference referee from Grundy Center who attended the championship game. "I don't think he was that way at all."

Despite the maelstrom of sound that accompanies any football game between bitter SEC rivals—cranked up to 11 with a national title at stake—Stumberg managed to tune it

all out once he blew the opening whistle.

"Your experience and knowledge kicks in. It takes over," he said. "You stay focused on your keys and your mechanics, and you tend to block out all the other noise."

Though Stumberg kept it strictly professional while he was on the clock, he can't deny how surreal it all felt—and how lucky he was to get the call.

"It's an experience of a lifetime, no question," he said. "Everybody wants to work it, but not everyone gets the chance. ... The stars really have to align. It's like winning the lottery, and I'm very thankful and humble. ... It's a culmination of a lot of small successes and victories that led to a big accomplishment, and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

A proud family

Before Stumberg climbed the ranks to become a high-level collegiate referee, he was a star on the gridiron at Grundy Center High School and an all-American at Central College in Pella, competing for a Division III national championship in 1988. Brown, the "godfather" of the local officiating contingent that represents two Power Five leagues, the Missouri Valley and the Iowa Conference, identified him as a perfect candidate for the profession early on, and his intuition most certainly proved to be accurate.

"I was able to vouch for Mike and get him into the Iowa Conference, and he continued to do well there," Brown said. "Within a few years, Mike was in the Gateway (now the Missouri Valley)... He proved it as a player, and now he's proving it as an official."

And when it came time to make the trip down to Georgia, two local members of Stumberg's officiating family—Carson and Lebo—went along for the ride, taking in the contest as neutral observers and "fans of football," in Carson's words.

"I was watching the officials more than the game," he said. "It was interesting to see the swing of emotions from both sides, from the Alabama fans and the Georgia fans."

The Grundy gang, which includes Stumberg, Brown, Brown's son Pat II, Lebo, Dustin Lutterman and Carson, among others, is famous for weekly film studies and a near religious devotion to quizzing each other and staying up on the rules. So when one of their own reached the pinnacle, they felt a shared sense of hometown pride.

"Whatever Mike does, he does it at a very high level," Brown said. "He's earned whatever he's gotten."

No one who knows Stumberg well is surprised by his ascent, and with the way things are going, it wouldn't be shocking if he calls another championship before it's all said and done. Actually, it could happen in 2018: the Arena season kicks off soon, and Stumberg, Carson and Lebo are all on a crew together.

"It'd be pretty neat for him to get two titles in one year, and I know he'll rise to the occasion again," Lebo said.

Grassley

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head to the Supreme Court and could potentially force online retailers to pay the same sales taxes as their brick and mortar counterparts.

"There's a real feeling that that 1990 decision (which established the current law) will be overturned, and that'll solve it," he said. "It's very difficult to solve this issue through the political process."

He went on to argue that the recent tax overhaul would provide relief to Main Street businesses by lowering the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey's nomination to a federal post with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been delayed due to an ideological conflict over ethanol with GOP Senator and former presidential candidate Ted Cruz (R-Texas), a staunch proponent of petroleum and opponent of the Renewable Fuel Standard. Because Northey is up for re-election to his current post in 2018, Grassley hopes a decision can be made soon, but he isn't holding his breath.

"I didn't get any business done with (Cruz), and that's all I can tell you. I'm very disappointed," Grassley said. "There's no debate about (Northey). The debate is about something entirely different."

Bob Johanns of GNB Bank rehashed a topic near and dear to those in his profession: taxing credit unions. Grassley, however, countered that the only time he ever heard about it one way or the other was from bankers associations seeking to advance their own interests.

"I don't think anything is going to happen until we get it elevated in the debate in Washington to more than twice a year," the Senator said. "The only time the issue has come up to me is when bankers come in (and say

tax credit unions, and the only time it comes up the opposite way is when credit unions come in... I keep telling the bankers, if you want to tax credit unions, you've got to make a bigger issue out of it."

After the main event, Grassley, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, fielded questions from *The Grundy Register* on an investigation of the infamous Steele dossier and how it relates to the larger inquiry into contact between the Trump campaign and Russian officials during the 2016 election.

Grassley has contended that Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer who compiled the report in conjunction with Fusion GPS and the Democratic National Committee, may have lied to the FBI—although Grassley said he was not sure if he was allowed to disclose what Steele specifically lied about—and pushed back against allegations of concocting a political sideshow meant to distract from the larger investigation, which has already sacked Trump's former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn and former campaign manager Paul Manafort.

"You follow the facts, and the facts eventually followed us to a point where you find out that it's connected with Fusion GPS. And they hired Steele, and then eventually you find out that the Democrats paid Fusion GPS," Grassley said. "I'm being accused of doing (the investigation) to divert attention from Russia and Trump, but it's just where the facts lead you... If (Steele) did lie, it seems to me to be the same situation we had with Flynn."

The judiciary committee is set to meet with Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and a key advisor, sometime in the near future for a hearing that will center on a June 16, 2016 meeting with Russian officials at Trump Tower in New York City.

Grassley: GOP presidents held to different standards

By ROBERT MAHARRY

The Grundy Register

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Senator Charles Grassley held a conference call with Iowa reporters on Tuesday afternoon—just over a day after visiting the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center—and bemoaned what he saw as a double standard in the way Republican and Democratic presidents are evaluated.

Responding to a question regarding a town hall meeting in Logan, Iowa, where patrons repeatedly pressed him on President Trump's behavior and mental stability for office, Grassley pointed to 1964 GOP nominee Barry Goldwater, who lost to Lyndon Baines Johnson in the general election, as the first example of unfair, unwarranted criticisms lobbed specifically at one party.

"When Goldwater was a candidate, they had 100 psychiatrists sign a letter that he wasn't mentally fit, and there were a lot of questions about (Ronald) Reagan's ability," he said. "And now it's come over to this president. How come it's only Republicans that have to answer these questions and never Democrats?"

Grassley, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, also addressed a disagreement between he and ranking Dem-

ocrat Dianne Feinstein of California over whether Christopher Steele's testimony to the FBI on the infamous dossier he compiled in the run-up to the 2016 election—claiming extensive ties between Trump and Russia—should be released to the public.

"She shouldn't release something without consulting me, but that's water over the dam now," he said.

He added that the FBI will continue to investigate Steele for possibly lying to the agency and could press criminal charges, but Grassley declined to elaborate on what laws may have been broken or what the former British intelligence officer allegedly lied about.

"We're going to have to wait for the FBI to tell us that, and that could take a while," Grassley said.

Other discussion topics during the call included immigration, agricultural policy and which committees Grassley would choose to serve on should the Republicans keep control of the Senate in 2018.

Grundy Register Bulletin Board

Grundy Center

Kiwanis to host fundraiser soup supper

The Grundy Center Kiwanis Club will host a fund-raising soup supper Tuesday, January 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. before the GC vs. West Marshall Basketball Game at the Grundy Center High School Cafeteria.

The menu will include chili, wild rice/chicken soup. Brownie sundaes will be served for dessert. See advertisement elsewhere in today's paper for more details.

Proceeds from the meal will support the Kiwanis Club's projects that serve the children of our community

GCHS school groups to serve dinner fundraiser for Coaches against Cancer

The Academic Decathlon team, Robotics club, and the Grundy Center Student Senate are organizing and holding a fundraiser Pork Dinner on Jan 26th for Don Osterhaus.

This fundraiser is part of the Coaches vs. Cancer games against AGWSR. Don is currently the GC-DNH AcDec coach and is going through treatment for esophageal cancer.

Students in Robotics, AcDec, and Students Senate are selling tickets and the group plans on selling 200 tickets at the door.

The event will be held on Friday, January 26th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the High School Commons.

All proceed to directly to Don Osterhaus.

Wellsburg

Holland Creek Watershed meeting

A public meeting will be held to provide the community with more information about a new watershed plan for the Holland Creek Watershed.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wellsburg Public Library, 411 N. Adams Street in Wellsburg.

Dinner will be provided. An RSVP is not required, but is encouraged for meal count. To RSVP, contact Sue Derscheid with the Iowa Soybean Association at 515-334-1063 or by emailing sderscheid@iasoybeans.com

This event is sponsored by the Grundy Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Black Hawk Creek Water and Soil Coalition and the Iowa Soybean Association.

New Hartford

Carson family will perform gospel concert

The Carson family from rural Grundy County will be performing at the New Hartford Community Center, 303 Broadway Street, Tuesday, January 30th at 7PM.

The Carson family shares the message of Jesus Christ and His love for mankind while singing a variety of gospel selections accompanied by guitars, violin and mandolin. They have ministered at many area churches and nursing homes.

The free concert will be followed by a time of refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Call Ray Hemmer at 277-4848 with questions, especially if the weather would cause a cancellation.

NH Lions to host fundraiser breakfast

The New Hartford Lions will be hosting an omelet and all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Hartford Community Building.

There will also be a bake sale provided by the New Hartford Women's Club.

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BCLUW board approves out of state club trips

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- The BCLUW board of education unanimously approved out of state field trips for the high school art and science clubs during Monday evening's regular meeting at the high school media center.

On behalf of the Art Club, Cindy Frost will take students to the Madison, Wisconsin, area from April 27-30, and the trip will include a play, several art-related sessions around the University of Wisconsin campus and a jazz festival.

High school science teachers Anthony Jahr and Roberta Vanderah will take their club to Chicago from March 9-12.

The special education department gave its curriculum report, and athletics director Lynn Silver reported that last year, the total cost of activities was about \$4,000 more than what they took in—noting that uniforms and paying officials were among the biggest expenses.

"We'd all like to break even or make a little money, but \$4,000 for all the things the kids learn and the experiences... it's hard to say that's a bad use of

the funds," board member Brian Feldpausch said.

Silver added that the transition from Cobras to Comets at the middle school is nearly complete, and the only groups that haven't completed it are junior high volleyball and cheerleading.

According to data provided during the meeting, the overall taxable valuation of the district has increased another \$9,117,924 to \$258,148,856. Of that valuation, \$126,545,688 is located in Grundy County, \$91,287,933 is in Marshall County and the remaining \$40,315,235 is in Hardin County.

During his comments, Superintendent Ben Petty offered an outlook on the 2018 legislative session and urged board members and attendees to stay in contact with their state representatives. Supplemental state aid, education savings accounts and possible Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reform are expected to be among the most pressing issues facing public schools this year at the state-house.

Conrad council hears requests from library, daycare center

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- During a relatively brief regular meeting last Thursday evening, the Conrad city council heard budget requests from both the public library and the Wolf Creek Child-care and Preschool Center.

Library Director Sue Blythe mostly requested small increases for a total fiscal year 2019 budget of \$135,285—up from \$132,260 in fy2018. City administrator Lori Stansberry proposed a relatively large change in the library's insurance expenditures, which would go from \$7,149 to \$8,100 (a 13.3 percent increase), and the allocation for building maintenance would increase by 33 percent (from \$3,000 to \$4,000) under the new budget. On the other hand, spending for the summer rec program and telephone usage would both decrease by at least 20 percent for fy2019.

Jane Katzer spoke on behalf of the daycare, which received \$65,000 in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds for fy2018. She acknowledged the difficult realities of operating a commu-

nity childcare center in the modern era: Wolf Creek is competing against at least nine in-home providers locally. Currently, its student numbers are only at about half of the capacity of 77.

In addition, the facility has endured other struggles with flooding, a rapid succession of directors and the sudden departure of former director Dana Brown in 2017 amidst child abuse allegations.

"We had to get things under control when we lost Dana cold turkey last spring," Katzer said. "I feel a vested interest in this organization."

Katzer reported that the center collected \$114,200 in tuition in fiscal year 2018, and she was "optimistically" predicting that it would increase to \$130,000 this year. Wages paid for this year totaled \$113,000, and the total for fundraising in fy2017 was \$5,500.

The council unanimously approved an internal advance of \$100,000 from the general fund to cover a deficit ensuring the city will have it in time for an audit.

Conrad City audit released

Dennis P. Donovan, PC released an agreed-upon procedures report on the City of Conrad, Iowa for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa.

Donovan recommended the City establish procedures to maximize internal control, investigate alternatives to eliminate deficit fund balances

and ensure debt payments are made timely and from the proper funds. In addition, the City should also comply with the Code of Iowa regarding closed session documentation and budget amendments.

A copy of the agreed-upon procedures report is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/index.html>.

Hiawatha man charged with fondling minors in Conrad

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- A Hiawatha man has been arrested on a Grundy County warrant and charged with two separate felony counts of Lascivious Acts with a Child stemming from alleged incidents of inappropriately touching two young females in Conrad last May.

According to the criminal complaint filed by the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, Charles Robert Williams, age 44, performed one of the acts at the BCLUW Elementary School playground on the afternoon of May 13 around 3:00 p.m. and another at a home in Conrad during the same time frame. The report goes on to allege that he fondled the genitals of the victims, both under the age of 12.

Williams is no stranger to the criminal justice system, as he's been involved in at least nine felony cases in Linn County (five of which have been dismissed or closed without details available) and convicted of multiple controlled substance violations. He's also been found guilty of Assault, Interference with Official Acts and habitually driving while barred. In July, he was charged with Indecent Contact with a Child in Linn



Charles Robert Williams

County, and court records show that the alleged offense there occurred on the same day as the Conrad incidents.

Grundy County Sheriff Rick Penning told *The Grundy Register* that he was not sure of the connection between Williams and this area.

"We just know he was there for a very short time," he said.

A warrant for the defendant's arrest was issued in November, and he was apprehended earlier this month. On January 2, Williams posted a \$20,000 bond while being held in the Linn County Correctional Facility, and his Grundy County warrant was served on January 8. A trial date has not yet been set.

Colo-NESCO, BCLUW to raise money for Ubbens

During Saturday night's nonconference game between Colo-NESCO and BCLUW in Colo, the competing teams will join together to host a Blue Out in memory of Darla Ubben, the late Chamber-Main Street Executive Director and the mother of Comet sophomore Madison

Ubben.

The night will also include a fundraiser, and all proceeds will benefit the Darla Ubben Memorial Garden project in Conrad. The varsity girls game begins at 3:30 p.m., and varsity boys will start at 5:00.

Dike council appoints city officials, approves soil boring test

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

DIKE - During their monthly meeting last week, the Dike City Council appointed a num-

ber of individuals to different positions with the city.

Among the appointments were: Gary Jones as city attorney; Lindsay Nielsen as city clerk; Ann Hilliard as deputy clerk; and Chad Cutsforth as mayor pro-tem.

The council also took the first step forward for the possible new Fire Station, when council members voted unanimously to approve a soil boring test at the site of the possible construction.

Council members agreed to accept a quote from Chosen Valley Testing for \$1850 to do the soil boring test.

As the council continues to discuss the project, more information will be provided to the public. There is an informational meeting planned for members of the community on Monday, February 5th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Dike City Hall.

The meeting comes almost exactly a month before the bond referendum on Tuesday, March 6th, when voters in Dike will go to the polls to decide whether or not the city should construct the new Fire Station.

Obituaries

Richard "Dick" Herter

Richard "Dick" Herter, 75, of Parkersburg died January 9, 2018, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. Services were held January 13 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Waterloo with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls. Military honors were conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 Honor Guard. Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, assisted the family. Memorials may be directed to Christian Crusaders or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.



He was born May 11, 1942, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, son of Henry and Emilie (Brookins) Herter. He married Ivadean Haskenhoff on July 6, 1963, in Hawkeye.

He graduated from Calumet High School in 1960, and served in the US Navy during the Cold War Era. He was a Journeyman Wireman with IBEW Local 288 and then a delivery driver for Varsity Cleaners, retiring in 2005. He was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church; a lifetime member of the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 and past Commander of the United States Submarine Veterans Iowa Base.

He is survived by his wife of Parkersburg; a daughter, Erika (Mike) Horstmann of West Des Moines; two sons, Jeffrey (Barbara) of Wilton and Jason (Angi) of Iowa Falls; six grandchildren: Raymond and Sheila Horstmann, Marvin and Lydia Herter, Emilie and Kielinn Herter; a sister, Jacquelyn Williamson of Manteno, IL; and a brother, Kenneth Herter of Beecher, IL.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; a brother-in-law, James Williamson; and a sister-in-law, Geri Herter.

Barbara Tranbarger

Barbara Evelyn Tranbarger, 94, of Conrad passed away December 27, 2017, at Oakview Nursing Home in Conrad and under the care of Hospice Compassus. Memorial services for Barb were held January 5 at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the family. For more information or to send a condolence, please visit www.mitchellfh.com.



Barbara Loverin was born on January 27, 1923, at the home in rural Grundy County to Leonard and Bessie Freed Loverin. She graduated from Conrad High School in 1941. That year was very special to her, as she was later baptized on December 21st of that year. On November 4, 1944, Barb was united in marriage to Jon "JT" Tranbarger in Amarillo, Texas. On December 27, 1953, nine years after they were married, adopted a brother and a sister, Leonard, age five and Jaclyn, age four. This date was already very special to the family but now will also be celebrated as the month and the date that Barb went home to be with JT. Barb was a homemaker, farm wife and grandmother, which she said was the greatest thing in life. She was a charter member of the Conrad Legion. Barb enjoyed embroidering, needle point, cooking and reading and was a devoted farm wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Barb is survived by her children, Leonard and Jaclyn; as well as four grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Jon; parents Leonard and Bessie; as well as siblings Dora Stambaugh and Richard Loverin.

Michael Joseph Stephan

Michael J. Stephan, 61, of Reinbeck died unexpectedly January 16, 2018, in Reinbeck. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 19 at French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck, Iowa. Burial will follow at the Reinbeck Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 at French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck. Messages of condolence may be directed to the Stephan family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

Channel 13 Meteorologist Ed Wilson Headlines Hospital Fundraiser

GRUNDY CENTER - A sunny forecast is in the works for the eleventh annual Gala & Auction to benefit the Grundy County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Grundy Center native and WHO TV meteorologist Ed Wilson will emcee the Saturday, February 3 event at the Grundy Center Community Center. Tickets are now on sale for the evening, which includes a social hour, dinner, raffle, and auction. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Grundy Community Center, with the goal of raising funds to support equipment needs in the hospital's Therapy, Cardiac Rehabilitation, and Radiology departments.

Guests in attendance will have the opportunity to bid on specialty Live Auction packages including LASIK Eye Surgery from Wolfe Eye Clinic, eight tickets in a suite for a Minnesota Vikings preseason game courtesy of FCS, and a 5-night stay in a Daytona Beach condo provided by Joseph and Cher McMonigle.



Ed Wilson

"The Gala is an opportunity for community members to join the effort to help maintain first rate health care locally. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and it helps the hospital provide the big and little things that add up to great patient care," says Foundation event coordinator Erin Schildroth. "Businesses have been generous with Auction items, and there is a great variety of packages to bid on. Plus, our volunteer committee of Kelly Dinsdale, Kate Durbin, Rhonda Samo, Cindy Simms and Deb Wentzien is planning a fun evening based on this year's 'Sparkle and Twang' theme," says Schildroth. Tickets are available until January 22 by contacting Schildroth at GCMH_Foundation@unity-point.org or phoning 319-824-4147.

Silent Auction items were on display in the hospital lobby for bidding beginning January 23. A complete list of auction items may be also found on the hospital's website, www.grundycountyhospital.org.

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Memory Lane

*A look back through The Grundy Register
Compiled by Michaela Kendall*

10 Years Ago This Week - 2008

Jason Rich sat at the front of Trinity Wesleyan Church, guitar in hand, belting out his own lyrics as he strummed his acoustic guitar. His voice echoed through the pews and across the room, filling the church with the sounds of Christian contemporary music. It's only been a year and a half since the Dike native first began his journey as a musical artist, but already his resume includes two albums, countless live performances, and soon to be an appearance on the highest rated television show in the United States -American Idol. But to Rich, American Idol was just a steppingstone. Rich, accompanied at Trinity on Tuesday by three former band members, was preparing for his debut as a solo artist. He plans to continue touring and making live performances as he awaits the release of his first solo album: I Am Waiting. And although Rich had seen some success as a member of the Christian Contemporary band Greenhill, it wasn't until he auditioned for American Idol that he believes things started to really change. Rich auditioned in August in Omaha, Neb. in front of Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, two of the three main judges for the show. Although Rich's manager Justin Bartlett did not want the results of the contest released until after it aired (which began Tuesday and runs through Feb. 13 on Fox), Rich talked about what was going on in his head. Rich said once he got going his confidence grew, but at times it was nerve-racking. "In the back of my mind I'm thinking 'what is going on? I'm not supposed to be here. These are the people you see on TV everyday and they're able to hear what I'm saying."

25 Years Ago This Week - 1993

The Family Health Center, located at 902 1st Street, Grundy Center, will host a Grand Opening and Dedication on Saturday, January 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Center, located on the west side of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital, has recently completed extensive renovations and will offer tours to the public, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Renovations include the installation of an elevator just inside the entrance, a provision needed in order to comply with new federal ADA requirements. Also included in the renovations were new carpeting, new drywall and paint, and reupholstered furniture and exam tables. The renovations, totaling approximately \$100,000, were paid for through the hospital's Foundation and a \$30,000 donation from Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo. The Center hosts a waiting room with seating for a dozen patients, 11 examination rooms and one special procedure room. The Grundy Center Community School, in cooperation with Hawkeye Community College, is offering an adult education class on the effective use of home video cameras. Beginning Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m., the class will meet in the high school IMC for four consecutive Thursdays. Cost for the sessions is \$16.80. The instructor is Ron Swanson.

Ol' man winter made his return to Grundy County Monday evening, dumping a fresh blanket of snow over the county. The snow is expected to continue through Wednesday, with snow accumulations totaling 6"-12" according to forecasters.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1968

Three Grundy County school districts, four municipal governments and a handful of other local tax supporting bodies - including Grundy County itself - have more than \$36,000 at stake in the outcome of the County Treasurer Paul Bettenga's tax fight with the Chicago and North Western Railway Company. But also at stake is an important principle: should a delinquent railroad be treated like any other taxpayer? The stake is \$28,608 in taxes owed by C&NW for the last half of 1963, and all of 1964, and the first half of 1965 - plus another \$7,792 in penalties accrued since October 1, 1966. But the railroad refuses to pay the penalty. Treasurer Bettenga is just as stubborn in refusing a single penny from C&NW unless it also pays the penalty. "Chicago and North Western is being treated like any other taxpayer," Bettenga states.

The Grundy Center Recreation Commission will sponsor a family ice skating party this Friday night at the rink at the south end of the high school baseball diamond. Music will be furnished by the Rec Commission and there will be a bonfire to help keep skaters warm. Adults and their families are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1943

George Finger, a private in the American Army in the Southwest Pacific and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Finger of Pleasant Valley township, was killed in action against the Japs in New Guinea on December 15th. The family of the young soldier received a message on Saturday from the war department at Washington announcing his death and expressing regret for the bad news which the message contained. Private George Finger was inducted into the army through the selective draft on the 4th of January of last year. He was supposed to have left January 1, but due to the blizzard we had that day, he was notified that he was not to leave. The rest of the group he was to have left with went to Fort Des Moines January 3. George went the following day. He left alone. That was just the beginning of his bad luck. He received his basic thirteen weeks' training at Camp Roberts, Calif., where he was quarantined nearly all that time. Because of the quarantine, George had but one pass as long as he was in the army in the U.S. As soon as their training there was over, his division was sent to Australia. From there they went to New Guinea - into the battlefield. George was a crack rifleman, as his friends with whom he went hunting quite often before the war will remember. George Finger was born on a Pleasant Valley township farm and spent all of his life there until, he was called into the army. He was born during the First World War on March 20, 1918.



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**My Three Cents Worth
The sound and the fury**

"That is one last thing to remember: writers are always selling somebody out." - Joan Didion



By **ROB MAHARRY**

A few months back, I wrote a column about the death of literacy in America and how the President of the United States, who can't be bothered to decipher one page briefs and has probably never made it through a whole book other than his own, sets an example for the rest of us with his willful ignorance. Well, sometimes, you've got to give credit where credit is due, and today, it's time for me to eat crow. Donald Trump has made reading *Great Again*.

Fire and Fury, Michael Wolff's controversial new "insider account" of a year at the White House, is not entirely - or even partially - factual in the same way that *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72* wasn't. The writer has a historically loose relationship with accurate journalism, and it's becoming increasingly evident that large portions of the book are imagined, based on unconfirmed secondhand stories or drawn from some caricatured fantasy of this administration's perceived ineptitude.

If Wolff owes anyone a cut of the stratospheric royalty checks he's about to pull in, it's Donald Trump. He's a marketing genius, and the minute he threatened to sue Simon and Schuster for libel in hopes of blocking its publication, the Orange Wonder sent sales through the roof. Online booksellers are running out of copies faster than local pharmacies are selling out of Tamiflu, and amidst massive cutbacks and closures at brick and mortar stores like Barnes and Noble, this may just be the boon they need to stay afloat. Once again, the president is saving American jobs!

Now for the hard part: does a book like this have to be 100 percent veracious to be important, enjoyable (or disheartening, depending on your perspective) and suitable for widespread distribution? The subject of the story himself has never really cared for facts, and in a post-truth society, who needs them?

I haven't read *Fire and Fury* yet, but most of the reviews provide a description of Trump that isn't exactly new: he's an insane narcissist desperate for approval, he's far and away the most intellectually lazy president ever, he never really planned on getting elected in the first place, and like an addict who can't put the needle down, he's still watching cable news constantly despite so openly proclaiming his hatred for it.

Salacious bits - including modern day Rasputin Steve Bannon's claim that meetings with Russian officials were "treasonous" - arise here and there, and the well-publicized rift between the erstwhile top advisor and Jarvank is fleshed out in great detail. But let's ask ourselves an honest question: is any of this really all that shocking? If you're a Trump supporter, anything you read in the press is Fake News (*The Grundy Register* included), and some new hotshot writer coming along with another scandalous expose is going to do about as much to change your mind as an angry PETA member cat-erwauling that you really should think about exchanging the bacon cheeseburger in your hand for a tofu patty. The PR blitz is already on to discredit Wolff, reiterate how sane and competent The Donald really is (a very stable genius, as he described himself) and ask THE LAMESTREAM MEDIA why it can't just give him a chance to *Make America Great Again*.

The author knows he's preaching to the converted, and with the president's approval ratings hovering somewhere around 30 percent, he can lay claim to a sizable audience. On a deeper level, it may just be his way of throwing Trump's tactics back in his face: if you don't like someone, make things up about them and see what sticks - it could lead you to the highest office in America.

With forlorn dispatches from the White House portraying a decimated, despondent man-baby staying in bed until 11:00 a.m. and privately fuming about pretty much everyone (in the fashion of fictional kindred spirits MacBeth and Michael Corleone, nearly all of

Trump's original inner circle is gone), it's tempting to feel a bit of sympathy for him.

But when you remember that a professional con man who used to do cameo appearances on "Sex and the City" and spends more paying off "actresses" for their silence than most of us bring home in a year now fancies himself the spokesman for the "Duck Dynasty" voting bloc - or that the same man makes Richard Nixon look like Mahatma Gandhi and built his entire presidential run on a falsehood about his predecessor's birthplace (that s***hole continent, no less), viciously sharing the lie with anyone willing to listen - you realize what Wolff was really trying to teach us all along: *Donald Trump doesn't deserve a fair shake.*

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

Jane Harper, former Tipton County, Indiana commissioner, recently penned an editorial admitting deep regret for signing documents for the construction of an industrial scale wind energy project there. She acknowledged that wind energy projects cover a large geographical area and affect numerous citizens and wind projects cannot be treated the same way as other projects that are confined to a few acres and affect fewer people. "Protection of neighboring property values and enhancing the livability of your residents are the primary objectives of the zoning ordinance and are of paramount importance to the overall 'general welfare' of your county. In this case, you have many property owners affected by 'spinning skyscrapers' and their welfare should be prioritized over the deprivation of a few property owners' land use for financial gain." http://www.pharostribune.com/opinion/columns/article_9575ea76-5364-514c-b541-943730e47444.html

Nebraska Senator Tom Brewer calls wind energy "a scam that hurts people and animals, wastes billions in tax dollars and isn't 'green' energy by any definition of the term. Many industries in the U.S. receive some kind of government subsidy, but the wind energy industry is 100 percent reliant on subsidies. Americans are being asked to pay for two energy systems, one that produces wind energy and the second that delivers reliable electricity." http://www.starherald.com/opinion/brewer-wind-energy-is-not-nebraska-nice/article_e74b7428-0cc4-55bb-bd1d-ad7197cd9ce1.html His office is flooded everyday by emails, phone calls, and letters from people across the country. They are fed up with the onslaught of wind energy projects.

For the past 25 years, American taxpayers have been subsidizing wind-power production through the 1992 Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Consolidated Appropriations Act. Even Warren Buffett admitted, "We get a tax credit if we build lots of wind farms. That's the only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the credit."

It's time Iowa's elected officials get their heads out of the sand and stop promoting the wind industry charade that cost ratepayers and taxpayers billions in subsidies for the financial gain of a few. Kim Junker, New Hartford

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January	12	7	-6	0.00
January	13	6	-6	0.00
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Our heartfelt thank you to the community of Grundy Center for all of the expressions of sympathy our family has received since the death of our mother and grandmother, Mardene Wilson, of Dysart. We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares.
Dave, Sue, Nathan, Jordan, and Landon Graham

Area students receives degrees from ISU

AMES - At Iowa State University's fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 15-16, 2017, 2,286 graduates received degrees. Iowa State awarded 1,887 undergraduate degrees, 276 master's degrees, and 123 doctor of philosophy degrees.

Conrad: Chad Frazer, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business

Dustin Reed, Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering
Liscomb: Lucas Schmitt, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Reinbeck: Tanner Greiner, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business, Cum Laude

News from Ivester

DIRECTORY

Last call for getting changes to our secretary for our church directory. Please check your cell phone number, as well as your adult children's information.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, January 28 for potluck following worship service at 10:30 am. Dessert will be provided. This is our All Church Birthday Party to celebrate everyone's birthdays for the year. Our techy persons have prepared movies of church events and celebrations from the past to enjoy.

P.E.O meeting held

Members of Chapter AR, P.E.O. gathered at the home of Judy Fernow on Saturday morning, January 13, 2018 for a regular meeting at 9:30 am. Jean Garaventa and Marci Rouse assisted with the serving. Jackie Stevens presented an inspiring program on the value of education and the Project Funds available to young women to further their education.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the home of Janelle Onnen.

KIWANIS SOUP SUPPER
January 23 • 5:00 - 7:00
GC High School Cafeteria
Chili & Wild Rice/Chicken Brownie Sundaes
\$7.00, Children under 10: \$3.00

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

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

The following information was received about the photo that ran in the Jan 4th Grundy Register: From Chuck Kruse & Mrs. Clifford Parker both from Conrad: From left to right Van Putten Myne Morries and C.A. Morris, County Superintendent of Schools. Someone also said that the man on the left side is Glen Dieken. From Marylian Casey,

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.



Spring Valley, Mn.: The first person is Rev Gerber Van Putten. I am not sure but think the lady is Miss Maggie Gray and the other gentleman is Dr. W. McDowell. Rev Van Putten was the First Presbyterian minister from 1948 to 1957. I think this picture was from when he was installed as minister.

From Maxine Engelkes: The picture shows Rev. Gerben Van Putten (First Presbyterian Church minister) on the left, Minnie Morris (Mrs. C.A.) in the middle and possibly Dr. Mol. I think Mrs. Morris and Dr. Mol were First Pres members and may have been having a "chat" with the minister.

ISU Fall Dean's List announced

AMES — Approximately 9,575 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2017 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

Beaman: Charles R. Neff, 4, Chemical Engineering
Conrad: Anna Rose Dinsmore, 2, Psychology; Kate Nicole Goecke, 2, Pre-Business; Joshua Michael Myers, 3, Marketing; Bailey Coleen Nash, 4, Geology; Rebecca Sue Steckelberg, 4, Agricultural and Life Sciences Education
Dike: Katie Jo Camarata, 1, Pre-Business; Tessa R. Dall, 4, Materials Engineering; Trevor Mitchell Dumler, 2, Pre-Business; Katie Ann Nielsen, 3, Accounting; Michael L. Parker, 4, Forestry; Nathan L. Sharp, 1, Public Relations

Grundy Center: Madison Wyatt Beenken, 4, Mathematics; Kaitlynn Marie Ehrig, 2, Interior Design; Waylon Sternhagen, 4, Accounting; Alexa Marie Strickler, 2, Pre-Business
Holland: Abby Marie Hockemeyer, 2, Agricultural Studies; Victoria Noelle Vollema, 4, Kinesiology and Health
Reinbeck: Jeffrey Alan Tschertcher, 4, Industrial Engineering
Wellsburg: Carson L. Lutterman, 4, Criminal Justice Studies; Reagan Joseph Rieken, 4, Agricultural Studies; Sophie Marie Stahl, 2, Elementary Education

Dike News

Dates for Dike

Thursday, January 18
BB at w Fork Sheffield
Ha wrestling at dike
Jh be girls at Aplington boys at NH

Friday, January 19
BB at Dike
Jh wrestling at NH

Saturday, January 20
His wrestling at alburnet
District speech large group

Sunday, January 21
Local church services
Meistersingers at Wartburg

Monday, January 22
Meistersingers singers

Tuesday, January 23
BB at A-P

Wednesday, January 24
Early dismissal

Birthdays

Thursday, January 18: Darwin cannegieter

Friday, January 19: Kurt Walters, Florence Jones, Christa Lotts, Sue truck

Saturday, January 20: Byron Miller, Klayton Kruger

Sunday, January 21: Naomi Wardell

Tuesday, January 23: Ivan Hummel

Wednesday, January 24: Donna Kopriva, Tigh bakker, Steven chapman

Thursday, January 25: Randy Dodd



Palermo 4-H meeting held
Ariana Dirx sharing her painting and Evelyn Geerdes finishing her CO2 Clover share at Palermo 4-H meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Friday January 19 • Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room GCMH Christmas Party, Wilts Room
- Saturday January 20 • Grundy Comm. Center – Mast, Wilts Room
- Monday January 22 • 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 January 23 • Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Wednesday January 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
- Thursday January 25 • Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Council Chambers Heartland Co-op, Wilts and Legion Room

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

Friday, January 19 — Turkey Breast, Turkey Gravy, Mashed Red Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Oranges, Margarine

Monday, January 22 — Lemon Pepper Fish, Mashed Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Tartar Sauce, Margarine

Tuesday, January 23 — Beef Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fresh Banana, Margarine

Wednesday, January 24 — BBQ Pork, Confetti Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hamburger Bun, Hot Sliced Peaches

Thursday, January 25 — Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Roasted Potato Medley, Sliced Carrots, Pie

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



To celebrate 80th birthday

In celebration of Kay England's 80th birthday, her family will honor her at an open house Sunday January 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center. Cards only.

CENTER THEATRE'S Reel-to-Reel

Beginning on Friday, January 19 at 7 p.m. will be comedy/sequel *Pitch Perfect 3*, starring Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow, Elizabeth Banks and Hannah Fairlight. This movie is rated PG-13 for language, running approximately 95 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the family/true story *The Greatest Showman*, starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams and Zendaya. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 110 minutes in length.

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

Now graduated from college and out in the real world where it takes more than a cappella to get by, the Bellas return in *Pitch Perfect 3*, the next chapter in the beloved series that has become a global box office sensation. After the highs of winning the World Championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, this group of awesome nerds will come together to make some music, and some questionable decisions, one last time. *Pitch Perfect 3* stars Grundy Center native Hannah Fairlight as singer Veracity, along with Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow and Elizabeth Banks. Don't miss the humor and fun this week at the Center Theatre! *The Greatest Showman* is inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum and Baily Circus in 1881 and the lives of its star attractions. This new bold and original family movie celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. Inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum, *The Greatest Showman* tells the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. *The Greatest Showman* contains music from Academy Award® winners Benj Pasek and Justin Paul and stars Academy Award nominee Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Academy Award nominee Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya. 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.

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•Type: Comedy/Sequel•
•PG-13 (Language) • 95 mins•
7:30 P.M. - The Greatest Showman
• Type: Family/True Story•
• PG • 110 mins •
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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
WARD RICHARD, JR
January 21 from 2-5 pm
405 C Avenue in Grundy Center, IA

Grassley Q & A: Census of Agriculture

Question: What is the USDA's Census of Agriculture?

Answer: Since 1840, the Census of Agriculture has collected and compiled data provided by the nation's farmers, ranchers and food producers to get an accurate snapshot of American agriculture. The information is used to shape public policy, plan economic development and identify infrastructure needs in rural America. Conducted every five years, it is important for farm families, producers and landowners to participate in the survey conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service so that your farm and your voice counts. In fact, farm operations of all sizes are canvassed and individuals are required by law to fill out and submit census forms via postal mail or by completing the online survey by the February 5, 2018 deadline. As Iowa's U.S. Senator, I make every effort to listen and address concerns of family farmers and independent producers. As a lifelong family farmer, I bring unique perspective to the policymaking tables about the risks and rewards of earning a living off the land. From my leadership platforms in the U.S. Senate, I serve as an outspoken advocate for Rural America and production agriculture. From strengthening risk management tools, to negotiating global trade agreements vital to farm exports, seeking proper enforcement of anti-trust laws, fostering competition in the marketplace and expanding homegrown renewable energy, I also shape health care, tax and spending policies that matter to the quality and way of life

in Rural America. As Iowa's elected representative, your voice matters to me and I want to make sure it counts in the Census of Agriculture. So, it's very important that every Iowa farming operation is counted. The census informs policymakers and private enterprise when making decisions affecting rural development, such as broadband technology, lending and transportation services available in your neck of the woods. From beginning farmers to fourth-generation landowners, the census counts those who plant, grow, harvest and market the food, fuel, feed and fiber essential to America's food, energy and national security. As fewer Americans have a direct link to those who grow the food that graces our tables and produces the biofuels we pump into our vehicles, the Census of Agriculture produces data-rich content to help raise awareness about the contributions American agriculture makes to our economy and society. More than three million farm operations in the United States should have received the census in the mail in December. The questionnaire comes with a 17-digit survey code (needed for online access) and a return envelope for completing the census in writing. All information is kept confidential, protected by federal law. The USDA encourages respondents to take advantage of the user-friendly online survey to save time and ensure data quality. To complete the survey online, go to www.agcounts.usda.gov.

Question: What kind of in-

formation is collected?

Answer: The Census of Agriculture collects comprehensive information from farming operations of all sizes, crops and commodities, in every state and county in the country. From ranches with livestock and dairy herds, to row crops and horticulture, including fruits, vegetables and flowers, the census counts all U.S. farms and ranches and those who operate them. Gathering information every five years gives an accurate baseline of America's farm management practices, productivity and financial health. Remember, the census documents this data to help shape public policies important to the future of American agriculture and livelihoods for farm families for years to come. For example, data is used to help determine how federal dollars are spent in farm programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. EQIP provides financial assistance for farmers to implement voluntary conservation practices on their land that help improve soil, water and air quality. The data insights provided by the census will help both row crop and livestock farmers. In addition to government and community planners, the agriculture supply chain uses the updated information to make strategic business decisions that affect producers and consumers. For more information, or to track down a lost or misplaced form, call the USDA toll free (888) 424-7828.

Local students enjoy Foundation grants in the Music room



The Grundy Center Elementary Music room and its students are the proud new owners of a brand new Gathering Drum, thanks to the generous support of the Grundy Center Community School Foundation.

The Gathering Drum is a large drum, forty inches in diameter, that allows for an entire group of students to sit around the drum and explore the basic building block of music through a rhythmic group experience. Students, especially the youngest, can create, respond, and perform rhythmic activities in music successfully as a group, without needing to "manage" individual drums.

Lynn Kleiner, a nationally

known expert on young musicians says "This bonding experience creates a feeling of community as vibrations surround the little musicians. Timing and coordination improve and creativity is fostered."

During the 2017-18 school year, the Transitional Kindergarten class is receiving formal musical instruction three times a week. Mrs. Geselle Steenhoek, the Grundy Center Elementary's music teacher has been very pleased with the Gathering Drum as a powerful and effective tool to use with these small musicians. The TK students are beyond excited each time they get to work with the Gathering Drum.

When Mrs. Steenhoek asked the class what they thought about the Gathering Drum and what they liked about it, here are some of the responses enthusiastically given: "It's all sparkly and awesome!" "I like the picture of the animals on the inside." "I like the great big sound it can make!" "I like to keep the beat on our drum." "When you bang it, I can feel the sound in my tummy." "It's so nice of the people to get it for us."

Mrs. Steenhoek and the students are grateful to the Grundy Center Community School Foundation for their generous support.

AREA SERVICES *Please join us in worship!*

<p>ALBION</p> <p>Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 8:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>APLINGTON</p> <p>Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>BANGOR</p> <p>Bangor Liberty Friends Church Matt Bishop, Pastor office@blfchurch.org Sundays 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship</p> <p>BEAMAN</p> <p>United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>CONRAD</p> <p>Alice Church of God Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-849-7473 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 7 p.m., Bible Study</p> <p>Blue Collar Community Church 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9: a.m., Sunday Worship</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>United Methodist Church The Rev. Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship</p> <p>DIKE</p> <p>Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC) 705 1st Street 319-989-2141 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evening Praise Service</p> <p>United Methodist Church Dan Ridnour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>GRUNDY CENTER</p> <p>American Lutheran Church Luther Thoresen, Pastor 319-824-3557 www.alcgc.org Sundays 8:45 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Worship service</p> <p>Bethany Presbyterian Church Al Polito, Pastor 319-824-5471 Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship Time Wednesdays 4:15 p.m., J.A.M. Youth program with meal</p> <p>First Baptist Church (GARBC) Nathan Barkley, Pastor 319-824-3324 www.fbcgrundy.com office@fbcgrundy.com Sundays 9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group 10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., AWANA 7 p.m., Youth Group</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church 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 1800 G Avenue, Grundy Center 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org 9:15 a.m. services 10:45 a.m. services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during both services</p> <p>United Methodist Church Jerry R. Miller, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Celebration Wednesdays 5:15 p.m., Worship on Wednesday Meal - Wednesday School-Confirmation 6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship</p> <p>HOLLAND</p> <p>Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (includes children's sermon, nursery available ages 0-3) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service</p>	<p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church Rev. Rick Vollema 319-346-1090 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>IVESTER</p> <p>Ivester Church of the Brethren Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Potluck</p> <p>LINCOLN</p> <p>Salem Church of Lincoln The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>LISCOMB</p> <p>Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>MARSHALLTOWN</p> <p>Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA Sundays</p> <p>8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum</p> <p>Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium</p> <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>St. Henry Catholic Church Father Don Czapla Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses</p>	<p>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>First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>PARKERSBURG</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Reformed Church of Stout Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors 319-346-1487 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>REINBECK</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>UNION</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church Roger Crawford, Pastor Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Church Service 6:45 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens</p> <p>Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship</p> <p>WELLSBURG</p> <p>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>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 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service</p> <p>United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Worries 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>WHITTEN</p> <p>Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>
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Thoughtfulness



"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
—Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

The simple act of thinking about the needs and desires of others is often the seed of charity, compassion and mercy. Compassion depends on our ability to put ourselves in someone else's place and imagine what it would be like to be them. We often use the word "thoughtful" without really thinking about what it means. To be thoughtful really means to use your imagination and to try to see things from the other person's perspective. We often think we are being thoughtful when we are just doing for the other person what we would want done, but to be truly thoughtful you should try to do for the other person what he or she would want done. People are not all the same. Some like things quiet and simple while others crave noise and excitement. Treating someone to dinner at your favorite restaurant is nice for you, but treating them to dinner at their favorite restaurant is nicer for them. Some like to be the center of attention while others shun the limelight. In our ongoing quest to be more loving and compassionate to others, we should strive to imagine more fully what it is like to be the people with whom we share this world. God created each one of us a unique creature, and with seven billion different people on the planet, that gives us a lot to think about.
— Christopher Simon

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PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeffery E. Fordyce, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102198 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeffery E. Fordyce Deceased, who died on or about June 16, 2017: You are hereby notified that on January 9, 2018, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on January 9, 2018

Stephanie Fordyce Administrator of the Estate 2020 Plainview St. Waterloo, IA 50707

Judith R. Benson, ICIS # AT120000484 Attorney for the Administrator Correll, Sheerer, Benson, Engels, Galles & Demro, P.L.C. 411 Main St., P.O. Box 842 Cedar Falls, IA 50613-0040 GR3-2

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joe Giannetto, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102193 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Joe Giannetto, Deceased, who died on or about 26th day of November, 2017: You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of December, 2017, the last will and testament of Joe Giannetto, deceased, bearing date of the 8th day of May, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Shannon Clark and Carrie Baier was appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 9th day of December, 2017.

Shannon Clark 32892 260th Street Reibneck, IA 50669 Carrie Baier 605 Parkridge Ave Huxley, IA 50124 Executors of estate

Robert J. Weiss Attorney for the Executors 106B South 1st Avenue Marshalltown, IA 50158 Date of second publication 25th day of January, 2018. GR3-2

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Barbara Tranbarger, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR102199 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara Tranbarger, Deceased, who died on or about 27th day of December, 2017: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of January, 2018, the last will and testament of Barbara Tranbarger, deceased, bearing date of the 31st day of July, 2002, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Leonard J. Tranbarger and Jaclyn A. Stolzman were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 10th day of January, 2018.

Leonard J. Tranbarger 32730 G Avenue Conrad, IA 50621 Jaclyn A. Stolzman P.O. Box 224 Conrad, IA 50621 Co-Executors of estate

Heronimus, Schmidt, Allen, Schroeder & Geer Attorneys for executor 630 G Avenue, Box 365 Grundy Center, IA 50638 Date of second publication 25th day of January, 2018. GR3-2

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRUNDY CENTER

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Steff, and Hamann. Absent: Miller. Steff moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried three ayes. Steff moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held December 18, 2017; approval of the December 2017 bills list; and approval of the December 2017 Treasurer Report. Motion carried three ayes. CLAIMS REPORT VENDOR REFERENCE AMOUNT ADMIN. PETTY CASH, POSTAGE34.27 ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC, COPIER CONTRACT.....237.97 ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS, PARTIAL SELF FUNDING.....1127.56 AFLAC, PREMIUMS.....193.38 AG SOURCE LABORATORIES, TESTING.....1821.50 AIRGAS USA, SUPPLIES.....358.90 ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....231.83 BEV APPEL, REFUND.....8.85 AXA EQUITABLE, DEFERRED COMP.....200.00 AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., SUPPLIES/ CONTRACT.....2974.98 DANIEL BANGASSER, TELEPHONE.....39.95 BANKERS TRUST COMPAN. 2014A GO BOND - AQUATIC CENTER...21558.00 BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, SIGNS.....50.28 BERGLAND + CRAM,CDBG GRANT.....54000.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UTILITIES.....2797.06 BMC AGGREGATES L.C, SAND/SALT MIX.....870.98 KIM BOREN, SERVICES.....400.00 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MEDS.....394.76 BROTHERS MARKET, SUPPLIES46.53 CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, FUEL.....3367.05 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, SUPPLIES.....203.80 CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT, GARNISHMENT.....60.00 RICK COLSON, REFUND.....14.85 CORNFED DESIGNS, SUPPLIES65.00 CRAIGS VAC SHOP, REPAIRS.....28.00 DATA SUPPORT CO, SUPPLIES213.60 DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC, SUPPLIES.....255.39 DEARBORN NATIONAL, PREMIUMS.....104.00 ELECTRIC SUPPLY-MARSHALLTOW, SUPPLIES.....235.09 ENERGY SALES INC., PARTS.....87.00 FOX ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, SERVICES.....932.25 FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW, TIRES & SERVICE.....700.00 DOUGLAS FROST, BOOTS.....57.23 DAVE GRAHAM, REFUND.....17.45 GREENBELT BANK & TRUST, TIF REBATE.....1500.00 GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE.....442.83 GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES, UTILITIES.....7977.44 GRUNDY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, FLU SHOTS.....210.00 HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CORP, SERVICES.....170.00 HEARTLAND CO-OP, FUEL.....955.99 JESSE HUISMAN, SUPPLIES.....41.73 IA CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT, CHILD SUPPORT.....33.78

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FED/ FICA TAX.....19369.19 I.U.P.A.T., DUES- PPM.....233.80 IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRAINING.....512.17 COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, CASE #814995.....469.00 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, GARNISHMENT.....8.61 IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR, INSPECTIONS.....80.00 IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SANITARY SEWER GO BOND.....11678.02 IOWA ONE CALL, FAXES.....47.70 IOWA RADIANT ELECTRIC HEAT,INC, PARTS.....13.28 IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES, WATER.....23250.24 IPERS, CONTRIBUTIONS.....12537.40 CHAD JENSEN, REFUND.....14.85 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES.....328.36 PHIL JOHNSON, REFUND.....14.85 KARR LLC, SUPPLIES.....456.66 KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, SERVICES.....37.50 KONKEN ELECTRIC, REPAIRS 983.67 L-3 COM MOBILE VISION, INC, REPAIRS.....72.00 MANLY DRUG STORE, MEDS.....633.66 SAM MARTENS, REFUND.....6.25 PATTY MARTENS, REFUND.....14.85 MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR, PUBLISHING.....535.65 ROBERT MUNSON, REFUND.....6.25 NAPA AUTO PARTS, PARTS.....350.55 NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS, SUPPLIES.....15.29 BOB NOVAK, REFUND.....14.85 PD AIR SYSTEMS, PARTS.....360.00 PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO, COLLECTIONS.....4051.13 PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SERVICES.....79.00 POLK'S LOCK SERVICE INC, KEYS.....99.00 PRECISION LAWN CARE, SERVICES.....1974.67 RC SYSTEMS, PAGERS.....1155.00 REC GRUNDY COUNTY, UTILITIES.....156.44 KRISTY SAWYER, SUPPLIES.....59.92 SCOTTY'S SANITATION, SERVICES.....16249.17 SHAVER, KIMBERLY, REFUND.....12.25 SHIELD PEST CONTROL, SERVICES.....63.00 SPANGENBURG PLBG, HTG, SUPPLIES.....174.35 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATE TAXES.....3002.00 STOREY KENWORTHY, SUPPLIES.....239.86 T & T COMPUTERS, SERVER REPAIR.....80.00 TENDER LAWN CARE, SERVICES.....2187.50 TRANS-IOWA EQUIPMENT, INC, REPAIRS.....127.89 TREASURER-STATE OF IA, SALES TAX.....3563.00 UNIFIRST CORPORATION, SERVICES.....538.58 US CELLULAR, TELEPHONE.....94.08 VERIZON, SERVICES.....80.02 VISA, SUPPLIES.....1822.33 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B.S, PREMIUMS.....22741.17 WERTJES UNIFORMS, UNIFORMS.....159.00 JASON WILSON, REFUND.....8.85 WINDSTREAM IOWA, TELEPHONE.....14.60 PAYROLL CHECKS.....61302.30 PAID TOTAL.....303928.72 December 2017 Expenditures per fund:

General: \$65950; Road Use Tax: \$4971; Employee Benefits: \$19309; Local Option Sales Tax: \$17070; TIF Fund: \$1500; Library Gift Trust: \$2036; Debt Service Fund: \$21558; Continuing Projects Total: \$54000; Water Fund: \$35070; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$25576; Sewer Sinking Fund: \$11678; Sanitation Fund: \$20434; Ambulance Fund: \$42985; Storm Sewer Fund: \$3220; Total: \$325358. December 2017 Revenues per fund: General : \$66922; Road Use Tax: \$27103; Employee Benefits Fund: \$12615 Emergency Fund: \$1328; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$17070; TIF Fund: \$10587; Community Better Fund: \$8535; Equipment Reserve- Public Works: \$ 512; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$1447; Police Reserve Fund: \$1065; Library Gift Trust: \$578; Ambulance Gift Fund: \$50; Debt Service Fund: \$17829; Continuing Projects Fund: \$3500; Water Fund: \$45588; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$27374; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6850; Sanitation Fund: \$21600; Ambulance Fund: \$39690; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$151; Storm Sewer: \$3980; Total: \$34374. Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:31 p.m. Lisa Bienfang, Main Street Grundy Center Director, introduced herself as the new director. Bienfang commented on her background and experience she has with Main Street programs. Public forum closed at 6:35pm. Mayor Kiewiet introduced Janis Slater, Dennis Donovan, CPA auditor. Slater gave presentation on the fiscal year 2017 Annual Audit. Audit is available at City Hall if anyone is interested in looking at it. Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2018-01, a resolution authorizing the fire department roster. Motion carried three ayes. Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-02, a resolution designating The Grundy Register as our official newspaper for 2018. No discussion. Motion carried three ayes. Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action to approve the following appointment for one year terms ending December 31, 2018: Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director; Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk/ Treasurer; Doug Frost, Chief of Police; Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief; Seth Schroeder, City Attorney; David Steff, Mayor Pro Tem; Dwight Gilem, Ambulance Chief; and Jerry Smith, Zoning Administrator. No discussion. Motion carried three ayes. Hamann moved and Steff seconded action to approve to fill the vacant council seat with term ending December 31, 2019 by appointment at our January 22, 2018 council meeting. Mayor Kiewiet commented that he has asked Amanda Grineski. Motion carried three ayes. Finance Committee commented the fiscal year 2019 budget work papers are coming together. Public Safety Committee commented that the wooden flag hanging outside the police department was donated by Jenna Bonorden, GCHS student. Public Works Committee commented on having two water main breaks and snow removal and Fox Engineering has given some dates to meet. Steff moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion carried three ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30pm. Al Kiewiet, Mayor Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk GR3-1

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF DIKE

January 11, 2018 The Dike City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7 PM with Mayor Soppe presiding. Council present: Chad Cutsforth, Sam Kollasch, Chris Bakken, Nick Cleveland and Luke Osterhaus. Also in attendance: Shane Metz, Lindsay Nielsen, Ashley Beninga, Curt Smeins, Marv Geiken and Zeb Stanbrough. Consent Agenda – Motion by Cutsforth to approve the following on the consent agenda: Sheriff's report, library report, approval of minutes as presented and delinquent utility bills. Seconded by Cleveland. All Ayes. Carried. Fire Report – The department had seven ambulance calls, two car accidents and one fire. Fire Dept. Building Project – A quote from Chosen Valley Testing for \$1850 to do the soil boring test on the site for the possible new building was presented. Osterhaus introduced Resolution #01101803, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING TO DO THE SOIL BORING TESTING FOR \$1850 FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION. Seconded by Cleveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cutsforth, Kollasch, Bakken, Cleveland and Osterhaus. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #01101803, duly adopted. Health Insurance – There was discussion on changing the health insurance benefits for the city employees. A motion by Cutsforth to keep health insurance coverage as is with 100% coverage for employee and family, also contributing 70% to H.S.A. accounts and reevaluate when wage increase time comes around. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried. Liquor License – A motion by Cutsforth to approve the renewal of Slice Entertainment liquor license. Seconded by Cleveland. All Ayes. Carried. Pay estimate – Cutsforth introduced Resolution #01101802, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAY ESTIMATE TO WRH, INC FOR \$132,121.25 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT. Seconded by Cleveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cutsforth, Kollasch, Bakken, Cleveland and Osterhaus. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #01101802, duly adopted. Appointments – A motion by Cleveland to appoint Peoples Savings Bank as official bank. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried. A motion by Cutsforth to appoint Gary Jones as city attorney. Seconded

by Cleveland. All Ayes. Carried. A motion by Cutsforth to appoint the Grundy Register as official newspaper. Seconded by Bakken. Four Ayes, One Nay. Carried. A motion by Cleveland to appoint Lindsay Nielsen as city clerk. Seconded by Cutsforth. All Ayes. Carried. A motion by Osterhaus to appoint Ann Hilliard as deputy clerk. Seconded by Cutsforth. All Ayes. Carried. A motion by Cleveland to appoint Chad Cutsforth as mayor pro tem. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried. Superintendents Report – Per Shansie still having a little trouble with the sewer line on Fox Ridge Road area, he is continuing to watch and will look into options. A motion by Cutsforth to allow Shane to attend training in Des Moines in February. Seconded by Kollasch. All Ayes. Carried. Motion by Cleveland to approve the bills to be paid. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried. Mayor Comments – City employee performance evaluations will be coming soon. The fields2fields will be having a dedication for the complex this spring and official date to come. Adjourn – Motion by Cleveland to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried. Michael Soppe, Mayor ATTEST: Lindsay Nielsen, City Clerk Claims Report Vendor Reference Amount Advanced Systems, Copier.....142.95 Ann Hilliard, Dec Mileage To Bank.....8.56 Baker & Taylor, Books.....405.98 Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility, December Gas Bill.....1049.94 Brown Supply Co, Endloader Repair.....190 Centurylink, Phone/Internet.....676.33 City Of Dike, Electric Bill.....2,859.66 Demco, Books/Library Supplies.....124.15 Internal Revenue Service, Fed/Fica Tax.....4355.6 The Flower Farm, Flowers.....35 Forbin, Computer/Internet Work.....267.5 Grundy County Sheriff, Sheriff Contract.....6,165.08 Robert Heerkes, Hsa- City Contr 421.15 Shane Metz Jr, Hsa- City Contr.....478.24 Lindsay Nielsen, Hsa- City Contr 447.65 Ipers, Ipers.....3,044.67 Kwik Trip Inc, Fuel Maint Dept.....49.96 Mediacom, Fire Dept Internet.....261.25 Menards, Dump Truck Repair.....30.43 Michael Soppe, Cell Phone Reimbursement.....164.94

Mid-America Publishing Corp, Mtg Minutes/.....169.13 Physician's Claims Company, Ambulance Billing.....352.5 Quill Corporation, Office Supplies.....81.32 Rite Environmental, December Garbage Pickup.....3,621.75 Rite Environmental, Recycling Bill.....1,088.25 Sandry Fire Supply, Compressor For Air-tanks.....110.2 State Bank, Trees Forever Account.....10 Iowa Dept Of Revenue, state Taxes.....755 Ubben Building Supplies, Bags/Battery/Bolts.....72.37 US Cellular, Cell Phone Fire Dept.....85.89 Wal-Mart Community Brc, Books/Dvd/Razzledazzle.....706.29 Xerox Financial Services, Copier Contract.....142.18 Shane Metz, Hsa- City Contr.....272.64 Imwca, Workers Comp Ins. Premium.....1,115.00 Wellmark Blue Cross And Blue, Health Insurance Premiums.....3632.29 Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc, Water Bill.....8,540.64 Wells Fargo Bank N.a, Water Investment.....600 Kwik Trip Inc, Fuel Maint Dept.....334.77 Dike Post Office, January Utility Bills.....150.28 John Weber, Sludge Removal.....2,000.46 Wells Fargo Bank N.a., Water Investment.....600 Konken Electric Inc, Lift Station Set Pole.....392.71 Manatt's Inc, Concrete For Lift Station.....839.06 Power Line Supply, Wire Wvwp.....307.5 Testamerica Laboratories Inc, Wvwp Testing.....479.85 Denver Underground & Grading, Wvwp Payestimate 3 Sewer Proj.....37,508.25 Wrh, Inc, Wvwp Pay Estimate 8 Payment.....409,486.90 Alliant Energy, Street Lights Bill.....271.54 Konken Electric Inc, Lift Station Set Pole.....27.73 Power Line Supply, Wire Wvwp.....755.52 Grundy County R.e.c., Electric Bill.....54,419.80 Ia Dept Of Revenue, Sales Tax Expense.....1,814.00 Total Accounts Payable.....551,922.93 Payroll Checks.....15,614.17 Paid Total.....567,537.10 Report Total.....567,537.10 GR3-1

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF CONRAD

Jan 11, 2018 The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 01-11-18 in the Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Todd Schnathorst, Peg Brown, Diane Miller and John Dinsmore. Brad Murty was absent. Also in attendance: Lori Stansberry - City Administrator/ Clerk, various department representatives and a member of the press. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Brown and seconded by Miller. Council member Schnathorst moved and seconded by Brown, to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes from the Dec 14, 2017 council meeting; clerk's Dec 2017 financial reports, payment of claims totaling \$70,663.73, liquor license renewal for Casey's General Store and approve the Annual Examination Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. Motion approved 4-0. The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department and B-CERT. Advantage Admin, benefits.....606.66 Airgas USA, tank rental.....97.50 Alliant, utilities.....5,769.71 Arnold Motor Supply, supplies.....320.63 Bank of America, supplies/ fuel/compressor/printer.....2,212.34 803.18.....1,490.79 Casey's, fuel.....216.67 58.00.....180.00 Conrad Auto Supply, supplies.....1,340.88 Conrad Hardware, supplies.....2.16 Crop Production, diesel.....404.43.....268.04 Dave Juchems, mileage.....16.59 DEMCO, supplies.....27.49.....2,250.00.....190.00 First National Bank, Lib supplies.....443.19 Gary Heggen, vacuum.....171.15 Glamour, periodical.....18,003,960.00 Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract.....6,165.08 HDC Business Forms, supplies.....68,45104.86 Heart of Iowa, phone/internet.....445.17 Ingram Library Serv, supplies.....468.48.....3,052.11 IRS, taxes.....6,654.09 Iowa League of Cities, software.....50.00 Iowa Library Assoc., dues.....115.00 Iowa One Call, locates.....9.90 Iowa Regional Utilities, water.....8,804.85 IPERS, benefit.....2,770.74 Joann Klein, rent.....500.00 651.50.....150.00 Library Petty Cash, supplies.....163.32 23.95.....130.00 Mid-America, publishing.....107.89 Mike Walton, services.....75.00 Moler Sanitation, services.....258.79 Monkeytown, supplies.....81.96.....110.00

Moore Medical, supplies.....482.19 17.00.....120.00 Municipal Emerg Serv, fire boots1,053.00.....118.14 Municipal Supply, water meters 3,218.50.....300.00 People Weekly, periodical.....118.26 171.79.....196.24 School Library Journal, periodical 136.99.....53.50 Sign Creations, decals.....110.00 State of Iowa, state tax.....2,475.00 Taste of Home, periodical.....19.98 Test America, lab.....696.15 Time, periodical.....35.00 Todd Geer, legal services retainer.....1,500.00 Toyne, Inc, fire truck parts.....548.74 U.S. Bank, copier lease.....203.15 Totals Claims.....\$ 70,663.73 Dec 2017 receipts per fund: General \$17,825; Road Use Tax \$11,097; Employee Benefits \$2,838; Local Option Sales Tax \$6,886, TIF \$8,773; Debt Service \$6,471; Water \$1,581; Sewer \$1,596 and Storm Water \$128. Total \$57,195. Dec 2017 expenditures per fund: General \$28,152; RUT \$6,531 Employee Benefits \$2,350; Local Option Sales Tax \$5,417; TIF \$69,688; Debt Service \$64,604; Fire Station \$1,816; Water \$16,667; Sewer \$16,252 and Storm Water \$-2,004. Total \$209,473. Departmental budget presentations were given by the following: Amy Drummer gave the overview on the library budget noting which items had increased and decreased. Overall the asking from the City for operations was an increase of 2.93% to \$104,761. The Mayor, Council and public are invited to their 10 year open house on Jan 28 from 1 to 4 pm. Jane Katzer gave an overview of the budget for the Wolf Creek Child Care Center. They receive \$65,000 per fiscal year from the City. She discussed how they came up with the budget and that the Center is trying to get more attendees which directly impact both the revenues and expenditures of their budget. USDA is paid off in 2038. Brown approved and Miller seconded the motion to approve Resolution #02018-01 for an internal loan to the Water Fund from the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000. Motion approved 4-0. Schnathorst made a motion and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. Jeff Martin, Mayor Lori Stansberry, Clerk/Administrator GR3-1

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2017 City Of Conrad Annual Salary Publication Erin J Asche.....\$904.00 Abigail L Barkema.....\$1,727.50 Brad L Barkema.....\$1,142.64 Susan Blythe.....\$37,277.52 Lillauna M Bracy.....\$1,622.00 Peggy L Brown.....\$450.00 Tatum D Cacek.....\$1,198.00 Ryan J Callaway.....\$330.00 Hailey M Clemons.....\$1,184.00 Alexis R Dinsmore.....\$4,560.75 Anna R Dinsmore.....\$3,285.26 Regina R Dinsmore.....\$6,949.97 Vanessa Y Drummer.....\$1,825.20 Madison R Engle.....\$1,330.00 Taryn Gall.....\$1,208.63 Grace M Garber.....\$3,447.94 Dominick Z Gunderson.....\$4,213.38 Denise Hoy.....\$6,778.89 Olivia L Hughes.....\$394.00 Janice M Juchems.....\$1,413.00

Dawson Kitzman.....\$110.56 Nick Kitzman.....\$57,853.07 Ronald Ladehoff.....\$5,489.16 Nicole M Lutes.....\$3,244.08 Bruce Marble.....\$68,293.27 Jeff Martin.....\$1,900.00 Diane M Miller.....\$360.00 Brad Murty.....\$420.00 Alan Paxson.....\$6,053.52 Katie A Poling.....\$6,775.02 Grace C Purvis.....\$1,354.54 Todd A Schnathorst.....\$480.00 Sara C Sharp.....\$1,086.95 Jana Smith.....\$9,737.43 Lori H Stansberry.....\$47,223.75 Clark M Stevens.....\$2,998.39 Grace K Stufflebeam.....\$606.00 Katherine R Thompson.....\$354.38 Brooke K Vry.....\$284.57 Jennifer Yantis.....\$4,311.29 Total Employee Wages.....\$300,178.66 GR3-1

GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Department

CHARLES WILLIAMS, age 44, Hiawatha, was arrested December 27, 2017, by Linn county authorities on a Grundy County warrant charging him with 2 counts of LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH A CHILD. Posted bond and released. TODD ITES, age 29, Newton, was arrested December 28, 2017, at 5:00 AM at Grundy County Memorial Hospital on a Hardin County warrant charging him with PROBATION VIOLATION. Released to Hardin county authorities. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE and GRUNDY CENTER PD. PUDOLI MENDOZA-GONZALEZ, age 28, Marshalltown, was aArrested January 1 at 6:56 PM at Hwy 20 and Hwy 14 and charged with DRIVING WHILE LICENSE BARRED and DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED. Posted bond and released. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ALLAN TUCKER, age 40, Waterloo, was arrested January 3, at 8:00 AM in Wellsburg and charged with DRIVING WHILE LICENSE BARRED and 3 counts of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED. Being held in lieu of bond. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. MICHAEL TRAMPPEL, age 66, Cedar Falls, was arrested January 6 at 6:25 PM at Hwy 14 and 120th Street and charged with OWI 1st. Released on a promise to appear. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ADAM O'CLAIR, age 33, Conrad, was arrested January 7, at 8:45 AM at the Sheriff's Office on a Grundy County warrant charging him with FAILURE TO APPEAR. Being held in lieu of bond. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. A two vehicle accident occurred January 7 at 11:26 AM at Hwy 175 and T-47. MYRL KOSANKE, age 67, Grundy Center, was westbound on Hwy 175 approaching the intersection of T-47 when LAVERN WHITNEY, age 84, Grundy Center, who was eastbound on Hwy 175, attempted a U-turn at the intersection with the intention of heading back west. Whitney said he did not see Kosanke and failed to yield upon pulling into the path of Kosanke. Whitney's 2008 KIA received an estimated \$4,000 damage. Kosanke's 2003 Ford received an estimated \$2,000 damage. WHITNEY was issued a citation for FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN & YIELD RIGHT OF WAY. No injuries. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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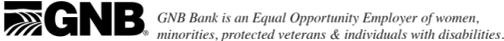
The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on January 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the NH Library for a work session with Hinde presiding and members Freese, Lotts and Tott. Nielsen was absent. Also present was administrator Hunt. There were no visitors present. The purpose of the work session was to discuss options for the upcoming bus barn project. No action was taken. Being no further business, the work session adjourned at 5:50 p.m. GR3-1

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January 15-19, 2018

Influenza on the rise



Travis K. Fischer
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As the winter season ramps up, flu season is following close behind. The number of cases of influenza saw a sharp up-tick in December as the Iowa Department of Public Health prepares for a potentially severe viral outbreak.

"In one week we have had four deaths reported to us," said Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, the State Epidemiologist and Medical Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. "We're very concerned that it's going to be a very bad flu year because of the strain that's out there."

Several strains of influenza can be found spreading across populations at any given point in time. Every year different strains of the virus are found in communities, their growth dependent on the particular strain and what kind of immunities the people have against it.

It's a never-ending challenge to stay ahead of viral outbreaks. Typically, a flu shot will protect against three or four different strains of influenza, but as soon as a vaccine is developed to stymie one strain of influenza, another strain will mutate.

"The flu virus does like to change," said Quinlisk. "It changes every year, which is why you have to get a vaccine every year."

This year's prominent strain of influenza is the A(H3N2) virus, a variant of the H1N1 "swine flu" virus that spread in 2009. In the last week of 2017, 62 cases of the virus were confirmed by the State Hygienic Laboratory. While most of the cases were found in senior citizens, all age groups have been affected.

"We know that it's a bad strain," said Quinlisk. "It's likely to make people quite ill."

Viruses themselves are not complicated creatures, consisting of little more than DNA and RNA



wrapped up in protein. In the case of influenza, the virus stays relatively inert, hitching a ride on bacteria until it comes in contact with the cells of the respiratory tract. Once inside the body, the virus latches on to these cells and injects its own genetic material, reprogramming the cell to trick it into reproducing the virus over and over until it bursts.

"Instead of doing what it's supposed to be doing for the body, it gets hijacked," said Quinlisk. "Every time these cells die, it tells the body that something is going on."

While the actions of the virus are bad enough, most of the symptoms associated with the flu are part of the body's immune system response. Once the body's immune system kicks in, white blood cells attack the infected area, but it takes time to clear out the virus, and the battle takes its toll on the host. Fluid in the lungs transports white blood cells in to fight the infection, but also causes persistent coughing. Meanwhile nasal congestion keeps additional

outside bacteria from slipping in, making it difficult to breathe in the process. Other symptoms include

sore throat, fever, headaches, and fatigue as your body fights the invading viral infection.

A(H3N2) is a serious strain of influenza that is potentially life threatening to the very young, very old, or immune compromised. Even young and healthy individuals will find themselves in for a rough week if infected.

"It's one of the few things that will take a healthy young person and put them in bed for a week," said Quinlisk.

Because the symptoms are relatively similar, most people don't distinguish between Influenza and the common cold, but the level of severity between the two are vastly different.

"If you feel fine, other than a runny nose, you do not have the flu," said Quinlisk.

Likewise, gastroenteritis, commonly referred to as the "stomach flu," is not actually the flu at all. So while your flu shot may protect you from the viral infection, it does nothing to prevent an upset stomach.

Whether it's influenza, the stomach flu, or just the common cold, basic hygiene are still the best preventive measure to keep

illness from spreading. Cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are feeling ill.

As the cold weather dries the air, it's also helpful to use a humidifier to keep your environment moist. Dry air will dry out the mucus membrane in your nose, which is the body's first line of defense against airborne illness.

Against influenza in particular, anti-viral medications need to be given as soon as symptoms develop. In a healthy adult, anti-virals can shave a day off of the recovery time, but for the elderly or very young they can mean the difference between life and death.

However prevention is still the best medication. Along with maintaining proper hygiene habits, vaccinations are an important tool for preventing serious illness and keeping the spread of the virus in check.

"I believe we have at least several more months of flu in front of us," said Quinlisk. "It's not too late to get vaccinated. If somebody were to go in now, they'd have protection for the remainder of the flu season."

6 ways to fight the flu

FAMILY FEATURES

As temperatures drop, the spread of cold and flu germs rises. Start the year off healthy and be sure to rid your home of lingering germs that may be hiding in places you don't expect.

"I always recommend the flu shot – especially when officials are predicting a harsh flu season like this year – good nutrition and plenty of sleep, but there are other healthy habits we can all develop to help keep ourselves and those around us stay healthy during cold and flu season," said Dr. Tanya Altmann, pediatrician, best-selling author and founder of Calabasas Pediatrics. "Vaccination is important, but there are other preventative measures that we should all keep in mind."

These tips from the experts at Clorox can help you prevent the spread of germs:

1. Get Vaccinated. Even though it's well into cold and flu season, it's still important to get a flu shot if you haven't already. Vaccination is the first step in flu prevention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend a yearly flu virus vaccination – even if the vaccine's efficacy fluctuates – for almost everyone six months and older.

2. Keep Hands Washed: Hands touch so many things throughout the day. It's important to wash your hands often, including after using the bathroom and before preparing or serving food. Germs can spread by touching your eyes, nose or mouth after coming in contact with a contaminated surface. Those areas are common entry points to the body for germs, so try not to touch your face or eat

until you wash your hands.

3. Stay Home if You're Sick: Even though you may not want to miss work or school, it's important to stay home to prevent the spread of illnesses to those around you. Even at home, make sure to cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue to prevent the spread of germs to your loved ones. Lastly, try your best to make good use of your time off from work or school to rest, relax, eat well and recover from illnesses.

4. Follow Health Guidelines: It's important to eat right (fill up with fresh fruit and veggies, vitamin D and probiotics), get some exercise (at least 30 minutes a day of moderate intensity) and get plenty of sleep (at least 8 hours per night) to help boost your body's ability to fight the effects of cold and flu viruses.

5. Be Aware of Your Environment: Be aware of illnesses going around in your community to take extra precautions to avoid them or to know when to seek medical attention if you do get sick.

6. Disinfect Hard Surfaces: Disinfection is a key step to help prevent the spread of cold and flu germs. The CDC recommends disinfecting frequently touched, hard surfaces, such as doorknobs, refrigerator handles, light switches and faucets, with an EPA-registered disinfectant like Clorox Disinfecting Wipes. They help kill 99.9 percent of germs that can live for up to 48 hours on hard, non-porous surfaces.

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D-NH girls extend NICL lead on Cougars

Wolverine boys maintain big first-half lead

SUMNER — Ellie Foster scored 20 points and Katie Knock scored 17 points as the Dike-New Hartford girls basketball team scored a pivotal North Iowa Cedar League East victory over Sumner-Fredericksburg in Sumner on Tuesday.

The win extended Class 2A No. 13 D-NH's lead in the conference to two games over the Cougars, who were ranked at No. 15 in 2A at the time of Tuesday's game. The Wolverines also kept a perfect run in the NICL East intact, moving to 9-0.

The Wolverines trailed 29-26 at halftime before a big second-half turnaround, including outscoring the Cougars 18-9 in the final quarter.

D-NH was 17-of-24 from the free-throw line to close out the game.

D-NH senior Baylee Petersen contributed seven points and a team-leading eight rebounds.

D-NH 14 12 12 18 — 56
S-F 15 14 9 9 — 47
D-NH-E. Foster 6 8-8 20, S. Petersen 2 2-2 6, B. Petersen 2 3-6 7, M. Weber 2 0-0 4, K. Knock 5 4-7 17, A. Aalderks 0 0-0 0, C. Dove 1 0-1 2, J. Eilderts 0 0-0 0. Totals 18-46 17-24 56.
S-F-I. Hirsch 4 0-0 9, M. Niewoehner 2 1-2 5, K. Allen 2 2-3 6, J. Brandt 3 1-4 7, C. Pagel 5 5-10 15, J. Pagel 2 1-3 5. Totals 18-48 10-22 47.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: D-NH (Knock 3); S-F (Hirsch). **Rebounds:** D-NH (B. Petersen 8); S-F 39 (Hirsch 9). **Assists:** D-NH (Foster 2, Knock 2); S-F 12. **Steals:** D-NH (Knock 3, Weber 3); S-F 3. **Blocks:** D-NH (B. Petersen, Dove); S-F 3 (C. Pagel 2). **Fouls:** D-NH 16, S-F 20. **Fouled out:** D-NH (Weber).

D-NH BOYS 73, S-F 57: The Wolverines were able to hold on to a big first-half lead in the victory in Sumner on

Tuesday.

Colton Harberts scored 24 points with seven rebounds for D-NH, with Cade Fuller adding 19 points. Tim Koop contributed nine points and a team-leading seven assists.

The win improved D-NH's conference record to 6-2 and put the Wolverines into a tie with Wapsie Valley for second place in the conference after the Warriors' loss to conference leaders Aplington-Parkersburg on Tuesday.

D-NH 19 16 23 15 — 73
S-F 9 11 21 16 — 57
D-NH-T. Koop 3 2-5 9, C. Fuller 4 10-14 19, R. Moore 1 0-0 3, I. Jorgensen 0 3-4 3, D. Sonnenberg 0 0-0 0, D. Fuller 2 4-4 8, J. Landphair 1 1-1 3, C. Harberts 11 2-3 24, O. Goos 2 0-0 4. Totals 24-36 22-31 73.

D-NH stat leaders
3-pointers: Koop, C. Fuller, Moore. **Rebounds:** Harberts 7. **Assists:** Koop 7. **Steals:** Moore 3. **Blocks:** D. Fuller. **Fouls:** D-NH 14, S-F 26. **Fouled out:** S-F (Jacobson, Olson, Schmitz).



D-NH's Jill Eilderts drives to the basket as Denver's Katie Terrill (facing) and Lila Meyer try to defend during Friday's basketball game in Dike. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

D-NH girls drop Denver

Wolverines still undefeated in NICL East

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

DIKE — Even without a true offensive rhythm, the Dike-New Hartford girls basketball team nonetheless defeated Denver, 77-53, in an NICL East clash that kept the Wolverines undefeated in conference play at 10-0.

Katie Knock led D-NH in scoring with 18 points, with Morgan Weber (17), Baylee Petersen (15) and Ellie Foster (14) all contributing double-figure point totals as well for the Wolverines, improving to 12-2 overall.

D-NH led by more than 10 points for most of the game, but with both teams racking up fouls and combining for 55 total free throws in the game, Wolverine head coach Bruce

Dall said the game never felt like it got too out of hand.

"I think we had a little hangover coming off Sumner-Fred on Tuesday," Dall said. "Then neither team has school (Thursday) and we both come here and it's like, 'we didn't practice, let's just play.'"

Though the Cyclones drained nine 3-pointers on Friday, the Wolverines persevered with superior rebounding and ball movement, with Foster accounting for eight of the Wolverines' 15 assists and Weber snagging 11 rebounds for D-NH as the Cyclones were out rebounded 39-31.

D-NH broke open what was an 8-all tie game with a 12-3 run to finish the first quarter and the Wolverines' lead was never lower than nine points for the rest of the game.

The 2A No. 13 Wolverines were 22-of-27 from the charity stripe while Denver converted 16 of 28 free-throw attempts.

"We found a way to win,

and win comfortably." Dall said. "...We're pretty healthy right now, no concerns there, and we've got a big stretch coming up next week."

Denver 11 15 12 15 — 53
D-NH 20 19 17 21 — 77

Denver-J. McMahon 3 2-2 11, L. Lyons 1 0-0 3, L. Meyer 3 2-3 8, A. Place 0 1-2 1, J. Haase 0 2-3 2, K. Terrill 1 0-2 3, S. Gehrke 0 1-2 1, K. Clinton 4 4-6 15, H. Barkau 0 3-6 3, A. Maitland 1 0-0 3, E. Larson 1 1-2 3. Totals 14-40 16-28 53.

D-NH-E. Foster 5 4-4 14, S. Petersen 2 0-1 4, A. Coulter 0 0-0 0, Rylee Wessely 1 0-0 2, C. Schipper 0 0-0 0, B. Petersen 5 4-5 15, M. Weber 3 10-12 17, K. Knock 8 1-1 18, A. Aalderks 0 0-0 0, C. Dove 2 0-0 4, J. Eilderts 0 3-4 3, S. Latwesen 0 0-0 0. Totals 26-69 22-27 77.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: Den 9 (Clinton 3, McMahon 3, three with 1); D-NH 3 (B. Petersen, Weber, Knock). **Rebounds:** Den 31 (Meyer 8); D-NH 39 (Weber 11). **Assists:** Den 9 (Place 3); D-NH 15 (Foster 8). **Steals:** Den 4 (McMahon 2); D-NH 12 (Knock 4). **Blocks:** D-NH 5 (Dove 2). **Fouls:** D-NH 17. **Fouled out:** D-NH (Weber).



D-NH's Jake Landphair tries to finesse a pass between the baseline and Denver defender Zach Miller during Friday's basketball game in Dike. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

Wolverine boys' quickness outlasts Denver

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

DIKE — In spite of some foul trouble, the Dike-New Hartford boys basketball team was held off a challenge from Denver in a 66-59 final in Dike on Friday.

Four Wolverines finished with double-digit scoring, led by Cade Fuller with 20 points, followed by Tim Koop and Colton Harberts with 12 points each and Isaac Jorgensen with 11 points.

Koop had a team-leading five assists and Harberts led the Wolverines with four rebounds, with the latter not seeing much time on the floor due to foul trouble.

Harberts and Goos had two fouls on them within seconds of each other at the end of the first quarter and neither had much playing time for the rest of the half.

That forced the Wolverines to go small in the first half, relying on quick play from Fuller, Koop and Moore while Jake Landphair, Isaac Jorgensen and Goos in limited minutes split duties underneath the basket against some of Denver's big men.

"We wanted to play fast against their height," Fuller

said. "Zach Miller's out there, he's 6-5 and we just wanted to counter that with some quickness."

The teams were tied after the third quarter but a 10-2 run near the middle of the fourth quarter helped turn the tide for the Wolverines.

Dane Fuller hit three of four free throws during that stretch, with Cade Fuller contributing five points in addition to a Jorgensen bucket off a turnover.

Phelps' fifth trey of the night got Denver within four at 63-59 with 39.3 seconds left, but Cade Fuller pushed the lead back to 64-59 on the next trip down and Denver couldn't respond, leading to Koop sealing the game with two free throws on the ensuing possession.

"We just had to work together and share the ball," Cade Fuller said. "If we work together, we can score a lot of points. We're feeling good, but we've still got a lot of work to do in the conference."

D-NH defeated Denver 74-59 on Dec. 1, but a big difference-maker for the Cyclones on Friday was Ki Jenkins, who did not play against the Wolverines late last year.

Jenkins contributed 13

points for the Cyclones. Bryce Phelps led the team with 17 points, which included five 3-pointers.

"I think our thing was just trying to sustain and get through (foul trouble)," D-NH head coach Greg Moore said. "We got some guys in extended time against Sumner earlier this week and that helped us a lot. Everyone on the floor is feeling a little bit more like themselves, the nerves are gone, and they can go out and play basketball. I think as a team they gel together and that helps a bunch, too."

Denver 9 20 15 15 — 59
D-NH 14 19 11 22 — 66

Denver-B. Phelps 6 0-0 17, B. McMahon 3 4-4 11, Z. Miller (jr.) 0 0-0 2, S. Joerger 2 4-4 8, K. Jenkins 6 1-2 13, Z. Miller (sr.) 3 2-5 8. Totals 21-51 11-15 59.

D-NH-T. Koop 3 4-4 12, C. Fuller 6 5-6 20, R. Moore 0 0-1 0, I. Jorgensen 4 3-4 11, D. Sonnenberg 0 0-0 0, D. Fuller 0 6-8 6, J. Landphair 1 0-1 2, C. Harberts 6 0-1 12, O. Goos 1 1-2 3. Totals 21-38 19-27 66.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: Den 6 (Phelps 5, McMahon); D-NH 5 (C. Fuller 3, Koop 2). **Rebounds:** Den 29 (McMahon 8); D-NH 21 (Harberts 4). **Assists:** Den 15 (Phelps 5, McMahon 5); D-NH 12 (Koop 5). **Steals:** Den 2, D-NH 6 (D. Fuller 3). **Blocks:** Den 2, D-NH 1. **Fouls:** Den 23, D-NH 20. **Fouled out:** Den (Jenkins).

BCLUW cagers sweep GMG

GARWIN — Lauren Anderson scored 22 points and hauled in 14 rebounds for the BCLUW girls basketball team in a 53-38 Comets victory over GMG on Saturday.

Madison Ubben added 16 points and Brooke Aalfs distributed four assists and blocked two shots for BCLUW.

The Comets jumped on top early, leading 16-8 after the first quarter and 30-17 at halftime.

The win brought BCLUW up to a .500 winning percentage, 7-7 overall.

BCLUW 16 14 12 11 — 53
GMG 8 9 9 12 — 38

BCLUW-K. Thompson 0 0-0 0, K. Goecke 3 0-0 8, B. Ashton 0 0-0 0, L. Garber 0 0-0 0, B. Aalfs 0 2-2 2, L. Anderson 10 2-5 22, E. Swanson 1 1-2 3, M. Ubben 6 4-5 16, L. Wilson 1 0-0 2. Totals 21-52 9-14 53.

GMG-Z. Duncan 3 0-0 6, M. Dieleman 2 0-0 5, B. Duncan 0 2-2 2, T. Novotny 1 0-0 2, M. Vaske 7 2-4 16, K. Vaverka 3 0-0 7. Totals 16-46 4-6 38.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: B (Goecke 2); G (Dieleman, Vaverka). **Rebounds:** B 33 (L. Anderson 14); G 27 (Krull 6). **Assists:** B 12 (Aalfs 4); G 6. **Steals:** B 13 (Ashton 3, Anderson 3); G 12 (Vaverka 4). **Blocks:** B 3 (Aalfs 2); G 1. **Fouls:** B 11, G 13. **Fouled out:** G (Vaske).

BCLUW BOYS 71, GMG 57: Jack Garber scored 18 points as the Comets notched their second victory of the season.

Five different Comets, including Garber, scored 10 or more points on Saturday, including Jonny Neff with 15 points, Logan Mann with 14 points and Mason Yantis with 13 points and Treye Teske contributing 11 points.

BCLUW improved to 2-11 overall. The Comets got off to a strong start, carrying a 37-28 lead into halftime.

BCLUW girls win in Eldora

ELDORA — Lauren Anderson scored 19 points as the BCLUW girls basketball team rally to defeat South Hardin 57-49 in Eldora last Tuesday.

Anderson added a pair of blocked shots and Madison Ubben scored 13 points with 10 rebounds and five steals for the Comets.

Paige Harrell had 15 points to lead the Tigers. South Hardin led 25-22 at halftime but the Comets outscored South Hardin 22-10 in the fourth quarter en route to the victory.

The Comets were 19-of-29

from the charity stripe to help seal the victory.

BCLUW improved its conference record to 3-4 in the NICL West with the victory.

BCLUW 11 11 13 22 — 57
SH 8 17 14 10 — 49

BCLUW-K. Thompson 0 0-1 0, K. Goecke 1 0-0 3, B. Ashton 2 3-6 7, B. Aalfs 5 0-0 11, L. Anderson 3 11-14 19, E. Swanson 2 0-0 4, M. Ubben 4 5-8 13, L. Wilson 0 0-0 0. Totals 17-45 19-29 57.

SH-K. Anderson 3 1-2 7, C. Webb 1 0-0 3, D. Nelson 2 2-4 6, P. Harrell 1 13-17 15, J. Allen 1 0-0 3, S. England 3 1-2 7, M. VandePol 3 0-0 8. Totals 14 17-25 49.

Stat leaders

3-pointers: B 4 (Anderson 2, Aalfs, Goecke); SH 4 (VandePol 2). **Rebounds:** B 34 (Ubben 10). **Assists:** B 14 (Goecke 5). **Steals:** B 13 (Ubben 5). **Blocks:** B 4 (Anderson 2). **Fouls:** B 20, SH 23. **Fouled out:** B (Swanson); SH (Nelson).

SOUTH HARDIN 73, BCLUW BOYS 61: The Tigers won on the strength of 19 points and 13 rebounds from Kevin Rewoldt. Cade Spieker contributed 15 points.

The loss put BCLUW at 1-11 overall and 0-7 in the NICL West.

Trojans deal Cougar girls first loss

ACKLEY – West Marshall introduced a little unpredictability in the NICL West title race with a 65-47 win over AGWSR, handing the Cougars their first defeat of the season in Ackley last Tuesday.

Mandy Willems scored 20 points for AGWSR, with Isabelle Gradwell matching that total with 20 points for the Trojans as the 1A No. 7 Cougars took their first loss after an 11-game winning streak to start the season.

Gradwell added 11 rebounds, six assists, four steals and two blocks. Aubrie Fisher contributed 10 points for the Cougars along with six rebounds and three assists.

West Marshall led 17-12 at halftime but exploded for a 28-14 run in the third quarter to put the Cougars in a tough position.

AGWSR fell from the unbeaten ranks and the Cougars are now tied for first place in the conference with Grundy Center, with both teams carrying one loss. AGWSR defeated Grundy Center 46-38 on Dec. 15 and the teams will play again in Grundy Center on Jan. 26. The Trojans are a game behind with two losses.

WM	11	6	28	20	—	65
AGWSR	5	7	14	21	—	47

WM-A. Sinning 1 0-0 2, K. Cripps 8 3-5 19, I. Gradwell 8 0-0 20, K. Snider 4 1-2 12, T. Disney 4 2-5 10, R. Schaper 1 0-0 2. Totals 26-58 6-12 65.

AGWSR-AI. Finger 0 0-0 0, A. Hames 1 3-3 5, M. Willems 8 0-0 20, Tori Brandt 0 0-0 0, A. Fisher 3 2-2 10, T. Barrick 2 0-0 4, M. Kuper 0 2-2 2, W. Nederhoff 0 0-0 0, R. Sicard 1 4-4

6. Totals 15-35 11-11 47.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: WM (Gradwell 4, Snider 3); A (Willems 4, Fisher 2).
Rebounds: WM 33 (Gradwell 11); A 29 (Sicard 7, Fisher 6).
Assists: WM 18 (Gradwell 6); A 10 (Fisher 3).
Steals: WM 17 (Gradwell 4, Snider 4); A 9 (three with 2).
Blocks: WM 3 (Gradwell 2); A 7 (Willems 3).
Fouls: WM 14, A 13.

WEST MARSHALL BOYS 73, AGWSR 46: Luke Starr scored 15 points for the Cougars and Ethan Ubben added 10 points and five rebounds, but the Cougars couldn't keep pace last Tuesday.

The Trojans took a 19-7 lead after the first quarter and was up 34-15 at halftime. Alex Dickey scored 21 points to lead West Marshall.

AGWSR fell to 4-8 overall and 2-5 in the NICL West after the defeat.

WM	19	15	18	21	—	73
AGWSR	7	8	13	18	—	46

WM-S. Diser 1 0-0 2, B. Coberley 1 0-0 2, C. Bannister 2 0-0 5, P. Pope 4 0-0 10, J. Halverson 5 1-1 15, A. Dickey 7 0-0 21, J. Hohnstein 1 0-0 2, J. Larson 3 0-0 6, M. Doe 3 0-2 8, J. Evans 1 0-0 2. Totals 28-65 1-3 73.

AGWSR-K. Huffman 1 0-0 3, J. Penning 1 0-0 2, A. Hames 0 1-2 1, B. Macy 1 0-2 2, C. Harms 0 0-0 0, A. Stahl 1 0-1 2, L. Starr 7 1-2 15, T. Weichers 1 1-2 3, A. Roelfs 2 0-0 4, T. Opperman 1 2-2 4, E. Ubben 5 0-0 10, S. Heitland 0 0-0 0. Totals 20-58 5-11 46.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: WM 16 (Dickey 7); A (Huffman).
Rebounds: WM 37 (Bannister 8); A 28 (Ubben 5).
Assists: WM 19 (Coberley 4, Pope 4); A 6.
Steals: WM 10 (Halverson 5); A 7 (Starr 2).
Blocks: WM (Halverson); A 3 (Starr 2).
Fouls: WM 9, A 9.

Cougar girls get back on track, beat Rebels

REINBECK – Three days after their first loss of the season, AGWSR girls basketball got back in the rhythm with an 84-35 rout of Gladbrook-Reinbeck in Reinbeck on Friday.

AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher led all scorers with 22 points and Mandy Willems contributed 20 points. The Cougars outrebounded G-R by a better than 2-to-1 ratio, 57-25, led by 10 boards from Willems. Willems chipped in nine assists and Fisher swiped four steals.

Rachel Sicard and Alyssa Hames added 14 points each for the Cougars, improving to 7-1 in the conference and 12-1 overall.

AGWSR led 23-8 after the first quarter and went into the locker room at halftime with a 41-18 lead.

Taylor Gienger led the Rebels with 10 points. G-R shot 12-of-58 from the floor, compared to AGWSR's 34-of-74 performance in field-goal range.

Gienger 5 0-0 10, B. Strohhorn 0 2-2 2, H. Quackenbush 0 0-2 0, R. Cooley 1 0-0 2, B. Ellenberger 2 1-4 6, H. Berendes 0 2-2 2. Totals 12-58 8-19 35.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: AGWSR 8 (Willems 5, Fisher 3); G-R 3 (Kuehl, Swanson, Ellenberger).
Rebounds: AGWSR 57 (Willems 10); G-R 25 (Swanson 7).
Assists: AGWSR 22 (Willems 9); G-R 7 (Swanson 2, Gienger 2).
Steals: AGWSR 13 (Fisher 4); G-R 4 (Cooley 2).
Blocks: AGWSR 5 (Willems 2).
Fouls: AGWSR 16, G-R 8.

G-R BOYS 75, AGWSR 40: Caden Kickbush scored 24 points as the Rebels blew by the Cougars in Reinbeck.

Walker Thede scored 12 points and Jackson Kiburis contributed 11 for G-R, improving to 8-3 overall and 7-1 in the NICL West.

Luke Starr scored 13 points to lead the Cougars, with Alex Hames contributing 12 points. G-R led 24-9 after the first quarter.

AGWSR	9	12	11	8	—	40
G-R	24	16	17	18	—	75

AGWSR-K. Huffman 1 0-0 3, J. Penning 0 0-0 0, A. Hames 4 2-2 12, B. Macy 0 0-0 0, C. Harms 0 0-0 0, A. Stahl 0 0-0 0, L. Starr 4 3-4 13, T. Weichers 1 0-0 2, A. Roelfs 0 0-0 0, T. Opperman 0 0-0 0, E. Ubben 4 0-1 8, S. Heitland 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 5-7 40.

G-R-T. Tschertner 2 2-2 7, W. Thede 4 2-4 12, M. Johannsen 3 0-0 7, C. Kickbush 10 0-1 24, E. Thede 1 0-0 2, J. Kiburis 2 7-10 11, C. Clark 1 2-2 4, C. Johnson 1 0-0 3, M. Skovgard 2 1-2 5. Totals 26-59 14-21 75.

3-pointers: A 5 (Starr 2, Hames 2, Huffman); G-R 9 (Kickbush 4, Thede 2, three with 1).

Edgerton receives Central College volleyball award

PELLA — Hana Edgerton, Grundy Center, has been honored for her contributions to the Central College volleyball team.

Edgerton, 5'10" sophomore is a middle hitter. Awards/honors she received were: Second varsity letter; Team Most Improved Player Award (2016); Team Freshman of the Year Award (2016)

Her stats for 2017 were as follows: 121 matches played; 161 kills (1.33/set); .189 attack



percentage; 32 digs; 3 assists; 56 blocks.

What to watch this week

Here's a look at the big storylines for the week of Jan. 15-Jan. 20 in the Grundy Register coverage area:

Wrestlers wrap up conference competition at home: Most NICL teams are winding down the regular season dual competition this week in anticipation of the North Iowa Cedar League tournament on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Denver. Most Register-area teams are at home this Thursday: AGWSR, Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center Gladbrook-Reinbeck/North Tama and Dike-New Hartford will all host regular-season-finale dual meets.

Dike-New Hartford girls look to stay on track in busy week: The Wolverines are 10-0 in the NICL East after wins over Sumner-Fredericksburg and Denver last week. D-NH currently enjoys a two-game lead over the Cougars, but with everyone in the NICL East upping their game in the new year, the Wolverines will be challenged from within the conference and without with four games this week: Monday at Jesup, Thursday at West Fork, Friday at home against Union and Saturday in Dike versus Cedar Rapids Kennedy. Once the Wolverines can get past that exhausting stretch, Aplington-Parkersburg awaits for a pivotal rivalry matchup on Jan. 23.

The race is on for the girls in the NICL West: West Marshall shook up the NICL West girls' title picture with a win over AGWSR last Tuesday, leaving the Cougars and Grundy Center tied at 7-1 with West Marshall right behind at 6-2. AGWSR and Grundy Center each have just one conference matchup this week on Friday: AGWSR hosts East Marshall and Grundy Center travels to BCLUW. West Marshall is at Grundy Center on Jan. 23.

Substate assignments due for small-school boys basketball: Class 1A and 2A substate assignments are due out on Jan. 19. This will determine the groupings of teams in the postseason, while determining who plays who will be decided at the end of the month.

Rebel boys run over Spartans

GRUNDY CENTER – Caden Kickbush scored 29 points to lead Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys basketball to a 62-39 victory over Grundy Center last Tuesday.

Mason Skovgard added 16 points and nine rebounds with five steals for the Rebels.

G-R pounded out a 21-6 run in the second quarter to take a commanding 31-18 halftime lead on the Spartans (1-11). The Rebels improved to 7-3 overall with the win.

Walker Thede chipped in 10 points for the Rebels.

G-R	10	21	17	14	—	62
GC	12	6	16	5	—	39

G-R-T. Tschertner 2 0-0 4, W. Thede 5 0-0 10, M. Johannsen 1 0-0 2, C. Kickbush 7 7-8 23, E. Thede 0 0-0 0, J. Kiburis 1 5-8 7, C. Clark 0 0-2 0, M. Skovgard 5 6-9 16. Totals 21-55 18-27 62.

G-R stat leaders
3-pointers: Kickbush 2.
Rebounds: Skovgard 9. **Assists:** Kiburis 4. **Steals:** Skovgard 5. **Blocks:** Skovgard 2. **Fouls:** G-R 14. **Fouled out:** G-R (Johannsen).

GRUNDY CENTER GIRLS 73, G-R 24: Hailey Wallis scored 16 points, one of three Spartans in double figures along with Reegan Zinkula (12 points) and Cora Saak (11 points) as the Class 2A No. 10

Spartans rolled to victory.

Grundy Center dominated the boards, outrebounding G-R 51-27 with Flater leading the charge with 14 rebounds and adding nine points. Maddie McMartin contributed six steals and eight points for the Spartans.

The Rebels trailed 18-7 after the first quarter and 35-10 at halftime. Taylor Gienger led G-R's offense with 10 points and added seven rebounds and three steals.

G-R	7	3	6	8	—	24
GC	18	17	22	16	—	73

G-R-P. Creswell 1 0-0 3, S. Kuehl 1 0-3 2, L. Ehlers 0 0-0 0, M. Swanson 1 3-5 5, M. Denny-Weber 0 0-0 0, T. Gienger 4 2-4 10, B. Strohhorn 0 1-2 1, H. Quackenbush 1 0-0 3, R. Cooley 0 0-0 0, B. Ellenberger 0 0-0 0, H. Berendes 0 0-0 0. Totals 8-50 6-14 24.

GC-R. Zinkula 6 0-1 12, H. Wallis 7 2-2 16, M. McMartin 4 0-0 8, S. Mathews 1 0-0 2, J. Ayers 1 0-0 2, S. Lindeman 1 1-2 3, C. Saak 5 1-2 11, K. Willis 3 0-0 6, B. Flater 3 3-4 9, L. Homeister 1 0-0 2, B. Burroughs 0 0-0 0, B. Heltibridle 1 0-0 2. Totals 33-74 7-11 73.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: G-R 2 (Creswell, Quackenbush). **Rebounds:** G-R 27 (Gienger 7); GC 51 (Flater 14).
Assists: G-R 2 (Gienger, Berendes); GC 13 (Saak 4). **Steals:** G-R 5 (Gienger 3); GC 21 (McMartin 6).
Blocks: GC 2 (Flater, McMartin).
Fouls: G-R 12, GC 15.

Spartan girls storm past Mustangs

LE GRAND – Hailey Wallis scored 21 points to lead Grundy Center's girls basketball team to a 58-29 victory on Friday.

The win was the fifth consecutive victory for the Spartans, improving to 11-1 overall and 7-1 in the NICL West, remaining in a tie for first place with AGWSR.

Wallis added six rebounds and four steals. Brooke Flater had 12 points with seven rebounds and Reegan Zinkula contributed seven points and three assists.

The Spartans pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring East Marshall 22-5 for a 34-11 lead at halftime.

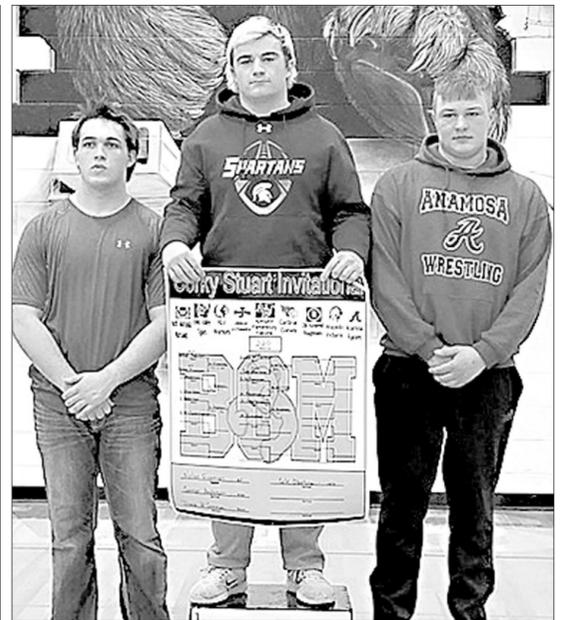
GC	12	22	12	12	—	58
EM	6	5	11	7	—	29

GC-R. Zinkula 3 1-2 7, H. Wallis 10 0-0 21, M. McMartin 2 0-0 4, S. Mathews 0 2-2 2, J. Ayers 0 0-0 0, S. Lindeman 0 0-0 0, C. Saak 2 0-0 6, K. Willis 1 4-8 6, B. Flater 6 0-4 12, L. Homeister 0 0-0 0, B. Burroughs 0 0-0 0, B. Heltibridle 0 0-0 0. Totals 24-54 7-16 58.

GC stat leaders
3-pointers: Saak 2, Wallis. **Rebounds:** Flater 7, Wallis 6. **Assists:** Zinkula 3. **Steals:** Wallis 4. **Blocks:** Wallis, Flater. **Fouls:** GC 7.

EAST MARSHALL 64, GRUNDY CENTER BOYS 38: Zaine Leedom scored 23 points to lead the Mustangs to victory in Le Grand on Friday. The Mustangs outscored the Spartans 36-17 in the first half.

Grundy Center is now 1-12 overall and 1-7 in the NICL West.



Freeman wins first wrestling tourney title

Nolan Freeman, a senior from Grundy Center on the Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center wrestling team, won his first wrestling tournament title in the 220-pound bracket at the Corky Stuart Invitational on Jan. 6. Freeman scored a pin and two decision victories en route to the top of the podium as the Falcons were seventh out of 10 teams with only six wrestlers competing. (Contributed photo)

Leyen commits to Northwestern soccer

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
REINBECK – Unsure of what would come next, Audrey Leyen gave a college recruiting camp at Northwestern College a shot.

The senior on Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck's soccer team was just looking at the possibility of playing soccer at the college level.

"Everything just clicked," Leyen said. "The coaches wanted me on the team and I started to realize that I could play at the college level."

Leyen scored seven goals with nine assists for the Rebels last season as GC/G-R reached the substate final before falling to Nevada.

She'll begin the nursing program while at the Christian col-

lege with the Red Raiders.

"I was very focused on creating relationships (in college) and it's a really tight-knit community there," Leyen said. "It felt like home on the campus."

With several talented soccer players returning to the pitch this spring, Leyen also remains focused on finishing up her high school education and playing career with her GC/G-R teammates.

"I think we have a really good chance at making it to state with all this talent on the team and just get into Northwestern with my feet already on the ground," Leyen said. "I'm looking forward to making some new relationships, looking forward to learning and just seeing where God takes me."

Bangasser commits to Iowa Western golf

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER – Jake Bangasser is looking forward to two years of golf with a nationally-ranked program at Iowa Western Community College.

Bangasser, a multi-sport athlete for Grundy Center, committed to the Reivers last month after receiving offers from D-II, D-III and NAIA schools.

"I wanted to look into the community college route," Bangasser said. "I might have been guaranteed to play somewhere else, but Iowa Western's fourth in the country right now and losing four out of five varsity players after this year. So it's a nice chance to step in and make an impact with one of the best teams in the country. The coaches and facilities are outstanding, and I've been very impressed."

Bangasser has been an integral part in the Spartans' continued success on the links, including a fourth-place finish at last year's Class 1A state golf meet in Marshalltown, shooting a two-day total of 156 that was good for a tie for 12th place individually. He's a three-time all-conference golfer and state tournament participant and well in line for a fourth with several returning starters this season.

Along with golfers like the recently graduated Jesper Holke-Farnam, Bangasser is leaving his mark on Grundy Center golf, long-time coach Dennis Dirks said.

"In the 30 years of coaching golf, I've been blessed with many quality golfers," Dirks continued, "and Jake Bangasser ranks right up there with being the best of the best. ... Our spring schedule along with his own summer junior tour schedule has proved his worth as a junior golfer ready to take the next step. He has a determination and discipline that sepa-

rates him from many that play the game."

Bangasser started as a freshman with the Spartans, averaging 42 strokes per nine-hole outing and has improved ever since, turning in a 38.9 average last season.

The game has come naturally to Bangasser thanks to a lifetime of playing with family.

"I could go out there and bond with my dad, my brother," Bangasser said. "Once I got old enough that it was something I could independently, I've loved being out there as much as I could. It's been good to work at it on my own and make new friends with golf along the way."

The next stepping stone was to put in the time to keep his playing career going at the collegiate level. He also enjoys the structure of student-athlete life.

"I knew this would keep me focused in school and grow my golf game," Bangasser said. "I thought it'd be a good idea to pursue this dream."

Bangasser will go after a business administration field of study as he begins his college career, possibly branching off into human resources; "wanting to grow relationships and making sure team members work together," Bangasser said.

There's also the upcoming spring season for the Spartans, with four varsity golfers set to return to try and bring Grundy Center back to the state tournament, led by Bangasser.

"His leadership skills will motivate him to focus on building a new team chemistry after losing the bond with a couple of pivotal players from last year's team," Dirks said. "He is one of those rare individuals who will find a way to make a contribution for a team, no matter what the circumstance. ... In my mind, Jake's best golf is yet to be played."

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Rebelhawks win three at BGM Duals

BROOKLYN – Jace Peterson and Bronson Wrage won all five of their matches for the Gladbrook-Reinbeck/North Tama wrestling team, helping the Rebelhawks to three victories in five duals at the BGM Duals in Brooklyn on Friday.

GRNT defeated BGM 54-24, Davis County 45-30 and North Scott 39-30. Gilbert defeated GRNT 48-24 and Tipton won 45-35 against the Rebelhawks.

Peterson, a 132-pounder for the Rebelhawks and Wrage (195 pounds) both won one match by forfeit and recorded four pins each against opposition on Friday.

Cole Engel (113), Noah Weber (145) and Aiden Walters (182) all won four matches each for GRNT on Friday. Zade Podhajsky (170), Cory Isenhower (138) and Zane Nelson (126) all won three matches each.

BGM Duals
(WBF = match won by forfeit)

GRNT 54, BGM 24
106-W. Hilppire (B) WBF. 113-

Cole Engel (RH) WBF. 120-B. Mann (B) pin Ashton Bradley 3:35. 126-Zane Nelson (RH) WBF. 132-Jace Peterson (RH) WBF. 138-Cory Isenhower (RH) pin C. Loschen 3:59. 145-Noah Weber (RH) WBF. 152-Tommy Weber (RH) WBF. 160-J. Kane (B) injury time C. Morrison. 170-Zade Podhajsky (RH) WBF. 182-Aiden Walters (RH) pin D. Alexander 3:27. 195-Bronson Wrage (RH) WBF. 220-no match. 285-D. McCammant (BGM) pin Xander Bradley 1:21.

GRNT 45, Davis County 30
106-no match. 113-C. Engel (RH) dec. Ma. Elam 5-4. 120-A. Gomez (DC) pin A. Bradley 1:03. 126-Z. Nelson (RH) WBF. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin B. Oliver 3:35. 138-C. Isenhower (RH) pin A. Payne 3:26. 145-N. Weber (RH) pin S. Ball 1:07. 152-W. Wuthrich (DC) pin T. Weber 2:54. 160-C. Hill (DC) pin C. Morrison 1:30. 170-Z. Podhajsky (RH) pin Mi. Elam 2:57. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin C. Garmon 0:45. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin C. Allen 3:23. 220-L. Chickering (DC) WBF. 285-L. Hale (DC) pin X. Bradley 0:54.

Gilbert 48, GRNT 24
152-C. Johnson (G) pin T. Weber 1:36. 160-J. Howell (G) pin C. Morrison 0:50. 170-A. Carr (G) dec. Z. Podhajsky 9-2. 182-R. Miller (G) pin A. Walters 3:37. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin J. Steenhoek 3:31. 220-J. Hillmann (G) WBF. 285-J. Torresi (G) dec. X. Bradley 5-1. 106-G. Killian (G) WBF. 113-C. Engel (RH) pin I. Bloebaum

4:53. 120-B. Bents (G) pin A. Bradley 4:00. 126-C. Ihle (G) pin Z. Nelson 0:18. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin E. Davis 2:48. 138-no match. 145-N. Weber (RH) WBF.

GRNT 39, North Scott 30
220-Michael Kriener (RH) pin C. Costello. 285-B. Ernst (NS) pin X. Bradley 0:34. 106-no match. 113-C. Engel (RH) dec. A. Chizek 5-1. 120-T. Blair (NS) pin A. Bradley 1:50. 126-Z. Nelson (RH) pin O. West 2:00. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin T. Doty 4:56. 138-C. Isenhower (RH) pin B. Elgin 5:42. 145-K. Diep (NS) dec. N. Weber 9-3. 152-Z. Campbell (NS) pin T. Weber 0:53. 160-N. Link (NS) dec. C. Morrison 7-5. 170-Q. Allison (NS) pin Z. Podhajsky (RH) 4:29. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin T. Fletcher 5:54. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin D. Asleson 0:47.

Tipton 45, GRNT 35
138-B. Leeper (T) dec. C. Isenhower 6-1. 145-N. Weber (RH) tech fall B. Vallet (T) 17-2. 4:21. 152-L. Barnum (T) pin T. Weber 1:18. 160-C. Morrison (RH) pin L. Mohr 4:29. 170-D. Mente (T) pin Z. Podhajsky 1:31. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin N. Ohrt 1:40. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin N. Paul 1:26. 220-M. Kriener (RH) WBF. 285-J. Leisure (T) pin X. Bradley 3:29. 106-K. Mesick (T) WBF. 113-A. Lenz (T) pin C. Engel 2:21. 120-B. Emrich (T) pin A. Bradley 0:49. 126-J. Crowley (T) pin Z. Nelson 1:26. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin B. Hines 1:44.



Ali Gerbracht of AGWSR pins Rockford's Kaden Petersen in the first period of the 106-pound final round of the Cougar Invite on Saturday. Gerbracht won her first title. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing)

Home sweet home

Gerbracht, Lashbrook win titles at Cougar Invite

By KRISTI NIXON
Mid-America Publishing
ACKLEY - Don't count Ali Gerbracht out.

The sophomore 106-pounder for AGWSR improved to 24-7 this season by earning three first-period falls to claim her home title at the Cougar Invite on Saturday, Jan. 13.

She was one of two title-winners for her coach and father, Chad Gerbracht, as the Cougars finished sixth in the eight-team meet with just seven wrestlers. It was Ali Gerbracht's first tournament title.

"It's really exciting," she said. "I can't really believe it happened, really. I had a lot of confidence coming in because I've been around this tournament a lot and I really wanted to win it one of these times."

In fact, five of the seven wrestlers for AGWSR placed in the top three for its finish, including two at 120 since the 113-pound bracket was otherwise empty.

"We thought our kids showed up to wrestle," coach Gerbracht said. "Very proud of how they came out that last round, some were battling through there."

"We had a '13-pounder (Zach Johnson) who wasn't going to get any matches, given a choice, went up to 120 and did well enough to get third, which is better than getting no matches."

Key in Johnson getting third was a close 11-9 decision against Belle Plaine's Trey Striegel by earning a stall point with three seconds left and a last-second escape.

His teammate, Trey Lashbrook, went 5-0 to win the title, including a third period pin of runner-up Cade Hansen from Newman (22-8). It was his second tourney win, previously taking the title at West Hancock, Britt, as he improved to 32-1.

"Ali had a great day, three pins, Trey, was outstanding on his feet, with a very good kid from Mason City (Newman) in the final there," coach Gerbracht said. "Brody Roder (third) had a tough day with the returning state champion at his weight. A couple of other guys, freshmen, battling some more experienced kids and just got to keep positive on that."

Dayton Haley finished second in a four-man 160-pound bracket by going 2-1, his only loss a 15-5 major decision against a one-loss Cameron Rasing of Rockford.

"Dayton Haley turned things around and had a good day there," coach Gerbracht said.

"Some little things we have to fine-tune things and making those adjustments."

This can only be a confidence booster for Ali Gerbracht as she prepares for a tough sectional and district which includes Class 1A top-ranked Don Bosco.

"(I want) to go out there and, you know, a lot of people don't have me in the (rankings)," she said, "but I want to prove that I'm able to be up there and go with the big kids."

AGWSR Invite At Ackley
Team scores-1. Mason City Newman 158; 2. Riceville 101.5; 3. Rockford 97; 4. Belmont-Klemme 91.5; 4. Northwood-Kensett 91.5; 6. AGWSR 74; 7. Belle Plaine 44; 7. West Fork 44.

Individual results
(Round-robin format)
106-1. Ali Gerbracht (A) 3-0; pinned Hunter Gossman (Riceville) 0:25; pinned Cael Wollner (MCN) 0:49; pinned Kaden Petersen (Rock) 0:28. 120-1. Trey Lashbrook (A) 4-0; major dec. Zach Johnson (A) 18-4; tech fall Tjaden Dixon (WF) 16-1; 2:48; tech fall Trey Striegel (BP) 16-1; 5:22; pinned Cade Hanson (MCN) 4:59. 132-1. Jacob McBride (MCN) 3-0; 132-1. Trevor Johnson (Rock) 4-0; 138-1. Brandon Varner (NK) 3-0; 145-1. Chance Thronson (Rice) 4-0; 4. Brody Roder (A) 1-3. 152-1. Kam Black (MCN) 5-0; 6. Vinny Guevara (A) 1-4. 160-1. Cameron Rasing (Rock) 3-0; 2. Dayton Haley (A) 2-1. 170-1. Chase McCleish (MCN) 3-0; 4. Jacob Haley (A) 0-3. 182-1. Tucker Kroeze (BK) 4-0. 195-1. Carter Mauer (Rice) 4-0. 220-1. Grant Staudt (Rock) 2-0. 285-1. Cameron Bemino (BK) 4-0.



SH-BCLUW's Coby Willett presses the shoulders of Iowa Falls-Alden's Quinton Buresh to the mat during the 126-pound championship bout during Saturday's Storm Invitational. Willett scored the pin in 3:53. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Gold for Storm's Willett at home invite

By SCOTT BIERLE
Mid-America Publishing

ELDORA – A gold-medal performance by Coby Willett headlined the showing of the South Hardin-BCLUW wrestling team at the Storm Invitational here Saturday.

Willett captured the 126-pound title, posting three pins in three bouts. The second-seeded Willett pinned Quinton Buresh of Iowa Falls-Alden in 3:53 for the crown. Willett was trailing the top-seeded Buresh, 5-0 before the second period pin.

"It was a really good day for Coby. That win in the finals avenged a loss from last Saturday," stated SH-BCLUW co-coach Mike Olson.

"Coby got the opportunity and took advantage. It shows you never give in," added Olson.

Willett, 27-4 with the 3-0 tourney, started the day with a pin in 1:02 of Marshalltown's Saul Pantoja and then flattened Ballard's Gage Long in 2:33 in the semis. Willett and Buresh were 1-1 as Willett won at Gilbert in December and Buresh at Conrad in the Storm Duals.

The Storm settled for sixth in the rugged eight-team field, scoring 93 points.

"We did our best in the team standings. This was a very tough tournament and when you have some open weights it hurts in the team points," noted Olson.

SH-BCLUW had four open weights and posted top six placings in eight of the 10 brackets filled.

Taylor Kolthoff was a second finalist for SH-BCLUW and ended with the silver at 113-pounds. Kolthoff was the top seed in a three-wrestler

bracket and had two byes to the championship match. The sophomore, 18-3 on the season, lost by technical fall at 16-1 to Denver's Jacob Moore. Kolthoff was the 106-pound runner-up a year ago.

"That is a long day sitting around waiting for the finals in the late afternoon. He lost to a good kid," said Olson.

Moore was one of 10 Denver matmen to make the finals and seven captured titles. The Cyclones, third-ranked in Class 1A, rounded up 244.5 points for the team crown.

Fuller brothers Owen at 170-pounds and heavyweight Ryne finished fourth, fifths were claimed by Colton Keller at 106 and Neifer Ralston at 132, and sixths went to Tucker Wall at 138 and Lucas Halverson at 152.

For third, Owen dropped a second decision to Ballard's Gerald Gute, 8-7 after losing 14-8 in the first-round. In-between the two losses, Owen posted a pair of second-period pins. Ryne was pinned by Jordan Anderson of Marshalltown in 3:03 for the bronze. Pins decided all four outcomes for Ryne as he showed the lights to Iowa Falls-Alden and Central Springs wrestlers. The splits left Ryne at 25-8 and with 95 career wins and Owen at 21-10.

Ballard, listed No. 5 in Class 2A, was the tournament runner-up at 190 points and the defending champion. Marshalltown took third at 171 points and Central Springs rounded out the top four at 142.

Hunter Maitland led Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center with a third-place finish at 182 pounds behind Ryg and Lee, defeating Marshalltown's Chayton French 7-5 in

the third-place match. Austin Knaack and Nolan Freeman earned sixth-place finishes for the Falcons.

Storm Invite At South Hardin, Eldora
Team scores: 1. Denver 244.5; 2. Ballard 190; 3. Marshalltown 171; 4. Central Springs 142; 5. Iowa Falls-Alden 131.5; 6. SH-BCLUW 93. 7. Hampton-Dumont 70.5; 8. Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 24.

Individual results
(Championship match and area placemen)

106-Brooks Meyer (D) pinned Bennett Hageman (M) 1:07. 5th: Colton Keller (Storm) pinned Jackson Kobe (IF-A) 4:49.

113-Jacob Moore (D) tech fall Taylor Kolthoff (Storm) 16-1, 6:00. 120-Isaac Schimmels (D) dec. Alex Bangs (B) 6-2.

126-Coby Willett (Storm) pinned Quinton Buresh (IF-A) 3:53.

132-Gabriel Lewis (D) pinned Parker Allen (HD) 3:32; 5th: Neifer Ralston (Storm) pinned Coltin Grimm (M) 1:21.

138-Jarrett Miller (B) dec. Riley Wright (D) 5-1; 5th: Riley Burke (IF-A) tech fall Tucker Wall (Storm) 19-3, 2:51.

145-Logan Meyer (D) pinned Lucas Garl (CS) 1:04; 5th: Josh Borg (B) pinned Austin Knaack (APGC) 3:03.

152-Skyler Nofstger (B) dec. Caleb Wilson (D) 5-2; 5th: Jaimen Rivera (M) dec. Lucas Halverson (Storm) 9-2.

160-Tate Battani (B) major dec. John Ebaugh (D) 24-10.

170-Cael Krueger (D) major dec. Brian Trowbridge (M) 14-3; 3rd: Gerald Gute (B) dec. Owen Fuller (Storm) 8-7.

182-Zach Ryg (CS) dec. Ben Lee (B) 8-3; 3rd: Hunter Maitland (APGC) dec. Chayton French (M) 7-3.

195-Jordan Fox (M) dec. Dalton Chipp (HD) 7-4.

220-Zack Santee (CS) pinned Josh Detar (B) 3:31; 5th: Brandon Maitland (D) injury forfeit Nolan Freeman (APGC).

285-Brock Farley (D) dec. Colin Anderson (B) 1-0. 3rd: Jordan Anderson (M) pinned Ryne Fuller (Storm) 3:03.

Arends leads D-NH at tough dual tourney

OSAGE – Chase Arends won all five of his matches at Saturday's Osage Duals as the Wolverines were unable to grab a team victory against tough competition.

The Wolverines came up short against Clear Lake (60-22), Humboldt (48-23), Independence (54-24), Kasson-Mantorville, Minnesota (74-3) and the host Osage (48-36).

Arends received one forfeit and earned two decision victories, a pinfall, and a 3-2 win in an ultimate tiebreaker match against Kasson-Mantorville's Brett Paulson.

Daniel Graves won four matches at 195 pounds for the Wolverines, one pin, one major decision and two decisions, while D-NH's 126-pounder Grant Bixby won three matches, two pins and one match by disqualification.

10-7. 170-C. Krichau (H) WBF. 182-J. Osborn (H) pin Z. Starbuck 1:25. 195-D. Graves (D) dec. H. Egdorf 3-1. 220-B. Johnson (H) pin B. Cunningham 3:18. 285-C. Arends (D) dec. J. Jones (H) 5-1. 106-C. Ragsdale (D) tech fall C. Nelson 16-1. 4:59. 113-D. Ohrt (D) pin Z. Packard 3:06. 120-C. Clarken (H) pin C. Lyons 2:19. 126-G. Bixby (D) DQ C. Craven. 132-Z. Kollmorgen (H) pin R. Ehmen 1:33.

Independence 54, D-NH 24
132-F. Crawford (I) pin R. Ehmen 1:29. 138-M. Doyle (I) pin M. Wagner 0:43. 145-J. Priebe (I) WBF. 152-J. Orr (I) pin T. Cleveland 0:30. 160-S. House (I) pin T. Mixdorf 3:05. 170-C. Davis (I) WBF. 182-J. Kaiser (I) pin Z. Starbuck 0:35. 195-D. Graves (D) dec. T. Freidhof 8-6. 220-H. Crawford (I) pin B. Cunningham 1:44. 285-C. Arends (D) dec. D. Evans 3-0. 106-C. Ragsdale (D) pin B. Eldridge 5:07. 113-D. Ohrt (D) pin T. Matteson 1:07. 120-C. Straw (I) pin C. Lyons 1:07. 126-G. Bixby (D) pin H. Griffith 0:59.

Kasson-Mantorville 74, D-NH 3
106-L. Vaughan (KM) pin C. Ragsdale 1:23. 113-J. Johnson (KM) pin D.

Ohrt 0:58. 120-R. Horsman (KM) pin C. Lyons 0:57. 126-K. Wynia (KM) major dec. G. Bixby 12-2. 132-T. Paulson (KM) pin R. Ehmen 0:58. 138-B. Berge (KM) pin M. Wagner 0:52. 145-N. VanOort (KM) WBF. 152-J. Keller (KM) pin T. Cleveland 1:05. 160-D. Andrist (KM) pin T. Mixdorf 1:02. 170-P. Kennedy (KM) pin N. Graves 1:12. 182-E. Shea (KM) pin Z. Starbuck 0:29. 195-W. Jensen (KM) major dec. D. Graves 11-0. 220-G. Schorr (KM) pin B. Cunningham 1:03. 285-C. Arends (D) UTB B. Paulson (KM) 3-2.

Osage 48, D-NH 36
126-G. Bixby (D) pin Ryan Adams 1:35. 132-N. Byrnes (O) pin R. Ehmen 4:57. 138-B. Roll (O) pin M. Wagner 0:47. 145-S. Mooberry (O) WBF. 152-M. Schotanus (O) pin T. Cleveland 0:32. 160-T. Mixdorf (D) pin C. Muller 5:07. 170-Z. Williams (O) pin N. Graves 1:21. 182-Z. Starbuck (D) pin K. Muller 2:56. 195-D. Graves (D) pin C. Schneider 3:32. 220-B. Cunningham (D) WBF. 285-C. Arends (D) WBF. 106-A. Abben (O) pin C. Ragsdale 1:49. 113-J. Sullivan (O) pin D. Ohrt 2:57. 120-J. Jacobs (O) pin C. Lyons 5:24.

Osage Duals
(WBF = match won by forfeit)

Clear Lake 60, D-NH 22
106-S. Nelson (CL) pin Caden Ragsdale 5:11. 113-C. Morey (CL) pin Dylan Ohrt 3:57. 120-Conlee Lyons (D) pin A. Canchola 1:06. 126-E. Faught (CL) pin Grant Bixby 1:50. 132-B. Hillyer (CL) pin Reid Ehmen 2:36. 138-J. Hamlin (CL) pin Michaela Wagner 1:05. 145-A. Aragon (CL) WBF. 152-B. Doebel (CL) pin Tristin Cleveland 1:13. 160-R. Glidden (CL) pin Trevor Mixdorf 2:42. 170-B. Finn (CL) pin Nathan Graves. 182-Zach Starbuck (D) pin C. Poley 1:13. 195-Daniel Graves (D) major dec. D. Mennenga 11-3. 220-K. Hambly (CL) pin Brad Cunningham 3:27. 285-Clase Arends (D) pin J. Keith 1:46.

Humboldt 48, D-NH 23
138-J. Niles (H) pin M. Wagner 0:41. 145-F. Satern (H) WBF. 152-J. Busse (H) pin T. Cleveland 1:09. 160-L. Moser (H) dec. T. Mixdorf

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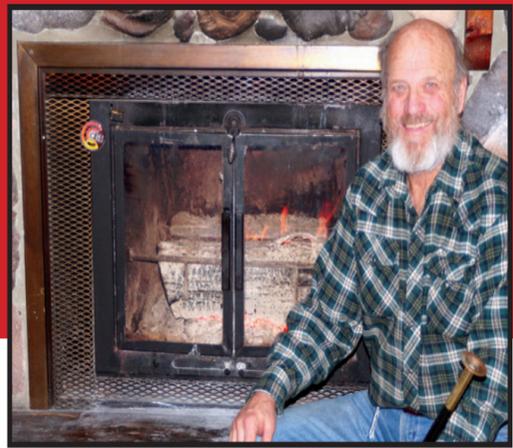
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Rick Titus in his 43rd year of selling and installing more efficient fireplace inserts.



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Rick Titus of Clarion started his business, called "The Country Store", in 1975 and even though he has moved into town now, he has no intention of retiring any time soon. "I enjoy and love doing this," said Titus. "I've covered every corner of the state because I'm an expert, and that is not meant as a boast. I don't think anyone else in the state does exactly what I do." What he does, is sell and install the Fuego Flame (brand name)

fireplace insert, which he believes are the most efficient inserts on the market, for the money. However, it took him awhile to find out about that brand. "I was living in Littleton, Colorado, and came across a brochure for the Heatilator fireplaces, which were made at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa," said Titus. "When we moved back here 3 years later, I decided I was going to call them and become a dealer." Titus was soon displaying the units at county fairs and got some business. But then in checking back with his customers, to his amazement, he found out they were sending most of the heat up the chimney.

"I then tried selling other brands of fireplaces like Preway, and Majestic and found they were no better. These were touted to be energy efficient, having fans and adjustable dampers, but they still were not burning like a wood stove, so I just kept looking. I was selling wood stoves, but not everyone wants a wood stove in their home. Then I found out about the Fuego Flame Fireplaces, which were as close to wood stove efficiency as you will find. This company made Zero Clearance fireplaces and also made four different sized inserts, so now I could offer my customers a super efficient fireplace, or install one of the inserts inside of their existing wood burning fireplace, no matter how large or small," Titus said. But then it wasn't long before he found a fireplace that has an unusual shape, like a two sided, or see-thru, or arched opening, and these inserts would not fit. So he decided to just make the inserts from scratch to fit these unusual fireplaces. He even built an insert to fit a four sided fireplace for Bill Knapp in Des Moines.

The Fuego Flame fireplace inserts can make any fireplace burn up to 70% efficient, and needs no electricity while keeping 99% of the heat in the home. It burns slow like a wood stove while keeping the beauty of the fireplaces overall appearance and fun of watching the fire. Once the insert is installed, the average fireplace can heat 1,000 to 1,500 square feet of a well insulated home, while using 2/3 less wood, and protects the home from runaway fires. It can burn most of the night on just 3 or 4 hardwood logs, leaving you a nice bed of hot burning coals to ignite new logs come morning. "Some of my customers use the fireplace 24/7 all winter long, and rarely hear their furnace kick on. Thus they save a tremendous amount of fuel each month. These inserts literally pay for themselves by saving the customers fuel," Titus says. The inserts are made using 12-gauge steel, which Titus said transmits the heat quicker because it's lighter. Cool air from the house enters underneath the insert, and is then circulated up the back of the fireplace with the heated air exiting out the top, all without the use of a fan. The temperature of the air coming off this insert varies from 200 to 1000 degrees. Titus says, "You bake in your oven at 350, and you can feel that kind of heat coming out of the top of the fireplaces heat opening. Most heat circulating fireplaces do not come close to putting out that kind of heat, for they send all their heat up the chimney."

The Fuego Flame inserts are installed using an insulated ceiling, which prevents the stove heat from going up the fireplaces chimney. The insert damper control is on the inserts face plate, so you can close the doors and then close the damper. The inserts also burn with their damper 95% closed, thus making the wood burn nice and slow. The twin glass doors are made using ceramic glass, which will take 1400 degrees temperature, so you never have to worry about breaking the glass with heat, and you get to enjoy watching the slow burning logs inside. These twin doors are easy to clean with very little effort. "Remember when you were a kid sitting around the campfire, or at a family reunion, how much fun it is to sit around the campfire? Well, you can have that same fun in your home with a real wood burning fire in your fireplace all winter long, and enjoy the romance of the flames; and everyone could use more romance, right? It is actually mesmerizing to watch the flames, and you don't even have to say a word as you watch the fire. Now you can have the romantic comfort of a campfire and enjoy all that warmth in your home safely and efficiently," said Titus.

For those that can't or don't wish to burn wood, Titus offers super efficient gas logs as an option. He started selling those in 1991, and they offer the same nice flame effect, but without the work and cleanup from real wood. "I've got people who bought a fireplace from me in the 70's and 80's that are now having me put gas logs in those same fireplaces," said Titus. These gas logs are capable of heating up to 1,000 square feet of the average well insulated home, so if you have a power outage, these gas logs will keep you toasty warm, and keep the pipes from freezing in your home.

Titus has covered a large area of the Midwest in his sales and installation travels, "I have built and installed units in fireplaces from Minneapolis to Kansas City and all over Iowa." said Titus. "I've learned that if I go to a county fair, I get business from that area." He also feels that word of mouth has been his best advertising, and that the personal attention he can offer gets the sales. "I do all the work myself," said Titus. "I don't even charge for estimates when I come into your home. I feel an in home visit is the only way I can know exactly what the customer needs." Titus is also not afraid to tackle, or at least look at, any chimney problems including a cracked chimney. "I've fixed one of those many times for someone," said Titus. "I installed a stainless steel liner inside the chimney and made it safe and efficient." Titus explained that these inserts are not like others that you can buy, and that it takes some time to install them. "This is not a quick fix job," said Titus. "I don't just shove it into your existing fireplace, collect a check and leave. Most of the other inserts on the market make your fireplace look like it has a wood stove shoved into it, and they change the whole look of the fireplace by putting a big metal shroud around the insert. It takes me from six to eight hours to do this, but it will be done right and you'll never need to do anything more with it." Titus has even thought of people who like to cook food over a wood fire. "I've developed a barbeque grill that will fit inside there," said Titus. "You can grill steaks or bake potatoes. It will work great for putting a dutch-oven in the fireplace too." Feel free to contact Rick at The Country Store for more information. You can call either 515-532-3881 or 515-293-2455, or visit his website at: www.fireplacesatthecountrystore.com, or email him at yahtitus@gmail.com. "We don't know what the future holds for our electrical system in this country," said Titus. "If someone wants to control us, they could cut off the electricity, food supply, or disrupt our fuel. Everyone should have a way to heat their home without electricity." [Contact Me About a Free Fireplace Inspection.](#)

For Fireplace Inserts & Wood Burning Stoves Call Rick Today!



Rick Titus in his 43rd year of selling more efficient wood burning stoves.

Rick Titus of Clarion started his fireplace and stove business called "The Country Store" in 1975. He put his first show room in the barn on his acreage on highway 69 at the Galt corner. At that time Titus sold a variety of wood burning fireplaces, stoves and furnaces, and was very busy replacing the old cone shaped fireplaces and

Franklin style wood stoves with the best and most efficient wood stoves of the day. Titus says, "Many of my customers were mad at the gas companies for raising the prices every few months. Many of the people saw that there would always be trees dying and groves that needed cleaned up, so fuel for the wood stoves was plentiful." Then, some stoves were imported from Norway, Denmark and Belgium that had internal baffles to make the smoke stay in the stoves longer. "It wasn't long before the American manufacturers were copying them and putting baffles into their stoves," Titus says. "I wanted to sell my customers the very best stoves made, so I had a show room full of many different wood stoves."

Then in the 1980's the gas furnace companies started making their furnaces more efficient, and many people were able to heat their homes cheaper with the new furnaces. It was also in the 80's that the wood stove companies started putting glass in the doors of their stoves, as this made them more like a fireplace," Titus remembers. But to the consternation of the stove owners, the glass smoked up with the first fire, so viewing it really wasn't much better than the stoves without a glass in the door. Then in the mid 80's some stoves were imported from Australia and New Zealand that had secondary combustion air, and their glass stayed clean enough to view the fire most of the time. So just as before, all of the American manufacturers bought one of these stoves and promptly made changes to their stoves to make them more efficient.

It was also at this time that the states of Oregon, Washington and Colorado imposed strict smoke emission laws. So the companies had to redesign their stoves to meet those requirements. Then the Federal Government, through the EPA decided to make these same standards nationwide. Titus says, "The problem stemmed from the fact that in the western states, there were valleys with mountains on both sides, and the smoke from all of the fireplaces and stoves would settle in the towns that were in the valleys. We didn't have a problem here in the Midwest, because we have no mountains and no valleys, and plenty of wind all winter long." "But as you can see today, when the Federal Government sets up an Agency, or Department, they seem to only grow bigger and bigger and eventually are out of control.

Most of the Stove manufacturers that stayed in business put catalytic combustors in their stoves similar to the ones that are in the exhaust systems of automobiles. This was the least expensive way they could make their stove pass the emission tests. A few of the stove manufacturers decided to redesign their stoves so they could pass the emission tests without a catalytic combustor. The catalytic combustors were made to look similar to a honey comb, and were coated with two rare metals, Platinum and Palladium. These are metals that get hot enough to glow at very low temperatures, and make the smoke from the fire burn as it passes through the combustor. Through the years, the EPA has imposed stricter and stricter emission laws, forcing the manufacturers to redesign their stoves each time, or go out of business. But here in America, we have people who seem to thrive on a new challenge, and designed stoves that burn virtually smokeless.

"Today, Titus says, I have a wood furnace made in Minnesota that burns smokeless with an efficiency of 98.6%, and free standing wood stoves that also burn virtually smokeless and require only a 3" or 4" chimney. Two stoves made in Washington, the Kimberly, only holds two 3" x 10" logs, and the Katydid stove accepts four 4" X 8" logs. The nice thing about these smaller more efficient stoves is that they also burn about half of the wood most other stoves burn, and need no electricity." Now you can burn the wood that most other people would throw away, and a 8" or 10" slice of a tree trunk is much easier to split than the larger 18' to 24" logs. Titus tells his customers, "Don't split your wood larger than your wife will lift, and that will make her very happy!" A few garbage cans full of wood can heat the average home for the whole winter. If you make the gathering and splitting of wood a family operation, then you will have more fun getting exercise. So if you want to be ready for the next power outage, with a wood stove that needs no electricity, and can even cook your food, and make electricity and hot water, then give Titus a call, and invite him to come to your home and help you plan the installation of one of the most efficient wood stoves available today. We are too dependent on electricity these days, and you can pay for the stove with your fuel savings.

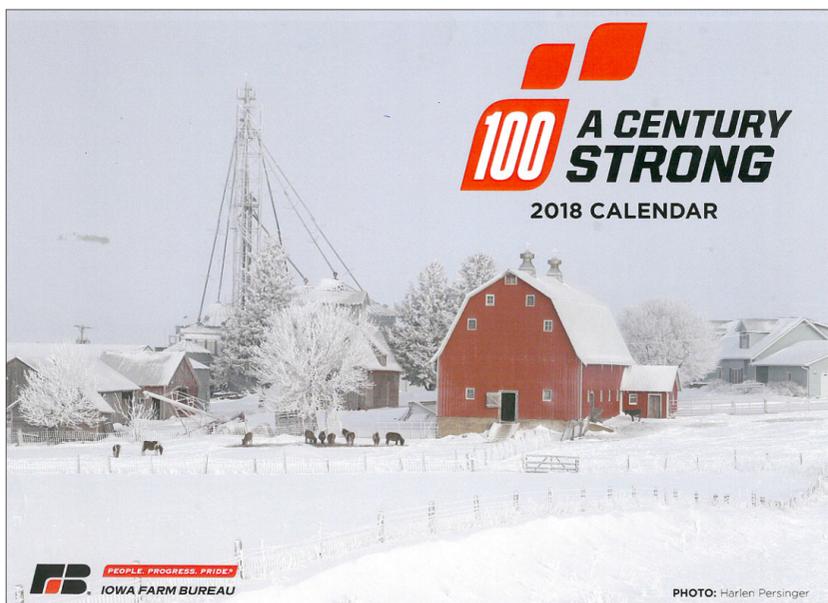
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Farm Bureau

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the others say it's important that the Farm Bureau continues down the road it's been on: helping advocate for farmers and rural communities.

"It's imperative we continue to do what we do best, which is listen to our members and give them the opportunity for input," Heitz said. "We have to engage the numbers, and make sure the

process continues into the future, because that's how we're going to continue our success for another 100 years."



Shown above is a photo of a local farm, captured by Harlen Persinger, which was chosen for the cover of the Farm Bureau's Centennial Calendar.

Area native has special connection to Farm Bureau past

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – For one area native, Harlen Persinger, the Grundy County Farm Bureau Centennial Celebration this year holds a special significance.

Persinger's grandfather, W.D. Miller, was a charter member of the GCFB when it was founded in 1918, and his father, Francis Persinger, was a longtime member and President back in the 1950s.

"My family has always been involved in the farm bureau," Harlen said. "My dad was a huge spokesman for the cause, and he was a strong representative for the Grundy County land, people and heritage."

So when Harlen, a photojournalist specializing in the area of agriculture, heard the Grundy County Farm Bureau was holding a photo contest for their Centennial Calendar, he jumped at the chance to submit some of his work as an ode to his Farm Bureau heritage.

Harlen says he was leaving his family farmhouse outside of Grundy Center one wintery morning, when he snapped a



Here is another photo captured by Harlen Persinger, which is featured inside the same calendar.

picture of his neighbor's snowy farmstead. He submitted the photo, which landed on the front page of the GCFB's Centennial Calendar.

"I just thought it was a really special thing to have my photo on the front of the Farm Bureau's Centennial Calendar," Harlen said. "It's kind of a nod to my father and my grandfather, who were so involved with the Farm

Bureau over the last 100 years. I'm very proud of my farming heritage, and I think my father and grandfather would be proud to see where the organization is today. I think they would be glad to know it's in good hands, and that it's still a strong and viable voice for agriculture. As far as me having a photo on the front of the Centennial Calendar, I think they'd just smile."



The Pork Tornadoes (pictured) of Cedar Falls are this year's headlining act at Felix Grundy Festival in Grundy Center. The committee recently unveiled the selection on social media. (Photo from the band's website)

Felix Grundy Days nabs Pork Tornadoes as headlining act

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The Felix Grundy Days committee has booked one of the most popular cover bands in Iowa for this year's festival, and according to chairwoman Mindy Greany, the Cedar Falls-based Pork Tornadoes are indicative of a larger push to attract more patrons to the downtown area in early July.

"In order for us to keep having great festivals, we have to keep bringing in bigger, better bands for Saturday night," she said. "If we keep improving our Saturday night entertainment, we can keep making Felix better each year."

The band—comprised of Mason Greve, Cory Talbot, Mike Schulte, Brent Estlund,

Jerry Lorenson and Trevor Polk—has been a fixture on the summer festival circuit over the last few years and played shows at venues like Sturgis Falls, Wooly's in Des Moines, Whiskey Jack's in Madison, Wisconsin, and the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids. They've played private parties as far away as San Francisco and Long Beach, California, in March.

"We had a lot of people request (the Pork Tornadoes) last year, and we tried to get them. But they were booked," Greany said.

Last year, up-and-coming country singer Cody Hicks headlined Felix Grundy, and the committee has continued to push for well-known acts that

will draw visitors from both inside and outside of town. While they may never reach the stature of Waterloo's Irish Fest or Sturgis Falls in Cedar Falls, the people behind the festival are doing everything they can to make Felix Grundy one of the best small town events around.

"Obviously we want to be like Cedar Falls and Waterloo, but I don't think we're ever going to get there," Greany said. "We're trying to make it bigger and better, but it's going to take baby steps to get there. We can't do everything in one year."

The band will play on Saturday, July 7, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and there will be a \$10 cover charge. For more information on the band, visit www.porktornadoes.com.

Supervisors hear more budget requests, consider land acquisition

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy County Board of Supervisors heard requests from a total of eight departments and went into executive session to discuss a potential land acquisition for conservation during a lengthy meeting on Monday morning.

The fair board was the only group to ask for a major increase in contribution from the county, requesting a total of \$62,000 (\$13,000 more than the usual \$49,000). Last year, the board received \$59,000 on the understanding that it was a one-time deal for facilities upgrades.

"This is sort of jumping over that yet," Supervisor Barb Smith said. "I just want us all to be aware of what conditions were placed upon (last year's increase)."

Kyle Dudden and Jared Gutknecht, who spoke on behalf of the fair board, envisioned broader usage of the fairgrounds, a busier county fair and some major capital improvements in the coming years.

"I don't know if we'll ever be Jones County... but I think we can be a lot better than Franklin or Butler or any of the counties that do more than we do now," Gutknecht said. "We have some of the best facilities in the state, and we're wanting to utilize them better."

It was also mentioned that

the fairgrounds could be a potential rest spot if Grundy Center is chosen as a stop on this year's RAGBRAI route, which will be officially announced on February 15. Gutknecht and Dudden also hope to host events both before and after the fair this summer, including a figure eight race in June.

"We're looking forward to a very busy, good and hopefully very profitable year for the fair," Dudden said.

New county Veterans Affairs Director Janetta Miller-Buck outlined some of her efforts earlier in the meeting, and she received approval to attend a re-quired training in Reno, Nevada, at a total cost of \$1,600. She also plans to start a Facebook page and use new avenues to reach out to local veterans.

Sheriff Rick Penning asked the board about projections for the increases in law enforcement contracts with all of the communities in the county besides Grundy Center that do not have their own departments. He noted that the city of Reinbeck had cut its budget by 10 percent last year and did not wish to see the trend continue.

"Just going back to what we get with (IT/GIS Director) Don (Kampman), we either pay it, or we go without," Board chairman Jim Ross said. "And I think that's what needs to be conveyed to the cities."

Kampman reported cost in-

creases due to a contract with Tyler Technologies and technology upgrades, and County Sanitarian Carie Sager said her overall budget would be similar to past years except for the re-codification expected to occur. Cara Ferch of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NE3IA) requested \$3,213 (one dollar for each senior in the county), and in past years, the board has contributed \$3,000. County engineer Gary Mauer requested a total of \$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2019, up from \$1,670,000 in fy2018. Conservation Director Kevin Williams requested an overall increase of just under \$400 in county tax askings, and he told the board that the potential land acquisition, which was not disclosed outside of the executive session, could take up most of the conservation trust and REAP grant money (around \$350,000). The session lasted around 30 minutes and included Williams, his employees and two members of the conservation board.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved contract documents with Aspro, Inc. of Waterloo for the T55/D53 paving projects.

- Approved the county treasurer's December 31, 2017, investment report.

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Stumberg

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He's a gamer, and that's what you're looking for."

He's been officiating for 25 years (23 of those in college), with four years in the BIG, four bowls and a conference championship game under his belt—not to mention working an Arena Football League crew in the offseason. But Stumberg is always learning and absorbing the game to help him stay sharp while he's on the field.

"There's no ceiling. There are always opportunities to learn and grow to get better," he said. "That applies to officiating as with just about anything else. You're always looking for opportunities to make sure you're at the right place at the right time, whether it's rules, knowledge. ... Film study is huge in this day and age, and just watching football as much as you can."

The Friday before the game, Stumberg arrived in Atlanta with his wife Heather, where they enjoyed sightseeing throughout the weekend and a formal dinner with CFP personnel on Saturday night.

"But Monday was all business," Stumberg said.

Game day

The morning of January 8 started with an 8 a.m. breakfast, followed by a pregame officials meeting. From there, members of the 12-man crew were more or less on their own prior to a 4 p.m. departure time for Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The center judge is a relatively new position on the field (first added four years ago), and as Stumberg explained, he's responsible for handling substitutions in a manner that's fair to both teams.

"Teams on offense were starting to gain an advantage where they'd substitute personnel and snap the ball prior to the defense getting an opportunity to match up from a personnel standpoint," he said. "The rules committee recognized that issue and felt an eighth official was necessary to help with substitutions and controlling the pace to make it fair."

Stumberg's post is typically just outside of where a tight end would line up at the line of scrimmage, about 12 to 14 yards back from the offensive line. In addition to pace-of-play responsibilities, Stumberg keeps an eye on penalties (most commonly holding) occurring on the offensive line.

The 26-23 overtime thriller between the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs took social media by storm as Alabama pulled off a remarkable comeback—overcoming a 13-point half-time deficit—to capture the national title. If the jitters got to Stumberg, he never showed it.

"I don't know if you'll ever find or meet another person that's as even keeled as he is. I think I was probably more nervous for him than he was," said Jeff Carson, an Iowa Conference referee from Grundy Center who attended the championship game. "I don't think he was that way at all."

Despite the maelstrom of sound that accompanies any football game between bitter SEC rivals—cranked up to 11 with a national title at stake—Stumberg managed to tune it

all out once he blew the opening whistle.

"Your experience and knowledge kicks in. It takes over," he said. "You stay focused on your keys and your mechanics, and you tend to block out all the other noise."

Though Stumberg kept it strictly professional while he was on the clock, he can't deny how surreal it all felt—and how lucky he was to get the call.

"It's an experience of a lifetime, no question," he said. "Everybody wants to work it, but not everyone gets the chance. ... The stars really have to align. It's like winning the lottery, and I'm very thankful and humble. ... It's a culmination of a lot of small successes and victories that led to a big accomplishment, and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

A proud family

Before Stumberg climbed the ranks to become a high-level collegiate referee, he was a star on the gridiron at Grundy Center High School and an all-American at Central College in Pella, competing for a Division III national championship in 1988. Brown, the "godfather" of the local officiating contingent that represents two Power Five leagues, the Missouri Valley and the Iowa Conference, identified him as a perfect candidate for the profession early on, and his intuition most certainly proved to be accurate.

"I was able to vouch for Mike and get him into the Iowa Conference, and he continued to do well there," Brown said. "Within a few years, Mike was in the Gateway (now the Missouri Valley)... He proved it as a player, and now he's proving it as an official."

And when it came time to make the trip down to Georgia, two local members of Stumberg's officiating family—Carson and Lebo—went along for the ride, taking in the contest as neutral observers and "fans of football," in Carson's words.

"I was watching the officials more than the game," he said. "It was interesting to see the swing of emotions from both sides, from the Alabama fans and the Georgia fans."

The Grundy gang, which includes Stumberg, Brown, Brown's son Pat II, Lebo, Dustin Lutterman and Carson, among others, is famous for weekly film studies and a near religious devotion to quizzing each other and staying up on the rules. So when one of their own reached the pinnacle, they felt a shared sense of hometown pride.

"Whatever Mike does, he does it at a very high level," Brown said. "He's earned whatever he's gotten."

No one who knows Stumberg well is surprised by his ascent, and with the way things are going, it wouldn't be shocking if he calls another championship before it's all said and done. Actually, it could happen in 2018: the Arena season kicks off soon, and Stumberg, Carson and Lebo are all on a crew together.

"It'd be pretty neat for him to get two titles in one year, and I know he'll rise to the occasion again," Lebo said.

Grassley

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head to the Supreme Court and could potentially force online retailers to pay the same sales taxes as their brick and mortar counterparts.

"There's a real feeling that that 1990 decision (which established the current law) will be overturned, and that'll solve it," he said. "It's very difficult to solve this issue through the political process."

He went on to argue that the recent tax overhaul would provide relief to Main Street businesses by lowering the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey's nomination to a federal post with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been delayed due to an ideological conflict over ethanol with GOP Senator and former presidential candidate Ted Cruz (R-Texas), a staunch proponent of petroleum and opponent of the Renewable Fuel Standard. Because Northey is up for re-election to his current post in 2018, Grassley hopes a decision can be made soon, but he isn't holding his breath.

"I didn't get any business done with (Cruz), and that's all I can tell you. I'm very disappointed," Grassley said. "There's no debate about (Northey). The debate is about something entirely different."

Bob Johanns of GNB Bank rehashed a topic near and dear to those in his profession: taxing credit unions. Grassley, however, countered that the only time he ever heard about it one way or the other was from bankers associations seeking to advance their own interests.

"I don't think anything is going to happen until we get it elevated in the debate in Washington to more than twice a year," the Senator said. "The only time the issue has come up to me is when bankers come in (and say

tax credit unions, and the only time it comes up the opposite way is when credit unions come in... I keep telling the bankers, if you want to tax credit unions, you've got to make a bigger issue out of it."

After the main event, Grassley, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, fielded questions from *The Grundy Register* on an investigation of the infamous Steele dossier and how it relates to the larger inquiry into contact between the Trump campaign and Russian officials during the 2016 election.

Grassley has contended that Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer who compiled the report in conjunction with Fusion GPS and the Democratic National Committee, may have lied to the FBI—although Grassley said he was not sure if he was allowed to disclose what Steele specifically lied about—and pushed back against allegations of concocting a political sideshow meant to distract from the larger investigation, which has already sacked Trump's former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn and former campaign manager Paul Manafort.

"You follow the facts, and the facts eventually followed us to a point where you find out that it's connected with Fusion GPS. And they hired Steele, and then eventually you find out that the Democrats paid Fusion GPS," Grassley said. "I'm being accused of doing (the investigation) to divert attention from Russia and Trump, but it's just where the facts lead you... If (Steele) did lie, it seems to me to be the same situation we had with Flynn."

The judiciary committee is set to meet with Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and a key advisor, sometime in the near future for a hearing that will center on a June 16, 2016 meeting with Russian officials at Trump Tower in New York City.

Grassley: GOP presidents held to different standards

By ROBERT MAHARRY

The Grundy Register

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Senator Charles Grassley held a conference call with Iowa reporters on Tuesday afternoon—just over a day after visiting the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center—and bemoaned what he saw as a double standard in the way Republican and Democratic presidents are evaluated.

Responding to a question regarding a town hall meeting in Logan, Iowa, where patrons repeatedly pressed him on President Trump's behavior and mental stability for office, Grassley pointed to 1964 GOP nominee Barry Goldwater, who lost to Lyndon Baines Johnson in the general election, as the first example of unfair, unwarranted criticisms lobbed specifically at one party.

"When Goldwater was a candidate, they had 100 psychiatrists sign a letter that he wasn't mentally fit, and there were a lot of questions about (Ronald) Reagan's ability," he said. "And now it's come over to this president. How come it's only Republicans that have to answer these questions and never Democrats?"

Grassley, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, also addressed a disagreement between he and ranking Dem-

ocrat Dianne Feinstein of California over whether Christopher Steele's testimony to the FBI on the infamous dossier he compiled in the run-up to the 2016 election—claiming extensive ties between Trump and Russia—should be released to the public.

"She shouldn't release something without consulting me, but that's water over the dam now," he said.

He added that the FBI will continue to investigate Steele for possibly lying to the agency and could press criminal charges, but Grassley declined to elaborate on what laws may have been broken or what the former British intelligence officer allegedly lied about.

"We're going to have to wait for the FBI to tell us that, and that could take a while," Grassley said.

Other discussion topics during the call included immigration, agricultural policy and which committees Grassley would choose to serve on should the Republicans keep control of the Senate in 2018.

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Grundy Center

Kiwanis to host fundraiser soup supper

The Grundy Center Kiwanis Club will host a fund-raising soup supper Tuesday, January 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. before the GC vs. West Marshall Basketball Game at the Grundy Center High School Cafeteria.

The menu will include chili, wild rice/chicken soup. Brownie sundaes will be served for dessert. See advertisement elsewhere in today's paper for more details.

Proceeds from the meal will support the Kiwanis Club's projects that serve the children of our community

GCHS school groups to serve dinner fundraiser for Coaches against Cancer

The Academic Decathlon team, Robotics club, and the Grundy Center Student Senate are organizing and holding a fundraiser Pork Dinner on Jan 26th for Don Osterhaus.

This fundraiser is part of the Coaches vs. Cancer games against AGWSR. Don is currently the GC-DNH AcDec coach and is going through treatment for esophageal cancer.

Students in Robotics, AcDec, and Students Senate are selling tickets and the group plans on selling 200 tickets at the door.

The event will be held on Friday, January 26th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the High School Commons.

All proceed to directly to Don Osterhaus.

Wellsburg

Holland Creek Watershed meeting

A public meeting will be held to provide the community with more information about a new watershed plan for the Holland Creek Watershed.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wellsburg Public Library, 411 N. Adams Street in Wellsburg.

Dinner will be provided. An RSVP is not required, but is encouraged for meal count. To RSVP, contact Sue Derscheid with the Iowa Soybean Association at 515-334-1063 or by emailing sderscheid@iasoybeans.com

This event is sponsored by the Grundy Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Black Hawk Creek Water and Soil Coalition and the Iowa Soybean Association.

New Hartford

Carson family will perform gospel concert

The Carson family from rural Grundy County will be performing at the New Hartford Community Center, 303 Broadway Street, Tuesday, January 30th at 7PM.

The Carson family shares the message of Jesus Christ and His love for mankind while singing a variety of gospel selections accompanied by guitars, violin and mandolin. They have ministered at many area churches and nursing homes.

The free concert will be followed by a time of refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Call Ray Hemmer at 277-4848 with questions, especially if the weather would cause a cancellation.

NH Lions to host fundraiser breakfast

The New Hartford Lions will be hosting an omelet and all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Hartford Community Building.

There will also be a bake sale provided by the New Hartford Women's Club.

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BCLUW board approves out of state club trips

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- The BCLUW board of education unanimously approved out of state field trips for the high school art and science clubs during Monday evening's regular meeting at the high school media center.

On behalf of the Art Club, Cindy Frost will take students to the Madison, Wisconsin, area from April 27-30, and the trip will include a play, several art-related sessions around the University of Wisconsin campus and a jazz festival.

High school science teachers Anthony Jahr and Roberta Vanderah will take their club to Chicago from March 9-12.

The special education department gave its curriculum report, and athletics director Lynn Silver reported that last year, the total cost of activities was about \$4,000 more than what they took in—noting that uniforms and paying officials were among the biggest expenses.

"We'd all like to break even or make a little money, but \$4,000 for all the things the kids learn and the experiences... it's hard to say that's a bad use of

the funds," board member Brian Feldpausch said.

Silver added that the transition from Cobras to Comets at the middle school is nearly complete, and the only groups that haven't completed it are junior high volleyball and cheerleading.

According to data provided during the meeting, the overall taxable valuation of the district has increased another \$9,117,924 to \$258,148,856. Of that valuation, \$126,545,688 is located in Grundy County, \$91,287,933 is in Marshall County and the remaining \$40,315,235 is in Hardin County.

During his comments, Superintendent Ben Petty offered an outlook on the 2018 legislative session and urged board members and attendees to stay in contact with their state representatives. Supplemental state aid, education savings accounts and possible Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reform are expected to be among the most pressing issues facing public schools this year at the state-house.

Conrad council hears requests from library, daycare center

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- During a relatively brief regular meeting last Thursday evening, the Conrad city council heard budget requests from both the public library and the Wolf Creek Child-care and Preschool Center.

Library Director Sue Blythe mostly requested small increases for a total fiscal year 2019 budget of \$135,285—up from \$132,260 in fy2018. City administrator Lori Stansberry proposed a relatively large change in the library's insurance expenditures, which would go from \$7,149 to \$8,100 (a 13.3 percent increase), and the allocation for building maintenance would increase by 33 percent (from \$3,000 to \$4,000) under the new budget. On the other hand, spending for the summer rec program and telephone usage would both decrease by at least 20 percent for fy2019.

Jane Katzer spoke on behalf of the daycare, which received \$65,000 in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds for fy2018. She acknowledged the difficult realities of operating a commu-

nity childcare center in the modern era: Wolf Creek is competing against at least nine in-home providers locally. Currently, its student numbers are only at about half of the capacity of 77.

In addition, the facility has endured other struggles with flooding, a rapid succession of directors and the sudden departure of former director Dana Brown in 2017 amidst child abuse allegations.

"We had to get things under control when we lost Dana cold turkey last spring," Katzer said. "I feel a vested interest in this organization."

Katzer reported that the center collected \$114,200 in tuition in fiscal year 2018, and she was "optimistically" predicting that it would increase to \$130,000 this year. Wages paid for this year totaled \$113,000, and the total for fundraising in fy2017 was \$5,500.

The council unanimously approved an internal advance of \$100,000 from the general fund to cover a deficit ensuring the city will have it in time for an audit.

Conrad City audit released

Dennis P. Donovan, PC released an agreed-upon procedures report on the City of Conrad, Iowa for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa.

Donovan recommended the City establish procedures to maximize internal control, investigate alternatives to eliminate deficit fund balances

and ensure debt payments are made timely and from the proper funds. In addition, the City should also comply with the Code of Iowa regarding closed session documentation and budget amendments.

A copy of the agreed-upon procedures report is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/index.html>.

Hiawatha man charged with fondling minors in Conrad

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- A Hiawatha man has been arrested on a Grundy County warrant and charged with two separate felony counts of Lascivious Acts with a Child stemming from alleged incidents of inappropriately touching two young females in Conrad last May.

According to the criminal complaint filed by the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, Charles Robert Williams, age 44, performed one of the acts at the BCLUW Elementary School playground on the afternoon of May 13 around 3:00 p.m. and another at a home in Conrad during the same time frame. The report goes on to allege that he fondled the genitals of the victims, both under the age of 12.

Williams is no stranger to the criminal justice system, as he's been involved in at least nine felony cases in Linn County (five of which have been dismissed or closed without details available) and convicted of multiple controlled substance violations. He's also been found guilty of Assault, Interference with Official Acts and habitually driving while barred. In July, he was charged with Indecent Contact with a Child in Linn



Charles Robert Williams

County, and court records show that the alleged offense there occurred on the same day as the Conrad incidents.

Grundy County Sheriff Rick Penning told *The Grundy Register* that he was not sure of the connection between Williams and this area.

"We just know he was there for a very short time," he said.

A warrant for the defendant's arrest was issued in November, and he was apprehended earlier this month. On January 2, Williams posted a \$20,000 bond while being held in the Linn County Correctional Facility, and his Grundy County warrant was served on January 8. A trial date has not yet been set.

Colo-NESCO, BCLUW to raise money for Ubbens

During Saturday night's nonconference game between Colo-NESCO and BCLUW in Colo, the competing teams will join together to host a Blue Out in memory of Darla Ubbens, the late Chamber-Main Street Executive Director and the mother of Comet sophomore Madison

Ubben.

The night will also include a fundraiser, and all proceeds will benefit the Darla Ubben Memorial Garden project in Conrad. The varsity girls game begins at 3:30 p.m., and varsity boys will start at 5:00.

Dike council appoints city officials, approves soil boring test

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

DIKE - During their monthly meeting last week, the Dike City Council appointed a num-

ber of individuals to different positions with the city.

Among the appointments were: Gary Jones as city attorney; Lindsay Nielsen as city clerk; Ann Hilliard as deputy clerk; and Chad Cutsforth as mayor pro-tem.

The council also took the first step forward for the possible new Fire Station, when council members voted unanimously to approve a soil boring test at the site of the possible construction.

Council members agreed to accept a quote from Chosen Valley Testing for \$1850 to do the soil boring test.

As the council continues to discuss the project, more information will be provided to the public. There is an informational meeting planned for members of the community on Monday, February 5th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Dike City Hall.

The meeting comes almost exactly a month before the bond referendum on Tuesday, March 6th, when voters in Dike will go to the polls to decide whether or not the city should construct the new Fire Station.

Obituaries

Richard "Dick" Herter

Richard "Dick" Herter, 75, of Parkersburg died January 9, 2018, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. Services were held January 13 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Waterloo with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls. Military honors were conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 Honor Guard. Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, assisted the family. Memorials may be directed to Christian Crusaders or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.



He was born May 11, 1942, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, son of Henry and Emilie (Brookins) Herter. He married Ivadean Haskenhoff on July 6, 1963, in Hawkeye.

He graduated from Calumet High School in 1960, and served in the US Navy during the Cold War Era. He was a Journeyman Wireman with IBEW Local 288 and then a delivery driver for Varsity Cleaners, retiring in 2005. He was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church; a lifetime member of the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 and past Commander of the United States Submarine Veterans Iowa Base.

He is survived by his wife of Parkersburg; a daughter, Erika (Mike) Horstmann of West Des Moines; two sons, Jeffrey (Barbara) of Wilton and Jason (Angi) of Iowa Falls; six grandchildren: Raymond and Sheila Horstmann, Marvin and Lydia Herter, Emilie and Kielinn Herter; a sister, Jacquelyn Williamson of Manteno, IL; and a brother, Kenneth Herter of Beecher, IL.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; a brother-in-law, James Williamson; and a sister-in-law, Geri Herter.

Barbara Tranbarger

Barbara Evelyn Tranbarger, 94, of Conrad passed away December 27, 2017, at Oakview Nursing Home in Conrad and under the care of Hospice Compassus. Memorial services for Barb were held January 5 at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the family. For more information or to send a condolence, please visit www.mitchellfh.com.



Barbara Loverin was born on January 27, 1923, at the home in rural Grundy County to Leonard and Bessie Freed Loverin. She graduated from Conrad High School in 1941. That year was very special to her, as she was later baptized on December 21st of that year. On November 4, 1944, Barb was united in marriage to Jon "JT" Tranbarger in Amarillo, Texas. On December 27, 1953, nine years after they were married, adopted a brother and a sister, Leonard, age five and Jaclyn, age four. This date was already very special to the family but now will also be celebrated as the month and the date that Barb went home to be with JT. Barb was a homemaker, farm wife and grandmother, which she said was the greatest thing in life. She was a charter member of the Conrad Legion. Barb enjoyed embroidering, needle point, cooking and reading and was a devoted farm wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Barb is survived by her children, Leonard and Jaclyn; as well as four grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Jon; parents Leonard and Bessie; as well as siblings Dora Stambaugh and Richard Loverin.

Michael Joseph Stephan

Michael J. Stephan, 61, of Reinbeck died unexpectedly January 16, 2018, in Reinbeck. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 19 at French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck, Iowa. Burial will follow at the Reinbeck Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 at French-Hand Funeral Home in Reinbeck. Messages of condolence may be directed to the Stephan family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

Channel 13 Meteorologist Ed Wilson Headlines Hospital Fundraiser

GRUNDY CENTER - A sunny forecast is in the works for the eleventh annual Gala & Auction to benefit the Grundy County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Grundy Center native and WHO TV meteorologist Ed Wilson will emcee the Saturday, February 3 event at the Grundy Center Community Center. Tickets are now on sale for the evening, which includes a social hour, dinner, raffle, and auction. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Grundy Community Center, with the goal of raising funds to support equipment needs in the hospital's Therapy, Cardiac Rehabilitation, and Radiology departments.

Guests in attendance will have the opportunity to bid on specialty Live Auction packages including LASIK Eye Surgery from Wolfe Eye Clinic, eight tickets in a suite for a Minnesota Vikings preseason game courtesy of FCS, and a 5-night stay in a Daytona Beach condo provided by Joseph and Cher McMonigle.



Ed Wilson

"The Gala is an opportunity for community members to join the effort to help maintain first rate health care locally. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and it helps the hospital provide the big and little things that add up to great patient care," says Foundation event coordinator Erin Schildroth. "Businesses have been generous with Auction items, and there is a great variety of packages to bid on. Plus, our volunteer committee of Kelly Dinsdale, Kate Durbin, Rhonda Samo, Cindy Simms and Deb Wentzien is planning a fun evening based on this year's 'Sparkle and Twang' theme," says Schildroth. Tickets are available until January 22 by contacting Schildroth at GCMH_Foundation@unity-point.org or phoning 319-824-4147.

Silent Auction items were on display in the hospital lobby for bidding beginning January 23. A complete list of auction items may be also found on the hospital's website, www.grundycountyhospital.org.

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*A look back through The Grundy Register
Compiled by Michaela Kendall*

10 Years Ago This Week - 2008

Jason Rich sat at the front of Trinity Wesleyan Church, guitar in hand, belting out his own lyrics as he strummed his acoustic guitar. His voice echoed through the pews and across the room, filling the church with the sounds of Christian contemporary music. It's only been a year and a half since the Dike native first began his journey as a musical artist, but already his resume includes two albums, countless live performances, and soon to be an appearance on the highest rated television show in the United States -American Idol. But to Rich, American Idol was just a steppingstone. Rich, accompanied at Trinity on Tuesday by three former band members, was preparing for his debut as a solo artist. He plans to continue touring and making live performances as he awaits the release of his first solo album: I Am Waiting. And although Rich had seen some success as a member of the Christian Contemporary band Greenhill, it wasn't until he auditioned for American Idol that he believes things started to really change. Rich auditioned in August in Omaha, Neb. in front of Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, two of the three main judges for the show. Although Rich's manager Justin Bartlett did not want the results of the contest released until after it aired (which began Tuesday and runs through Feb. 13 on Fox), Rich talked about what was going on in his head. Rich said once he got going his confidence grew, but at times it was nerve-racking. "In the back of my mind I'm thinking 'what is going on? I'm not supposed to be here. These are the people you see on TV everyday and they're able to hear what I'm saying.'"

25 Years Ago This Week - 1993

The Family Health Center, located at 902 1st Street, Grundy Center, will host a Grand Opening and Dedication on Saturday, January 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Center, located on the west side of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital, has recently completed extensive renovations and will offer tours to the public, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Renovations include the installation of an elevator just inside the entrance, a provision needed in order to comply with new federal ADA requirements. Also included in the renovations were new carpeting, new drywall and paint, and reupholstered furniture and exam tables. The renovations, totaling approximately \$100,000, were paid for through the hospital's Foundation and a \$30,000 donation from Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo. The Center hosts a waiting room with seating for a dozen patients, 11 examination rooms and one special procedure room.

The Grundy Center Community School, in cooperation with Hawkeye Community College, is offering an adult education class on the effective use of home video cameras. Beginning Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m., the class will meet in the high school IMC for four consecutive Thursdays. Cost for the sessions is \$16.80. The instructor is Ron Swanson.

Ol' man winter made his return to Grundy County Monday evening, dumping a fresh blanket of snow over the county. The snow is expected to continue through Wednesday, with snow accumulations totaling 6"-12" according to forecasters.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1968

Three Grundy County school districts, four municipal governments and a handful of other local tax supporting bodies - including Grundy County itself - have more than \$36,000 at stake in the outcome of the County Treasurer Paul Bettenga's tax fight with the Chicago and North Western Railway Company. But also at stake is an important principle: should a delinquent railroad be treated like any other taxpayer? The stake is \$28,608 in taxes owed by C&NW for the last half of 1963, and all of 1964, and the first half of 1965 - plus another \$7,792 in penalties accrued since October 1, 1966. But the railroad refuses to pay the penalty. Treasurer Bettenga is just as stubborn in refusing a single penny from C&NW unless it also pays the penalty. "Chicago and North Western is being treated like any other taxpayer," Bettenga states.

The Grundy Center Recreation Commission will sponsor a family ice skating party this Friday night at the rink at the south end of the high school baseball diamond. Music will be furnished by the Rec Commission and there will be a bonfire to help keep skaters warm. Adults and their families are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1943

George Finger, a private in the American Army in the Southwest Pacific and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Finger of Pleasant Valley township, was killed in action against the Japs in New Guinea on December 15th. The family of the young soldier received a message on Saturday from the war department at Washington announcing his death and expressing regret for the bad news which the message contained. Private George Finger was inducted into the army through the selective draft on the 4th of January of last year. He was supposed to have left January 1, but due to the blizzard we had that day, he was notified that he was not to leave. The rest of the group he was to have left with went to Fort Des Moines January 3. George went the following day. He left alone. That was just the beginning of his bad luck. He received his basic thirteen weeks' training at Camp Roberts, Calif., where he was quarantined nearly all that time. Because of the quarantine, George had but one pass as long as he was in the army in the U.S. As soon as their training there was over, his division was sent to Australia. From there they went to New Guinea - into the battlefield. George was a crack rifleman, as his friends with whom he went hunting quite often before the war will remember. George Finger was born on a Pleasant Valley township farm and spent all of his life there until, he was called into the army. He was born during the First World War on March 20, 1918.



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"That is one last thing to remember: writers are always selling somebody out." - Joan Didion



By **ROB MAHARRY**

A few months back, I wrote a column about the death of literacy in America and how the President of the United States, who can't be bothered to decipher one page briefs and has probably never made it through a whole book other than his own, sets an example for the rest of us with his willful ignorance. Well, sometimes, you've got to give credit where credit is due, and today, it's time for me to eat crow. Donald Trump has made reading *Great Again*.

Fire and Fury, Michael Wolff's controversial new "insider account" of a year at the White House, is not entirely - or even partially - factual in the same way that *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72* wasn't. The writer has a historically loose relationship with accurate journalism, and it's becoming increasingly evident that large portions of the book are imagined, based on unconfirmed secondhand stories or drawn from some caricatured fantasy of this administration's perceived ineptitude.

If Wolff owes anyone a cut of the stratospheric royalty checks he's about to pull in, it's Donald Trump. He's a marketing genius, and the minute he threatened to sue Simon and Schuster for libel in hopes of blocking its publication, the Orange Wonder sent sales through the roof. Online booksellers are running out of copies faster than local pharmacies are selling out of Tamiflu, and amidst massive cutbacks and closures at brick and mortar stores like Barnes and Noble, this may just be the boon they need to stay afloat. Once again, the president is saving American jobs!

Now for the hard part: does a book like this have to be 100 percent veracious to be important, enjoyable (or disheartening, depending on your perspective) and suitable for widespread distribution? The subject of the story himself has never really cared for facts, and in a post-truth society, who needs them?

I haven't read *Fire and Fury* yet, but most of the reviews provide a description of Trump that isn't exactly new: he's an insane narcissist desperate for approval, he's far and away the most intellectually lazy president ever, he never really planned on getting elected in the first place, and like an addict who can't put the needle down, he's still watching cable news constantly despite so openly proclaiming his hatred for it.

Salacious bits - including modern day Rasputin Steve Bannon's claim that meetings with Russian officials were "treasonous" - arise here and there, and the well-publicized rift between the erstwhile top advisor and Jarvanka is fleshed out in great detail. But let's ask ourselves an honest question: is any of this really all that shocking?

If you're a Trump supporter, anything you read in the press is Fake News (*The Grundy Register* included), and some new hotshot writer coming along with another scandalous expose is going to do about as much to change your mind as an angry PETA member cat-erwauling that you really should think about exchanging the bacon cheeseburger in your hand for a tofu patty. The PR blitz is already on to discredit Wolff, reiterate how sane and competent The Donald really is (a very stable genius, as he described himself) and ask THE LAMESTREAM MEDIA why it can't just give him a chance to *Make America Great Again*.

The author knows he's preaching to the converted, and with the president's approval ratings hovering somewhere around 30 percent, he can lay claim to a sizable audience. On a deeper level, it may just be his way of throwing Trump's tactics back in his face: if you don't like someone, make things up about them and see what sticks - it could lead you to the highest office in America.

With forlorn dispatches from the White House portraying a decimated, despondent man-baby staying in bed until 11:00 a.m. and privately fuming about pretty much everyone (in the fashion of fictional kindred spirits MacBeth and Michael Corleone, nearly all of

Trump's original inner circle is gone), it's tempting to feel a bit of sympathy for him.

But when you remember that a professional con man who used to do cameo appearances on "Sex and the City" and spends more paying off "actresses" for their silence than most of us bring home in a year now fancies himself the spokesman for the "Duck Dynasty" voting bloc - or that the same man makes Richard Nixon look like Mahatma Gandhi and built his entire presidential run on a falsehood about his predecessor's birthplace (that s***hole continent, no less), viciously sharing the lie with anyone willing to listen - you realize what Wolff was really trying to teach us all along: *Donald Trump doesn't deserve a fair shake.*

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

Jane Harper, former Tipton County, Indiana commissioner, recently penned an editorial admitting deep regret for signing documents for the construction of an industrial scale wind energy project there. She acknowledged that wind energy projects cover a large geographical area and affect numerous citizens and wind projects cannot be treated the same way as other projects that are confined to a few acres and affect fewer people. "Protection of neighboring property values and enhancing the livability of your residents are the primary objectives of the zoning ordinance and are of paramount importance to the overall 'general welfare' of your county. In this case, you have many property owners affected by 'spinning skyscrapers' and their welfare should be prioritized over the deprivation of a few property owners' land use for financial gain." http://www.pharostribune.com/opinion/columns/article_9575ea76-5364-514c-b541-943730e47444.html

Nebraska Senator Tom Brewer calls wind energy "a scam that hurts people and animals, wastes billions in tax dollars and isn't 'green' energy by any definition of the term. Many industries in the U.S. receive some kind of government subsidy, but the wind energy industry is 100 percent reliant on subsidies. Americans are being asked to pay for two energy systems, one that produces wind energy and the second that delivers reliable electricity." http://www.starherald.com/opinion/brewer-wind-energy-is-not-nebraska-nice/article_e74b7428-0cc4-55bb-bd1d-ad7197cd9ce1.html His office is flooded everyday by emails, phone calls, and letters from people across the country. They are fed up with the onslaught of wind energy projects.

For the past 25 years, American taxpayers have been subsidizing wind-power production through the 1992 Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Consolidated Appropriations Act. Even Warren Buffett admitted, "We get a tax credit if we build lots of wind farms. That's the only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the credit."

It's time Iowa's elected officials get their heads out of the sand and stop promoting the wind industry charade that cost ratepayers and taxpayers billions in subsidies for the financial gain of a few.

Kim Junker, New Hartford

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Our heartfelt thank you to the community of Grundy Center for all of the expressions of sympathy our family has received since the death of our mother and grandmother, Mardene Wilson, of Dysart. We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares.
Dave, Sue, Nathan, Jordan, and Landon Graham

Area students receives degrees from ISU

AMES - At Iowa State University's fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 15-16, 2017, 2,286 graduates received degrees. Iowa State awarded 1,887 undergraduate degrees, 276 master's degrees, and 123 doctor of philosophy degrees.

Conrad: Chad Frazer, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business

Dustin Reed, Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering
Liscomb: Lucas Schmitt, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Reinbeck: Tanner Greiner, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business, Cum Laude

News from Ivester

DIRECTORY

Last call for getting changes to our secretary for our church directory. Please check your cell phone number, as well as your adult children's information.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, January 28 for potluck following worship service at 10:30 am. Dessert will be provided. This is our All Church Birthday Party to celebrate everyone's birthdays for the year. Our techy persons have prepared movies of church events and celebrations from the past to enjoy.

P.E.O meeting held

Members of Chapter AR, P.E.O. gathered at the home of Judy Fernow on Saturday morning, January 13, 2018 for a regular meeting at 9:30 am. Jean Garaventa and Marci Rouse assisted with the serving. Jackie Stevens presented an inspiring program on the value of education and the Project Funds available to young women to further their education.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the home of Janelle Onnen.

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

The following information was received about the photo that ran in the Jan 4th Grundy Register: From Chuck Kruse & Mrs. Clifford Parker both from Conrad: From left to right Van Putten Myne Morris and C.A. Morris, County Superintendent of Schools. Someone also said that the man on the left side is Glen Dieken. From Marylian Casey,

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.



Spring Valley, Mn.: The first person is Rev Gerber Van Putten. I am not sure but think the lady is Miss Maggie Gray and the other gentleman is Dr. W. McDowell. Rev Van Putten was the First Presbyterian minister from 1948 to 1957. I think this picture was from when he was installed as minister.

From Maxine Engelkes: The picture shows Rev. Gerben Van Putten (First Presbyterian Church minister) on the left, Minnie Morris (Mrs. C.A.) in the middle and possibly Dr. Mol. I think Mrs. Morris and Dr. Mol were First Pres members and may have been having a "chat" with the minister.

ISU Fall Dean's List announced

AMES — Approximately 9,575 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2017 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

Beaman: Charles R. Neff, 4, Chemical Engineering
Conrad: Anna Rose Dinsmore, 2, Psychology; Kate Nicole Goecke, 2, Pre-Business; Joshua Michael Myers, 3, Marketing; Bailey Coleen Nash, 4, Geology; Rebecca Sue Steckelberg, 4, Agricultural and Life Sciences Education
Dike: Katie Jo Camarata, 1, Pre-Business; Tessa R. Dall, 4, Materials Engineering; Trevor Mitchell Dumler, 2, Pre-Business; Katie Ann Nielsen, 3, Accounting; Michael L. Parker, 4, Forestry; Nathan L. Sharp, 1, Public Relations

Grundy Center: Madison Wyatt Beenken, 4, Mathematics; Kaitlynn Marie Ehrig, 2, Interior Design; Waylon Sternhagen, 4, Accounting; Alexa Marie Strickler, 2, Pre-Business

Holland: Abby Marie Hockemeyer, 2, Agricultural Studies; Victoria Noelle Vollema, 4, Kinesiology and Health
Reinbeck: Jeffrey Alan Tschertcher, 4, Industrial Engineering

Wellsburg: Carson L. Lutterman, 4, Criminal Justice Studies; Reagan Joseph Rieken, 4, Agricultural Studies; Sophie Marie Stahl, 2, Elementary Education

Dike News

Dates for Dike

Thursday, January 18
BB at w Fork Sheffield
Ha wrestling at dike
Jh be girls at Aplington boys at NH

Friday, January 19
BB at Dike
Jh wrestling at NH

Saturday, January 20
His wrestling at alburnet
District speech large group

Sunday, January 21
Local church services
Meistersingers at Wartburg

Monday, January 22
Meistersingers singers

Tuesday, January 23
BB at A-P

Wednesday, January 24
Early dismissal

Birthdays

Thursday, January 18: Darwin cannegieter

Friday, January 19: Kurt Walters, Florence Jones, Christa Lotts, Sue truck

Saturday, January 20: Byron Miller, Klayton Kruger

Sunday, January 21: Naomi Wardell

Tuesday, January 23: Ivan Hummel

Wednesday, January 24: Donna Kopriva, Tigh bakker, Steven chapman

Thursday, January 25: Randy Dodd



Palermo 4-H meeting held
Ariana Dirx sharing her painting and Evelyn Geerdes finishing her CO2 Clover share at Palermo 4-H meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Friday January 19 • Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room GCMH Christmas Party, Wilts Room
- Saturday January 20 • Grundy Comm. Center – Mast, Wilts Room
- Monday January 22 • 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 January 23 • Grundy Comm. Center – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Wednesday January 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
- Thursday January 25 • Grundy Comm. Center – No Walking Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Council Chambers Heartland Co-op, Wilts and Legion Room

Put your event in the Grundy Center Community Calendar!
319-824-6958 • grundydesign@midamericapub.com

Nutrition site menu

Friday, January 19 — Turkey Breast, Turkey Gravy, Mashed Red Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Oranges, Margarine

Monday, January 22 — Lemon Pepper Fish, Mashed Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Tartar Sauce, Margarine

Tuesday, January 23 — Beef Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fresh Banana, Margarine

Wednesday, January 24 — BBQ Pork, Confetti Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hamburger Bun, Hot Sliced Peaches

Thursday, January 25 — Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Roasted Potato Medley, Sliced Carrots, Pie

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



To celebrate 80th birthday

In celebration of Kay England's 80th birthday, her family will honor her at an open house Sunday January 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center. Cards only.

CENTER THEATRE'S Reel-to-Reel

Beginning on Friday, January 19 at 7 p.m. will be comedy/sequel *Pitch Perfect 3*, starring Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow, Elizabeth Banks and Hannah Fairlight. This movie is rated PG-13 for language, running approximately 95 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the family/true story *The Greatest Showman*, starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams and Zendaya. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 110 minutes in length.

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

Now graduated from college and out in the real world where it takes more than a cappella to get by, the Bellas return in *Pitch Perfect 3*, the next chapter in the beloved series that has become a global box office sensation. After the highs of winning the World Championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, this group of awesome nerds will come together to make some music, and some questionable decisions, one last time. *Pitch Perfect 3* stars Grundy Center native Hannah Fairlight as singer Veracity, along with Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow and Elizabeth Banks. Don't miss the humor and fun this week at the Center Theatre! *The Greatest Showman* is inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum and Baily Circus in 1881 and the lives of its star attractions. This new bold and original family movie celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. Inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum, *The Greatest Showman* tells the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. *The Greatest Showman* contains music from Academy Award® winners Benj Pasek and Justin Paul and stars Academy Award nominee Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Academy Award nominee Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya. 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.

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
Shown in **realD 3D**
Rated PG13- 119 minutes
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan
Shows Fri.-Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
Matinees: Sat. 3:15 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m.
3D Movie Admission \$4
Now with Digital and **realD 3D**
General Admission \$3
Gladbrook Theater
319 Second St., Gladbrook
888-473-FILM • 641-473-FILM
www.gladbrooktheater.com
All movies subject to change without notice

STARTING JAN 19
NOW PLAYING
ADULTS: \$3 - KIDS & SENIORS: \$1
50¢ Fridays, attend a movie on Friday evening & receive your choice of a medium popcorn or any Drink for just 50¢!
Not seeing a movie? You can still pick-up snacks, popcorn or Ice Cream!
NO WEEKEND MATINEE THIS WEEK
7:00 P.M. - **PITCH PERFECT 3**
•Type: Comedy/Sequel•
•PG-13 (Language) • 95 mins•
7:30 P.M. - **The Greatest Showman**
• Type: Family/True Story•
• PG • 110 mins •
CENTER THEATRE
602 7th St • Grundy Center • 1-800-682-6345
www.grundycentertheatre.com

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
WARD RICHARD, JR
January 21 from 2-5 pm
405 C Avenue in Grundy Center, IA

Grassley Q & A: Census of Agriculture

Question: What is the USDA's Census of Agriculture?

Answer: Since 1840, the Census of Agriculture has collected and compiled data provided by the nation's farmers, ranchers and food producers to get an accurate snapshot of American agriculture. The information is used to shape public policy, plan economic development and identify infrastructure needs in rural America. Conducted every five years, it is important for farm families, producers and landowners to participate in the survey conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service so that your farm and your voice counts. In fact, farm operations of all sizes are canvassed and individuals are required by law to fill out and submit census forms via postal mail or by completing the online survey by the February 5, 2018 deadline. As Iowa's U.S. Senator, I make every effort to listen and address concerns of family farmers and independent producers. As a lifelong family farmer, I bring unique perspective to the policymaking tables about the risks and rewards of earning a living off the land. From my leadership platforms in the U.S. Senate, I serve as an outspoken advocate for Rural America and production agriculture. From strengthening risk management tools, to negotiating global trade agreements vital to farm exports, seeking proper enforcement of anti-trust laws, fostering competition in the marketplace and expanding homegrown renewable energy, I also shape health care, tax and spending policies that matter to the quality and way of life

in Rural America. As Iowa's elected representative, your voice matters to me and I want to make sure it counts in the Census of Agriculture. So, it's very important that every Iowa farming operation is counted. The census informs policymakers and private enterprise when making decisions affecting rural development, such as broadband technology, lending and transportation services available in your neck of the woods. From beginning farmers to fourth-generation landowners, the census counts those who plant, grow, harvest and market the food, fuel, feed and fiber essential to America's food, energy and national security. As fewer Americans have a direct link to those who grow the food that graces our tables and produces the biofuels we pump into our vehicles, the Census of Agriculture produces data-rich content to help raise awareness about the contributions American agriculture makes to our economy and society. More than three million farm operations in the United States should have received the census in the mail in December. The questionnaire comes with a 17-digit survey code (needed for online access) and a return envelope for completing the census in writing. All information is kept confidential, protected by federal law. The USDA encourages respondents to take advantage of the user-friendly online survey to save time and ensure data quality. To complete the survey online, go to www.agcounts.usda.gov.

Question: What kind of in-

formation is collected?

Answer: The Census of Agriculture collects comprehensive information from farming operations of all sizes, crops and commodities, in every state and county in the country. From ranches with livestock and dairy herds, to row crops and horticulture, including fruits, vegetables and flowers, the census counts all U.S. farms and ranches and those who operate them. Gathering information every five years gives an accurate baseline of America's farm management practices, productivity and financial health. Remember, the census documents this data to help shape public policies important to the future of American agriculture and livelihoods for farm families for years to come. For example, data is used to help determine how federal dollars are spent in farm programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. EQIP provides financial assistance for farmers to implement voluntary conservation practices on their land that help improve soil, water and air quality. The data insights provided by the census will help both row crop and livestock farmers. In addition to government and community planners, the agriculture supply chain uses the updated information to make strategic business decisions that affect producers and consumers. For more information, or to track down a lost or misplaced form, call the USDA toll free (888) 424-7828.

Local students enjoy Foundation grants in the Music room



The Grundy Center Elementary Music room and its students are the proud new owners of a brand new Gathering Drum, thanks to the generous support of the Grundy Center Community School Foundation.

The Gathering Drum is a large drum, forty inches in diameter, that allows for an entire group of students to sit around the drum and explore the basic building block of music through a rhythmic group experience. Students, especially the youngest, can create, respond, and perform rhythmic activities in music successfully as a group, without needing to "manage" individual drums.

Lynn Kleiner, a nationally

known expert on young musicians says "This bonding experience creates a feeling of community as vibrations surround the little musicians. Timing and coordination improve and creativity is fostered."

During the 2017-18 school year, the Transitional Kindergarten class is receiving formal musical instruction three times a week. Mrs. Geselle Steenhoek, the Grundy Center Elementary's music teacher has been very pleased with the Gathering Drum as a powerful and effective tool to use with these small musicians. The TK students are beyond excited each time they get to work with the Gathering Drum.

When Mrs. Steenhoek asked the class what they thought about the Gathering Drum and what they liked about it, here are some of the responses enthusiastically given: "It's all sparkly and awesome!" "I like the picture of the animals on the inside." "I like the great big sound it can make!" "I like to keep the beat on our drum." "When you bang it, I can feel the sound in my tummy." "It's so nice of the people to get it for us."

Mrs. Steenhoek and the students are grateful to the Grundy Center Community School Foundation for their generous support.

AREA SERVICES *Please join us in worship!*

ALBION	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	Pleasant Valley Reformed Church Rev. Rick Vollema 319-346-1090 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group	8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum	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	First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
APLINGTON	GRUNDY CENTER	IVESTER	Evangelical Free church Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship	PARKERSBURG	Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School	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	Ivester Church of the Brethren Paul Shaver, Pastor 641-858-3879 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Potluck	New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium	Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Mass	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
BANGOR	Bethany Presbyterian Church Al Polito, Pastor 319-824-5471 Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship Time Wednesdays 4:15 p.m., J.A.M. Youth program with meal	LINCOLN	Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class	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	Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study
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	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	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	St. Henry Catholic Church Father Don Czapla Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass	Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass	St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
BEAMAN	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	LISCOMB	St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses	UNION	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	Orchard Hill Church Brian Steenhoek, Campus Pastor 1800 G Avenue, Grundy Center 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org 9:15 a.m. services 10:45 a.m. services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during both services	Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship	Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship	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	St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship
CONRAD	United Methodist Church Jerry R. Miller, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Celebration Wednesdays 5:15 p.m., Worship on Wednesday Meal - Wednesday School-Confirmation 6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship	Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship	Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service
Alice Church of God Jim Hartman, Pastor 641-849-7473 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 7 p.m., Bible Study	United Methodist Church The Rev. Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship	Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA Sundays	East Friesland Presbyterian Lynn Arends, Supply Pastor 641-847-2896 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship	WELLSBURG	Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Blue Collar Community Church 109 West Center Street Conrad, IA 9: a.m., Sunday Worship	First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship	MARSHALLTOWN	Faith Presbyterian Church 641-847-3188 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	GRUNDY CENTER	WELLSBURG
First Presbyterian Church Kerry Carson, Pastor 641-366-2342 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Fellowship	United Methodist Church The Rev. Gene Kubli 641-366-2325 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship	Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (includes children's sermon, nursery available ages 0-3) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service	GRUNDY CENTER	Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home & Monument Co. GNB Bank Grundy Center Municipal Light & Power Dept. Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative The Grundy Register Heartland Cooperative Rouse Motor Co.	Doyen-Abels Funeral Home & Monument Co. The Wellsburg Herald DIKE Dike Funeral Chapel & Monument Co. The Dike Register Ubben Building Supplies, Inc.
Fredsville Lutheran Church The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	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	United Methodist Church Dan Ridnouer, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service	WELLSBURG	Space for this series of religious messages for all faiths is provided by The Grundy Register and these community-minded businesses and professional people:	

Thoughtfulness



"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
—Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

The simple act of thinking about the needs and desires of others is often the seed of charity, compassion and mercy. Compassion depends on our ability to put ourselves in someone else's place and imagine what it would be like to be them. We often use the word "thoughtful" without really thinking about what it means. To be thoughtful really means to use your imagination and to try to see things from the other person's perspective. We often think we are being thoughtful when we are just doing for the other person what we would want done, but to be truly thoughtful you should try to do for the other person what he or she would want done. People are not all the same. Some like things quiet and simple while others crave noise and excitement. Treating someone to dinner at your favorite restaurant is nice for you, but treating them to dinner at their favorite restaurant is nicer for them. Some like to be the center of attention while others shun the limelight. In our ongoing quest to be more loving and compassionate to others, we should strive to imagine more fully what it is like to be the people with whom we share this world. God created each one of us a unique creature, and with seven billion different people on the planet, that gives us a lot to think about.
—Christopher Simon

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
GRUNDY COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF Jeffery E. Fordyce, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR102198
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
Jeffery E. Fordyce Deceased, who died
on or about June 16, 2017:
You are hereby notified that on January
9, 2018, the undersigned was appointed
Administrator of the Estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons
indebted to the Estate are requested
to make immediate payment to the un-
dersigned, and creditors having claims
against the estate shall file them with the
Clerk of the above named District Court,
as provided by law, duly authenticated,
for allowance, and unless so filed by the
later to occur four months from the date
of the second publication of this notice
or one month from the date of the mailing
of this notice (unless otherwise allowed
or paid) a claim is thereafter forever
barred.
Dated on January 9, 2018

Stephanie Fordyce
Administrator of the Estate
2020 Plainview St.
Waterloo, IA 50707

Judith R. Benson, ICIS # AT120000484
Attorney for the Administrator
Correll, Sheerer, Benson, Engels, Galles
& Demro, P.L.C.
411 Main St., P.O. Box 842
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-0040 GR3-2

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
GRUNDY COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF Joe Giannetto, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR102193
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
Joe Giannetto, Deceased, who died on or
about 26th day of November, 2017:
You are hereby notified that on the
21st day of December, 2017, the last
will and testament of Joe Giannetto, de-
ceased, bearing date of the 8th day of
May, 2012, was admitted to probate in
the above named court and that Shannon
Clark and Carrie Baier was appointed
executors of the estate. Any action to set
aside the will must be brought in the dis-
trict court of said county within the later
to occur of four months from the date
of the second publication of this notice
or one month from the date of mailing of
this notice to all heirs of the decedent and
devises under the will whose identities are
reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter
be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons
indebted to the estate are request-
ed to make immediate payment to the un-
dersigned, and creditors having claims
against the estate shall file them with the
clerk of the above named district court,
as provided by law, duly authenticated,
for allowance, and unless so filed by the
later to occur of four months from the
second publication of this notice or one
month from the date of mailing of this
notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid)
a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 9th day of December,
2017.

Shannon Clark
32892 260th Street
Reinbeck, IA 50669

Carrie Baier
605 Parkridge Ave
Huxley, IA 50124

Executors of estate

Robert J. Weiss
Attorney for the Executors
106B South 1st Avenue
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Date of second publication 25th day of
January, 2018. GR3-2

PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
GRUNDY COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF Barbara Tranbarger, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR102199
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of
Barbara Tranbarger, Deceased, who died
on or about 27th day of December, 2017:
You are hereby notified that on the
8th day of January, 2018, the last will
and testament of Barbara Tranbarger, de-
ceased, bearing date of the 31st day of
July, 2002, was admitted to probate in
the above named court and that Leonard J.
Tranbarger and Jaclyn A. Stolzman were
appointed co-executors of the estate.
Any action to set aside the will must be
brought in the district court of said coun-
ty within the later to occur of four months
from the date of the second publication
of this notice or one month from the date
of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the
decedent and devisees under the will
whose identities are reasonably ascertain-
able, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons
indebted to the estate are request-
ed to make immediate payment to the un-
dersigned, and creditors having claims
against the estate shall file them with the
clerk of the above named district court,
as provided by law, duly authenticated,
for allowance, and unless so filed by the
later to occur of four months from the
second publication of this notice or one
month from the date of mailing of this
notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid)
a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 10th day of January, 2018.

Leonard J. Tranbarger
32730 G Avenue
Conrad, IA 50621

Jaclyn A. Stolzman
P.O. Box 224
Conrad, IA 50621

Co-Executors of estate

Heronimus, Schmidt, Allen,
Schroeder & Geer
Attorneys for executor
630 G Avenue, Box 365
Grundy Center, IA 50638
Date of second publication 25th day of
January, 2018. GR3-2

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GRUNDY CENTER

A regular session of the Grundy Center
City Council was called to order at 6:30
p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the
Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet.
Present: Kuester, Steff, and Hamann.
Absent: Miller.
Steff moved and Hamann seconded the
approval of the meeting agenda as writ-
ten. Motion carried three ayes.
Steff moved and Kuester seconded the
consent agenda consisting of: approval
of the minutes of the regular session held
December 18, 2017; approval of the De-
cember 2017 bills list; and approval of the
December 2017 Treasurer Report. Mo-
tion carried three ayes.
CLAIMS REPORT
VENDOR REFERENCE AMOUNT
ADMIN. PETTY CASH, POSTAGE34.27
ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC, COPIER
CONTRACT.....237.97
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS, PAR-
TIAL SELF FUNDING.....1127.56
AFLAC, PREMIUMS.....193.38
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES, TEST-
ING.....1821.50
AIRGAS USA, SUPPLIES.....358.90
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....231.83
BEV APPEL, REFUND.....8.85
AXA EQUITABLE, DEFERRED COMP
.....200.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., SUPPLIES/
CONTRACT.....2974.98
DANIEL BANGASSER, TELEPHONE
.....39.95
BANKERS TRUST COMPAN. 2014A GO
BOND - AQUATIC CENTER...21558.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS,
SIGNS50.28
BERGLAND + CRAM,CDBG GRANT
.....54000.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UTILITIES
.....2797.06
BMC AGGREGATES L.C, SAND/SALT
MIX870.98
KIM BOREN, SERVICES400.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MEDS
.....394.76
BROTHERS MARKET, SUPPLIES46.53
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, FUEL.....
3367.05
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, SUP-
PLIES.....203.80
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT, GAR-
NISHMENT.....60.00
RICK COLSON, REFUND.....14.85
CORNFED DESIGNS, SUPPLIES65.00
CRAIGS VAC SHOP, REPAIRS28.00
DATA SUPPORT CO, SUPPLIES213.60
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC, SUPPLIES
.....255.39
DEARBORN NATIONAL, PREMIUMS
.....104.00
ELECTRIC SUPPLY-MARSHALLTOW,
SUPPLIES.....235.09
ENERGY SALES INC., PARTS.....87.00
FOX ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES,
SERVICES.....932.25
FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW, TIRES &
SERVICE.....700.00
DOUGLAS FROST, BOOTS.....57.23
DAVE GRAHAM, REFUND.....17.45
GREENBELT BANK & TRUST, TIF RE-
BATE.....1500.00
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICA-
TIONS, TELEPHONE.....442.83
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES, UTILI-
TIES.....7977.44
GRUNDY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH,
FLU SHOTS210.00
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CORP,
SERVICES.....170.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP, FUEL.....955.99
JESSE HUISMAN, SUPPLIES.....41.73
IA CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT,
CHILD SUPPORT33.78

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FED/
FICA TAX.....19369.19
I.U.P.A.T., DUES- PPM.....233.80
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRAINING ...
512.17
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER,
CASE #814995.....469.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
GARNISHMENT.....8.61
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR, INSPEC-
TIONS.....80.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SANI-
TARY SEWER GO BOND.....11678.02
IOWA ONE CALL, FAXES.....47.70
IOWA RADIANT ELECTRIC HEAT,INC,
PARTS.....13.28
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES, WATER
.....23250.24
IPERS, CONTRIBUTIONS.....12537.40
CHAD JENSEN, REFUND.....14.85
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES
.....328.36
PHIL JOHNSON, REFUND.....14.85
KARR LLC, SUPPLIES.....456.66
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, SER-
VICES.....37.50
KONKEN ELECTRIC, REPAIRS 983.67
L-3 COM MOBILE VISION, INC, RE-
PAIRS.....72.00
MANLY DRUG STORE, MEDS633.66
SAM MARTENS, REFUND.....6.25
PATTY MARTENS, REFUND.....14.85
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR,
PUBLISHING.....535.65
ROBERT MUNSON, REFUND.....6.25
NAPA AUTO PARTS, PARTS.....350.55
NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS, SUP-
PLIES.....15.29
BOB NOVAK, REFUND.....14.85
PD AIR SYSTEMS, PARTS.....360.00
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO, COLLEC-
TIONS.....4051.13
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SER-
VICES.....79.00
POLK'S LOCK SERVICE INC, KEYS.....
99.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE, SERVICES .
.....1974.67
RC SYSTEMS, PAGERS1155.00
REC GRUNDY COUNTY, UTILITIES.....
156.44
KRISTY SAWYER, SUPPLIES.....59.92
SCOTT'S SANITATION, SERVICES.....
16249.17
SHAVER, KIMBERLY, REFUND.....12.25
SHIELD PEST CONTROL, SERVICES
.....63.00
SPANGENBURG PLBG, HTG, SUP-
PLIES.....174.35
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATE
TAXES.....3002.00
STOREY KENWORTHY, SUPPLIES
239.86
T & T COMPUTERS, SERVER REPAIR
.....80.00
TENDER LAWN CARE, SERVICES
2187.50
TRANS-IOWA EQUIPMENT, INC, RE-
PAIRS.....127.89
TREASURER-STATE OF IA, SALES TAX
.....3563.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION, SERVICES
.....538.58
US CELLULAR, TELEPHONE.....94.08
VERIZON, SERVICES.....80.02
VISA, SUPPLIES.....1822.33
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B.S, PREMI-
UMS.....22741.17
WERTJES UNIFORMS, UNIFORMS.....
159.00
JASON WILSON, REFUND.....8.85
WINDSTREAM IOWA, TELEPHONE.....
14.60
PAYROLL CHECKS.....61302.30
PAID TOTAL.....303928.72
December 2017 Expenditures per fund:

General: \$65950; Road Use Tax: \$4971;
Employee Benefits: \$19309; Local Option
Sales Tax: \$17070; TIF Fund: \$1500; Li-
brary Gift Trust: \$2036; Debt Service
Fund: \$21558; Continuing Projects Total:
\$54000; Water Fund: \$35070; Sanitary
Sewer Fund: \$25576; Sewer Sinking
Fund: \$11678; Sanitation Fund: \$20434;
Ambulance Fund: \$42985; Storm Sewer
Fund: \$3220; Total: \$325358.
December 2017 Revenues per fund: Gen-
eral : \$66922; Road Use Tax: \$27103;
Employee Benefits Fund: \$12615 Em-
ergency Fund: \$1328; Local Option Sales
Tax Fund: \$17070; TIF Fund: \$10587;
Community Better Fund: \$8535; Equip-
ment Reserve- Public Works: \$ 512; Fire
Equipment Reserve: \$1447; Police Re-
serve Fund: \$1065; Library Gift Trust:
\$578; Ambulance Gift Fund: \$50; Debt
Service Fund: \$17829; Continuing Proj-
ects Fund: \$3500; Water Fund: \$45588;
Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$27374; Sewer
Sinking fund: \$6850; Sanitation Fund:
\$21600; Ambulance Fund: \$39690;
Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$151;
Storm Sewer: \$3980; Total: \$314374.
Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum
at 6:31 p.m. Lisa Bienfang, Main Street
Grundy Center Director, introduced her-
self as the new director. Bienfang com-
mented on her own background and expe-
rience she has with Main Street programs.
Public forum closed at 6:35pm.
Mayor Kiewiet introduced Janis Slater,
Dennis Donovan, CPA auditor. Slater
gave presentation on the fiscal year 2017
Annual Audit. Audit is available at City
Hall if anyone is interested in looking at it.
Kuester moved and Hamann seconded
action on Resolution 2018-01, a resolu-
tion authorizing the fire department roster.
Motion carried three ayes.
Hamann moved and Kuester seconded
action on Resolution 2018-02, a resolu-
tion designating The Grundy Register as
our official newspaper for 2018. No dis-
cussion. Motion carried three ayes.
Hamann moved and Kuester seconded
action to approve the following appoint-
ment for one year terms ending Decem-
ber 31, 2018: Dan Bangasser, City Clerk/
Works Director; Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk/
Treasurer; Doug Frost, Chief of Police;
Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief; Seth Schroed-
er, City Attorney; David Steff, Mayor Pro
Tem; Dwight Gilem, Ambulance Chief,
and Jerry Smith, Zoning Administrator.
No discussion. Motion carried three ayes.
Hamann moved and Steff seconded ac-
tion to approve to fill the vacant council
seat with term ending December 31, 2019
by appointment at our January 22, 2018
council meeting. Mayor Kiewiet com-
mented that he has asked Amanda Grine-
ski. Motion carried three ayes.
Finance Committee commented the fiscal
year 2019 budget work papers are com-
ing together.
Public Safety Committee commented that
the wooden flag hanging outside the po-
lice department was donated by Jenna
Bonorden, GCHS student.
Public Works Committee commented on
having two water main breaks and snow
removal and Fox Engineering has given
some dates to meet.
Steff moved and Hamann seconded
adjournment of the meeting at 7:45pm.
Motion carried three ayes. Next regu-
lar meeting will be Monday, January 22,
2018 at 6:30pm.
Al Kiewiet, Mayor
Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk GR3-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF DIKE

January 11, 2018
The Dike City Council met in regular ses-
sion on Wednesday, January 10, 2018
at 7 PM with Mayor Soppe presiding.
Council present: Chad Cutsforth, Sam
Kollasch, Chris Bakken, Nick Cleveland
and Luke Osterhaus. Also in attendance:
Shane Metz, Lindsay Nielsen, Ashley
Beniga, Curt Smeins, Marv Geiken and
Zeb Stanbrough.
Consent Agenda – Motion by Cutsforth
to approve the following on the consent
agenda: Sheriff's report, library report,
approval of minutes as presented and de-
linquent utility bills. Seconded by Cleve-
land. All Ayes. Carried.
Fire Report – The department had seven
ambulance calls, two car accidents and
one fire.
Fire Dept. Building Project – A quote from
Chosen Valley Testing for \$1850 to do the
soil boring test on the site for the possi-
ble new building was presented. Oster-
haus introduced Resolution #01101803,
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHOSEN
VALLEY TESTING TO DO THE SOIL
BORING TESTING FOR \$1850 FOR
THE NEW FIRE STATION. Seconded
by Cleveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cut-
sforth, Kollasch, Bakken, Cleveland and
Osterhaus. Nays: None. Whereupon the
Mayor declared Resolution #01101803,
duly adopted.
Health Insurance – There was discussion
on changing the health insurance bene-
fits for the city employees. A motion by
Cutsforth to keep health insurance cov-
erage as is with 100% coverage for em-
ployee and family, also contributing 70%
to H.S.A. accounts and reevaluate when
wage increase time comes around. Sec-
onded by Osterhaus. All Ayes. Carried.
Liquor License – A motion by Cutsforth
to approve the renewal of Slice Entertain-
ment liquor license. Seconded by Cleve-
land. All Ayes. Carried.
Pay estimate – Cutsforth introduced
Resolution #01101802, A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE PAY ESTIMATE TO
WRH, INC FOR \$132,121.25 FOR THE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJ-
ECT. Seconded by Cleveland. Roll Call
Vote: Ayes: Cutsforth, Kollasch, Bakken,
Cleveland and Osterhaus. Nays: None.
Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolu-
tion #01101802, duly adopted.
Appointments – A motion by Cleveland
to appoint Peoples Savings Bank as official
bank. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes.
Carried. A motion by Cutsforth to appoint
Gary Jones as city attorney. Seconded

by Cleveland. All Ayes. Carried. A motion
by Cutsforth to appoint the Grundy Re-
gister as official newspaper. Seconded by
Bakken. Four Ayes, One Nay. Carried.
A motion by Cleveland to appoint Lind-
say Nielsen as city clerk. Seconded by
Cutsforth. All Ayes. Carried. A motion
by Osterhaus to appoint Ann Hilliard as
deputy clerk. Seconded by Cutsforth. All
Ayes. Carried. A motion by Cleveland to
appoint Chad Cutsforth as mayor pro-
tem. Seconded by Osterhaus. All Ayes.
Carried.
Superintendents Report – Per Shane still
having a little trouble with the sewer line
on Fox Ridge Road area, he is continu-
ing to watch and will look into options.
A motion by Cutsforth to allow Shane to at-
tend training in Des Moines in February.
Seconded by Kollasch. All Ayes. Carried.
Motion by Cleveland to approve the bills
to be paid. Seconded by Osterhaus. All
Ayes. Carried.
Mayor Comments – City employee per-
formance evaluations will be coming
soon. The fields2fields will be having a
dedication for the complex this spring and
official date to come.
Adjourn – Motion by Cleveland to adjourn
the meeting. Seconded by Osterhaus. All
Ayes. Carried.
Michael Soppe, Mayor
ATTEST:
Lindsay Nielsen, City Clerk
Claims Report
Vendor Reference Amount
Advanced Systems, Copier.....142.95
Ann Hilliard, Dec Mileage To Bank .8.56
Baker & Taylor, Books.....405.98
Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility, December
Gas Bill.....1049.94
Brown Supply Co, Endloader Repair
190
Centurylink, Phone/Internet.....676.33
City Of Dike, Electric Bill.....2,859.66
Demco, Books/Library Supplies .124.15
Internal Revenue Service, Fed/Fica Tax
.....4355.6
The Flower Farm, Flowers35
Forbin, Computer/Internet Work ..267.5
Grundy County Sheriff, Sheriff Contract
.....6,165.08
Robert Heerkes, Hsa- City Contr 421.15
Shane Metz Jr, Hsa- City Contr ..478.24
Lindsay Nielsen, Hsa- City Contr 447.65
Ipers, Ipers3,044.67
Kwik Trip Inc, Fuel Maint Dept49.96
Mediacom, Fire Dept Internet261.25
Menards, Dump Truck Repair30.43
Michael Soppe, Cell Phone Reimburse-
ment.....164.94

Mid-America Publishing Corp, Mtg Min-
utes/.....169.13
Physician's Claims Company, Ambulance
Billing352.5
Quill Corporation, Office Supplies.81.32
Rite Environmental, December Garbage
Pickup3,621.75
Rite Environmental, Recycling Bill.....
1,088.25
Sandy Fire Supply, Compressor For Air-
tanks110.2
State Bank, Trees Forever Account.....10
Ia Dept Of Revenue, state Taxes755
Ubben Building Supplies, Bags/Battery/
Bolts.....72.37
Us Cellular, Cell Phone Fire Dept..85.89
Wal-Mart Community Brc, Books/Dvd/
Razzedazzle706.29
Xerox Financial Services, Copier Con-
tract.....142.18
Shane Metz, Hsa- City Contr ..272.64
Imwca, Workers Comp Ins. Premium
1,115.00
Wellmark Blue Cross And Blue, Health
Insurance Premiums.....3632.29
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc, Water Bill
.....8,540.64
Wells Fargo Bank N.a, Water Investment
.....600
Kwik Trip Inc, Fuel Maint Dept.....334.77
Dike Post Office, January Utility Bills.....
150.28
John Weber, Sludge Removal..2,000.46
Wells Fargo Bank N.a., Water Invest-
ment.....600
Konken Electric Inc, Lift Station Set Pole
.....392.71
Manatt's Inc, Concrete For Lift Station ...
839.06
Power Line Supply, Wire Wvwp307.5
Testamerica Laboratories Inc, Wvwp Test-
ing.....479.85
Denver Underground & Grading, Wvwp
Payestimate 3 Sewer Proj.....37,508.25
Wrh, Inc, Wvwp Pay Estimate 8 Payment
.....409,486.90
Alliant Energy, Street Lights Bill ..271.54
Konken Electric Inc, Lift Station Set Pole
.....27.73
Power Line Supply, Wire Wvwp ..755.52
Grundy County R.e.c., Electric Bill
54,419.80
Ia Dept Of Revenue, Sales Tax Expense
.....1,814.00
Total Accounts Payable551,922.93
Payroll Checks.....15,614.17
Paid Total.....567,537.10
Report Total567,537.10
GR3-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF CONRAD

Jan 11, 2018
The Conrad City Council met in regular
session on 01-11-18 in the Council Cham-
bers. Officials present were Council
Members Todd Schnathorst, Peg Brown,
Diane Miller and John Dinsmore. Brad
Murty was absent. Also in attendance:
Lori Stansberry - City Administrator/
Clerk, various department representa-
tives and a member of the press. Mayor
Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at
7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of
Allegiance. The agenda was approved by
Brown and seconded by Miller.
Council member Schnathorst moved and
seconded by Brown, to approve the fol-
lowing consent agenda items: Minutes
from the Dec 14, 2017 council meet-
ing; clerk's Dec 2017 financial reports,
payment of claims totaling \$70,663.73,
liquor license renewal for Casey's Gener-
al Store and approve the Annual Exam-
ination Report for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2017. Motion approved 4-0.
The following claims include expenses for
the City, Park Board, Library, Museum,
Fire Department and B-CERT.
Advantage Admin, benefits.....606.66
Airgas USA, tank rental.....97.50
Alliant, utilities.....5,769.71
Arnold Motor Supply, supplies.....320.63
Bank of America, supplies/ fuel/compressor/
printer.....2,212.34
803.18.....1,490.79
Casey's, fuel.....216.67
58.00.....180.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies...1,340.88
Conrad Hardware, supplies.....2.16
Crop Production, diesel.....404.43
.....268.04
Dave Juchems, mileage.....16.59
DEMCO, supplies.....27.49
.....2,250.00
.....190.00
First National Bank, Lib supplies.443.19
Gary Heggen, vacuum.....171.15
Glamour, periodical.....18,003,960.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract.....6,165.08
HDC Business Forms, supplies.....
68,45104.86
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet.....445.17
Ingram Library Serv., supplies.....468.48
.....3,052.11
IRS, taxes.....6,654.09
Iowa League of Cities, software.....50.00
Iowa Library Assoc., dues.....115.00
Iowa One Call, locates.....9.90
Iowa Regional Utilities, water ..8,804.85
IPERS, benefit.....2,770.74
Joann Klein, rent.....500.00
651.50.....150.00
Library Petty Cash, supplies.....163.32
23.95.....130.00
.....1,320.00
Mid-America, publishing.....107.89
Mike Walton, services.....75.00
.....89.65
Moler Sanitation, services.....258.79
Monkeytown, supplies.....81.96
.....110.00

Moore Medical, supplies.....482.19
17.00.....120.00
Municipal Emerg Serv, fire boots1,053.00
.....118.14
Municipal Supply, water meters 3,218.50
.....100.00
People Weekly, periodical.....118.26
171.79.....196.24
School Library Journal, periodical 136.99
.....53.50
Sign Creations, decals.....110.00
.....1,715.95
State of Iowa, state tax.....2,475.00
Taste of Home, periodical.....19.98
.....114.81
Test America, lab.....696.15
Time, periodical.....35.00
Todd Geer, legal services retainer.....
1,500.00
Toyne, Inc, fire truck parts.....548.74
U.S. Bank, copier lease.....203.15
.....76.00
Verizon Wireless, phone.....127.39
Wolf Creek Child Care, allocation5,416.67
Payroll, 12/15/17 to 01/11/18...16,136.59
Totals Claims\$ 70,663.73
Dec 2017 receipts per fund: General
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2017 City Of Conrad Annual
Salary Publication
Erin J Asche.....\$904.00
Abigail L Barkema.....\$1,727.50
Brad L Barkema.....\$1,142.64
Susan Blythe.....\$37,277.52
Lillianna M Bracy.....\$1,622.00
Peggy L Brown.....\$450.00
Tatum D Cacek.....\$1,198.00
Ryan J Callaway.....\$330.00
Hailey M Clemons.....\$1,184.00
Alexis R Dinsmore.....\$4,560.75
Anna R Dinsmore.....\$3,285.26
Regina R Dinsmore.....\$6,949.97
Vanessa Y Drummer.....\$1,825.20
Madison R Engle.....\$1,330.00
Taryn Gall.....\$1,208.63
Grace M Garber.....\$3,447.94
Dominick Z Gunderson.....\$4,213.38
Denise Hoy.....\$6,778.89
Olivia L Hughes.....\$394.00
Janice M Juchems.....\$1,413.00

Dawson Kitzman.....\$110.56
Nick Kitzman.....\$57,853.07
Ronald Ladehoff.....\$5,489.16
Nicole M Lutes.....\$3,244.08
Bruce Marble.....\$68,293.27
Jeff Martin.....\$1,900.00
Diane M Miller.....\$360.00
Brad Murty.....\$420.00
Alan Paxson.....\$6,053.52
Katie A Poling.....\$6,775.02
Grace C Purvis.....\$1,354.54
Todd A Schnathorst.....\$480.00
Sara C Sharp.....\$1,086.95
Jana Smith.....\$9,737.43
Lori H Stansberry.....\$47,223.75
Clark M Stevens.....\$2,998.39
Grace K Stufflebeam.....\$606.00
Katherine R Thompson.....\$354.38
Brooke K Vry.....\$284.57
Jennifer Yantis.....\$4,311.29
Total Employee Wages.....\$300,178.66
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GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Department

CHARLES WILLIAMS, age 44, Hiawatha, was arrested De-
cember 27, 2017, by Linn county authorities on a Grundy County
warrant charging him with 2 counts of LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH
A CHILD. Posted bond and released.
TODD ITES, age 29, Newton, was arrested December 28, 2017,
at 5:00 AM at Grundy County Memorial Hospital on a Hardin
County warrant charging him with PROBATION VIOLATION.
Released to Hardin county authorities. Arrested by GRUNDY
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE and GRUNDY CENTER PD.
PUDOLI MENDOZA-GONZALEZ, age 28, Marshalltown,
was aArrested January 1 at 6:56 PM at Hwy 20 and Hwy 14 and
charged with DRIVING WHILE LICENSE BARRED and DRIV-
ING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED. Posted bond and released.
Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ALLAN TUCKER, age 40, Waterloo, was arrested January 3,
at 8:00 AM in Wellsburg and charged with DRIVING WHILE LI-
CENSE BARRED and 3 counts of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE
SUSPENDED. Being held in lieu of bond. Arrested by GRUNDY
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
MICHAEL TRAMPPEL, age 66, Cedar Falls, was arrested Janu-
ary 6 at 6:25 PM at Hwy 14 and 120th Street and charged with
OWI 1st. Released on a promise to appear. Arrested by GRUNDY
COUNT SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ADAM O'CLAIR, age 33, Conrad, was arrested January 7,
at 8:45 AM at the Sheriff's Office on a Grundy County warrant
charging him with FAILURE TO APPEAR. Being held in lieu of
bond. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
A two vehicle accident occurred January 7 at 11:26 AM at Hwy
175 and T-47. MYRL KOSANKE, age 67, Grundy Center, was
westbound on Hwy 175 approaching the intersection of T-47 when
LAVERN WHITNEY, age 84, Grundy Center, who was eastbound
on Hwy 175, attempted a U-turn at the intersection with the
intention of heading back west. Whitney said he did not see Kosanke
and failed to yield upon pulling into the path of Kosanke. Whit-
ney's 2008 KIA received an estimated \$4,000 damage. Kosanke's
2003 Ford received an estimated \$2,000 damage. WHITNEY was
issued a citation for FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN & YIELD
RIGHT OF WAY. No injuries. Investigated by GRUNDY COUN-
TY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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DIKE 319-989-2155
REINBECK 319-788-3150

Classified Advertising DELIVERS

RECEPTIONIST

GNB Insurance is seeking an outgoing, detail oriented individual with outstanding customer service skills to work as a Receptionist in the Conrad location. Qualified candidates will have outstanding customer service and computer skills.

You may apply for this position by completing an application online at www.gnbbank.com. Please contact Human Resources at 319-824-5431 for assistance.



City of Sigourney

The City of Sigourney, a community of 2,059 in Southeast Iowa, is accepting applications for the position of **full-time Police Officer**. All applicants must be Iowa Law Enforcement Academy certified. Salary range is currently \$37,000 to \$45,000. Request an application from the Sigourney City Clerk, 100 N. Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591, 641-622-3080 or by e-mail at sigpoliceadmin@iowatelecom.net. Applications must be returned to the City Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5th, 2018.

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Influenza on the rise



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As the winter season ramps up, flu season is following close behind. The number of cases of influenza saw a sharp up-tick in December as the Iowa Department of Public Health prepares for a potentially severe viral outbreak.

"In one week we have had four deaths reported to us," said Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, the State Epidemiologist and Medical Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. "We're very concerned that it's going to be a very bad flu year because of the strain that's out there."

Several strains of influenza can be found spreading across populations at any given point in time. Every year different strains of the virus are found in communities, their growth dependent on the particular strain and what kind of immunities the people have against it.

It's a never-ending challenge to stay ahead of viral outbreaks. Typically, a flu shot will protect against three or four different strains of influenza, but as soon as a vaccine is developed to stymie one strain of influenza, another strain will mutate.

"The flu virus does like to change," said Quinlisk. "It changes every year, which is why you have to get a vaccine every year."

This year's prominent strain of influenza is the A(H3N2) virus, a variant of the H1N1 "swine flu" virus that spread in 2009. In the last week of 2017, 62 cases of the virus were confirmed by the State Hygienic Laboratory. While most of the cases were found in senior citizens, all age groups have been affected.

"We know that it's a bad strain," said Quinlisk. "It's likely to make people quite ill."

Viruses themselves are not complicated creatures, consisting of little more than DNA and RNA



wrapped up in protein. In the case of influenza, the virus stays relatively inert, hitching a ride on bacteria until it comes in contact with the cells of the respiratory tract. Once inside the body, the virus latches on to these cells and injects its own genetic material, reprogramming the cell to trick it into reproducing the virus over and over until it bursts.

"Instead of doing what it's supposed to be doing for the body, it gets hijacked," said Quinlisk. "Every time these cells die, it tells the body that something is going on."

While the actions of the virus are bad enough, most of the symptoms associated with the flu are part of the body's immune system response. Once the body's immune system kicks in, white blood cells attack the infected area, but it takes time to clear out the virus, and the battle takes its toll on the host. Fluid in the lungs transports white blood cells in to fight the infection, but also causes persistent coughing. Meanwhile nasal congestion keeps additional outside bacteria from slipping in, making it difficult to breathe in the process. Other symptoms include

sore throat, fever, headaches, and fatigue as your body fights the invading viral infection.

A(H3N2) is a serious strain of influenza that is potentially life threatening to the very young, very old, or immune compromised. Even young and healthy individuals will find themselves in for a rough week if infected.

"It's one of the few things that will take a healthy young person and put them in bed for a week," said Quinlisk.

Because the symptoms are relatively similar, most people don't distinguish between Influenza and the common cold, but the level of severity between the two are vastly different.

"If you feel fine, other than a runny nose, you do not have the flu," said Quinlisk.

Likewise, gastroenteritis, commonly referred to as the "stomach flu," is not actually the flu at all. So while your flu shot may protect you from the viral infection, it does nothing to prevent an upset stomach.

Whether it's influenza, the stomach flu, or just the common cold, basic hygiene are still the best preventive measure to keep

illness from spreading. Cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are feeling ill.

As the cold weather dries the air, it's also helpful to use a humidifier to keep your environment moist. Dry air will dry out the mucus membrane in your nose, which is the body's first line of defense against airborne illness.

Against influenza in particular, anti-viral medications need to be given as soon as symptoms develop. In a healthy adult, anti-virals can shave a day off of the recovery time, but for the elderly or very young they can mean the difference between life and death.

However prevention is still the best medication. Along with maintaining proper hygiene habits, vaccinations are an important tool for preventing serious illness and keeping the spread of the virus in check.

"I believe we have at least several more months of flu in front of us," said Quinlisk. "It's not too late to get vaccinated. If somebody were to go in now, they'd have protection for the remainder of the flu season."

6 ways to fight the flu

FAMILY FEATURES

As temperatures drop, the spread of cold and flu germs rises. Start the year off healthy and be sure to rid your home of lingering germs that may be hiding in places you don't expect.

"I always recommend the flu shot – especially when officials are predicting a harsh flu season like this year – good nutrition and plenty of sleep, but there are other healthy habits we can all develop to help keep ourselves and those around us stay healthy during cold and flu season," said Dr. Tanya Altmann, pediatrician, best-selling author and founder of Calabasas Pediatrics. "Vaccination is important, but there are other preventative measures that we should all keep in mind."

These tips from the experts at Clorox can help you prevent the spread of germs:

1. Get Vaccinated. Even though it's well into cold and flu season, it's still important to get a flu shot if you haven't already. Vaccination is the first step in flu prevention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend a yearly flu virus vaccination – even if the vaccine's efficacy fluctuates – for almost everyone six months and older.

2. Keep Hands Washed: Hands touch so many things throughout the day. It's important to wash your hands often, including after using the bathroom and before preparing or serving food. Germs can spread by touching your eyes, nose or mouth after coming in contact with a contaminated surface. Those areas are common entry points to the body for germs, so try not to touch your face or eat

until you wash your hands.

3. Stay Home if You're Sick: Even though you may not want to miss work or school, it's important to stay home to prevent the spread of illnesses to those around you. Even at home, make sure to cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue to prevent the spread of germs to your loved ones. Lastly, try your best to make good use of your time off from work or school to rest, relax, eat well and recover from illnesses.

4. Follow Health Guidelines: It's important to eat right (fill up with fresh fruit and veggies, vitamin D and probiotics), get some exercise (at least 30 minutes a day of moderate intensity) and get plenty of sleep (at least 8 hours per night) to help boost your body's ability to fight the effects of cold and flu viruses.

5. Be Aware of Your Environment: Be aware of illnesses going around in your community to take extra precautions to avoid them or to know when to seek medical attention if you do get sick.

6. Disinfect Hard Surfaces: Disinfection is a key step to help prevent the spread of cold and flu germs. The CDC recommends disinfecting frequently touched, hard surfaces, such as doorknobs, refrigerator handles, light switches and faucets, with an EPA-registered disinfectant like Clorox Disinfecting Wipes. They help kill 99.9 percent of germs that can live for up to 48 hours on hard, non-porous surfaces.

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D-NH girls extend NICL lead on Cougars

Wolverine boys maintain big first-half lead

SUMNER – Ellie Foster scored 20 points and Katie Knock scored 17 points as the Dike-New Hartford girls basketball team scored a pivotal North Iowa Cedar League East victory over Sumner-Fredericksburg in Sumner on Tuesday.

The win extended Class 2A No. 13 D-NH's lead in the conference to two games over the Cougars, who were ranked at No. 15 in 2A at the time of Tuesday's game. The Wolverines also kept a perfect run in the NICL East intact, moving to 9-0.

The Wolverines trailed 29-26 at halftime before a big second-half turnaround, including outscoring the Cougars 18-9 in the final quarter.

D-NH was 17-of-24 from the free-throw line to close out the game.

D-NH senior Baylee Petersen contributed seven points and a team-leading eight rebounds.

D-NH 14 12 12 18 — 56
S-F 15 14 9 9 — 47
D-NH-E. Foster 6 8-8 20, S. Petersen 2 2-2 6, B. Petersen 2 3-6 7, M. Weber 2 0-0 4, K. Knock 5 4-7 17, A. Aalderks 0 0-0 0, C. Dove 1 0-1 2, J. Eilderts 0 0-0 0. Totals 18-46 17-24 56.
S-F-I. Hirsch 4 0-0 9, M. Niewoehner 2 1-2 5, K. Allen 2 2-3 6, J. Brandt 3 1-4 7, C. Pagel 5 5-10 15, J. Pagel 2 1-3 5. Totals 18-48 10-22 47.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: D-NH (Knock 3); S-F (Hirsch). **Rebounds:** D-NH (B. Petersen 8); S-F 39 (Hirsch 9). **Assists:** D-NH (Foster 2, Knock 2); S-F 12. **Steals:** D-NH (Knock 3, Weber 3); S-F 3. **Blocks:** D-NH (B. Petersen, Dove); S-F 3 (C. Pagel 2). **Fouls:** D-NH 16, S-F 20. **Fouled out:** D-NH (Weber).

D-NH BOYS 73, S-F 57: The Wolverines were able to hold on to a big first-half lead in the victory in Sumner on

Tuesday. Colton Harberts scored 24 points with seven rebounds for D-NH, with Cade Fuller adding 19 points. Tim Koop contributed nine points and a team-leading seven assists.

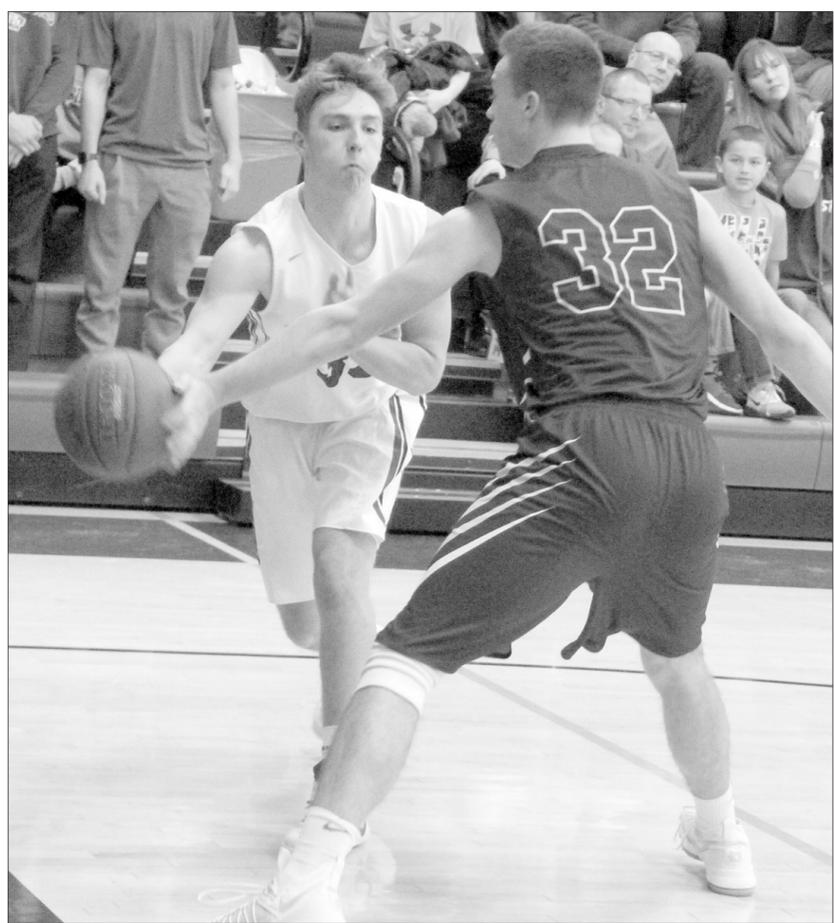
The win improved D-NH's conference record to 6-2 and put the Wolverines into a tie with Wapsie Valley for second place in the conference after the Warriors' loss to conference leaders Aplington-Parkersburg on Tuesday.

D-NH 19 16 23 15 — 73
S-F 9 11 21 16 — 57
D-NH-T. Koop 3 2-5 9, C. Fuller 4 10-14 19, R. Moore 1 0-0 3, I. Jorgensen 0 3-4 3, D. Sonnenberg 0 0-0 0, D. Fuller 2 4-4 8, J. Landphair 1 1-1 3, C. Harberts 11 2-3 24, O. Goos 2 0-0 4. Totals 24-36 22-31 73.

D-NH stat leaders
3-pointers: Koop, C. Fuller, Moore. **Rebounds:** Harberts 7. **Assists:** Koop 7. **Steals:** Moore 3. **Blocks:** D. Fuller. **Fouls:** D-NH 14, S-F 26. **Fouled out:** S-F (Jacobson, Olson, Schmitz).



D-NH's Jill Eilderts drives to the basket as Denver's Katie Terrill (facing) and Lila Meyer try to defend during Friday's basketball game in Dike. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)



D-NH's Jake Landphair tries to finesse a pass between the baseline and Denver defender Zach Miller during Friday's basketball game in Dike. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

Wolverine boys' quickness outlasts Denver

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

DIKE – In spite of some foul trouble, the Dike-New Hartford boys basketball team was held off a challenge from Denver in a 66-59 final in Dike on Friday.

Four Wolverines finished with double-digit scoring, led by Cade Fuller with 20 points, followed by Tim Koop and Colton Harberts with 12 points each and Isaac Jorgensen with 11 points.

Koop had a team-leading five assists and Harberts led the Wolverines with four rebounds, with the latter not seeing much time on the floor due to foul trouble.

Harberts and Goos had two fouls on them within seconds of each other at the end of the first quarter and neither had much playing time for the rest of the half.

That forced the Wolverines to go small in the first half, relying on quick play from Fuller, Koop and Moore while Jake Landphair, Isaac Jorgensen and Goos in limited minutes split duties underneath the basket against some of Denver's big men.

"We wanted to play fast against their height," Fuller

said. "Zach Miller's out there, he's 6-5 and we just wanted to counter that with some quickness."

The teams were tied after the third quarter but a 10-2 run near the middle of the fourth quarter helped turn the tide for the Wolverines.

Dane Fuller hit three of four free throws during that stretch, with Cade Fuller contributing five points in addition to a Jorgensen bucket off a turnover.

Phelps' fifth trey of the night got Denver within four at 63-59 with 39.3 seconds left, but Cade Fuller pushed the lead back to 64-59 on the next trip down and Denver couldn't respond, leading to Koop sealing the game with two free throws on the ensuing possession.

"We just had to work together and share the ball," Cade Fuller said. "If we work together, we can score a lot of points. We're feeling good, but we've still got a lot of work to do in the conference."

D-NH defeated Denver 74-59 on Dec. 1, but a big difference-maker for the Cyclones on Friday was Ki Jenkins, who did not play against the Wolverines late last year.

Jenkins contributed 13

points for the Cyclones. Bryce Phelps led the team with 17 points, which included five 3-pointers.

"I think our thing was just trying to sustain and get through (foul trouble)," D-NH head coach Greg Moore said. "We got some guys in extended time against Sumner earlier this week and that helped us a lot. Everyone on the floor is feeling a little bit more like themselves, the nerves are gone, and they can go out and play basketball. I think as a team they gel together and that helps a bunch, too."

Denver 9 20 15 15 — 59
D-NH 14 19 11 22 — 66

Denver-B. Phelps 6 0-0 17, B. McMahon 3 4-4 11, Z. Miller (jr.) 1 0-0 2, S. Joerger 2 4-4 8, K. Jenkins 6 1-2 13, Z. Miller (sr.) 3 2-5 8. Totals 21-51 11-15 59.

D-NH-T. Koop 3 4-4 12, C. Fuller 6 5-6 20, R. Moore 0 0-1 0, I. Jorgensen 4 3-4 11, D. Sonnenberg 0 0-0 0, D. Fuller 0 6-8 6, J. Landphair 1 0-1 2, C. Harberts 6 0-1 12, O. Goos 1 1-2 3. Totals 21-38 19-27 66.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: Den 6 (Phelps 5, McMahon); D-NH 5 (C. Fuller 3, Koop 2). **Rebounds:** Den 29 (McMahon 8); D-NH 21 (Harberts 4). **Assists:** Den 15 (Phelps 5, McMahon 5); D-NH 12 (Koop 5). **Steals:** Den 2, D-NH 6 (D. Fuller 3). **Blocks:** Den 2, D-NH 1. **Fouls:** Den 23, D-NH 20. **Fouled out:** Den (Jenkins).

D-NH girls drop Denver

Wolverines still undefeated in NICL East

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

DIKE – Even without a true offensive rhythm, the Dike-New Hartford girls basketball team nonetheless defeated Denver, 77-53, in an NICL East clash that kept the Wolverines undefeated in conference play at 10-0.

Katie Knock led D-NH in scoring with 18 points, with Morgan Weber (17), Baylee Petersen (15) and Ellie Foster (14) all contributing double-figure point totals as well for the Wolverines, improving to 12-2 overall.

D-NH led by more than 10 points for most of the game, but with both teams racking up fouls and combining for 55 total free throws in the game, Wolverine head coach Bruce

Dall said the game never felt like it got too out of hand.

"I think we had a little hangover coming off Sumner-Fred on Tuesday," Dall said. "Then neither team has school (Thursday) and we both come here and it's like, 'we didn't practice, let's just play.'"

Though the Cyclones drained nine 3-pointers on Friday, the Wolverines persevered with superior rebounding and ball movement, with Foster accounting for eight of the Wolverines' 15 assists and Weber snagging 11 rebounds for D-NH as the Cyclones were out rebounded 39-31.

D-NH broke open what was an 8-all tie game with a 12-3 run to finish the first quarter and the Wolverines' lead was never lower than nine points for the rest of the game.

The 2A No. 13 Wolverines were 22-of-27 from the charity stripe while Denver converted 16 of 28 free-throw attempts.

"We found a way to win,

and win comfortably." Dall said. "...We're pretty healthy right now, no concerns there, and we've got a big stretch coming up next week."

Denver 11 15 12 15 — 53
D-NH 20 19 17 21 — 77

Denver-J. McMahon 3 2-2 11, L. Lyons 1 0-0 3, L. Meyer 3 2-3 8, A. Place 0 1-2 1, J. Haase 0 2-3 2, K. Terrill 1 0-2 3, S. Gehrke 0 1-2 1, K. Clinton 4 4-6 15, H. Barkau 0 3-6 3, A. Maitland 1 0-0 3, E. Larson 1 1-2 3. Totals 14-40 16-28 53.

D-NH-E. Foster 5 4-4 14, S. Petersen 2 0-1 4, A. Coulter 0 0-0 0, Rylee Wessely 1 0-0 2, C. Schipper 0 0-0 0, B. Petersen 5 4-5 15, M. Weber 3 10-12 17, K. Knock 8 1-1 18, A. Aalderks 0 0-0 0, C. Dove 2 0-0 4, J. Eilderts 0 3-4 3, S. Latwesen 0 0-0 0. Totals 26-69 22-27 77.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: Den 9 (Clinton 3, McMahon 3, three with 1); D-NH 3 (B. Petersen, Weber, Knock). **Rebounds:** Den 31 (Meyer 8); D-NH 39 (Weber 11). **Assists:** Den 9 (Place 3); D-NH 15 (Foster 8). **Steals:** Den 4 (McMahon 2); D-NH 12 (Knock 4). **Blocks:** D-NH 5 (Dove 2). **Fouls:** D-NH 17. **Fouled out:** D-NH (Weber).

BCLUW cagers sweep GMG

GARWIN – Lauren Anderson scored 22 points and hauled in 14 rebounds for the BCLUW girls basketball team in a 53-38 Comets victory over GMG on Saturday.

Madison Ubben added 16 points and Brooke Aalfs distributed four assists and blocked two shots for BCLUW.

The Comets jumped on top early, leading 16-8 after the first quarter and 30-17 at halftime.

The win brought BCLUW up to a .500 winning percentage, 7-7 overall.

BCLUW 16 14 12 11 — 53
GMG 8 9 9 12 — 38

BCLUW-K. Thompson 0 0-0 0, K. Goecke 3 0-0 8, B. Ashton 0 0-0 0, L. Garber 0 0-0 0, B. Aalfs 0 2-2 2, L. Anderson 10 2-5 22, E. Swanson 1 1-2 3, M. Ubben 6 4-5 16, L. Wilson 1 0-0 2. Totals 21-52 9-14 53.

GMG-Z. Duncan 3 0-0 6, M. Dieleman 2 0-0 5, B. Duncan 0 2-2 2, T. Novotny 1 0-0 2, M. Vaske 7 2-4 16, K. Vaverka 3 0-0 7. Totals 16-46 4-6 38.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: B (Goecke 2); G (Dieleman, Vaverka). **Rebounds:** B 33 (L. Anderson 14); G 27 (Krull 6). **Assists:** B 12 (Aalfs 4); G 6. **Steals:** B 13 (Ashton 3, Anderson 3); G 12 (Vaverka 4). **Blocks:** B 3 (Aalfs 2); G 1. **Fouls:** B 11, G 13. **Fouled out:** G (Vaske).

BCLUW BOYS 71, GMG 57: Jack Garber scored 18 points as the Comets notched their second victory of the season.

Five different Comets, including Garber, scored 10 or more points on Saturday, including Jonny Neff with 15 points, Logan Mann with 14 points and Mason Yantis with 13 points and Treye Teske contributing 11 points.

BCLUW improved to 2-11 overall. The Comets got off to a strong start, carrying a 37-28 lead into halftime.

BCLUW girls win in Eldora

ELDORA – Lauren Anderson scored 19 points as the BCLUW girls basketball team rally to defeat South Hardin 57-49 in Eldora last Tuesday.

Anderson added a pair of blocked shots and Madison Ubben scored 13 points with 10 rebounds and five steals for the Comets.

Paige Harrell had 15 points to lead the Tigers. South Hardin led 25-22 at halftime but the Comets outscored South Hardin 22-10 in the fourth quarter en route to the victory.

The Comets were 19-of-29

from the charity stripe to help seal the victory.

BCLUW improved its conference record to 3-4 in the NICL West with the victory.

BCLUW 11 11 13 22 — 57
SH 8 17 14 10 — 49

BCLUW-K. Thompson 0 0-1 0, K. Goecke 1 0-0 3, B. Ashton 2 3-6 7, B. Aalfs 5 0-0 11, L. Anderson 3 11-14 19, E. Swanson 2 0-0 4, M. Ubben 4 5-8 13, L. Wilson 0 0-0 0. Totals 17-45 19-29 57.

SH-K. Anderson 3 1-2 7, C. Webb 1 0-0 3, D. Nelson 2 2-4 6, P. Harrell 1 13-17 15, J. Allen 1 0-0 3, S. England 3 1-2 7, M. VandePol 3 0-0 8. Totals 14 17-25 49.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: B 4 (Anderson 2, Aalfs, Goecke); SH 4 (VandePol 2). **Rebounds:** B 34 (Ubben 10). **Assists:** B 14 (Goecke 5). **Steals:** B 13 (Ubben 5). **Blocks:** B 4 (Anderson 2). **Fouls:** B 20, SH 23. **Fouled out:** B (Swanson); SH (Nelson).

SOUTH HARDIN 73, BCLUW BOYS 61: The Tigers won on the strength of 19 points and 13 rebounds from Kevin Rewoldt. Cade Spieker contributed 15 points.

The loss put BCLUW at 1-11 overall and 0-7 in the NICL West.

Trojans deal Cougar girls first loss

ACKLEY – West Marshall introduced a little unpredictability in the NICL West title race with a 65-47 win over AGWSR, handing the Cougars their first defeat of the season in Ackley last Tuesday.

Mandy Willems scored 20 points for AGWSR, with Isabelle Gradwell matching that total with 20 points for the Trojans as the 1A No. 7 Cougars took their first loss after an 11-game winning streak to start the season.

Gradwell added 11 rebounds, six assists, four steals and two blocks. Aubrie Fisher contributed 10 points for the Cougars along with six rebounds and three assists.

West Marshall led 17-12 at halftime but exploded for a 28-14 run in the third quarter to put the Cougars in a tough position.

AGWSR fell from the unbeaten ranks and the Cougars are now tied for first place in the conference with Grundy Center, with both teams carrying one loss. AGWSR defeated Grundy Center 46-38 on Dec. 15 and the teams will play again in Grundy Center on Jan. 26. The Trojans are a game behind with two losses.

WM	11	6	28	20	—	65
AGWSR	5	7	14	21	—	47

WM-A. Sinning 1 0-0 2, K. Cripps 8 3-5 19, I. Gradwell 8 0-0 20, K. Snider 4 1-2 12, T. Disney 4 2-5 10, R. Schaper 1 0-0 2. Totals 26-58 6-12 65.

AGWSR-AI. Finger 0 0-0 0, A. Hames 1 3-3 5, M. Willems 8 0-0 20, Tori Brandt 0 0-0 0, A. Fisher 3 2-2 10, T. Barrick 2 0-0 4, M. Kuper 0 2-2 2, W. Nederhoff 0 0-0 0, R. Sicard 1 4-4

6. Totals 15-35 11-11 47.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: WM (Gradwell 4, Snider 3); A (Willems 4, Fisher 2).
Rebounds: WM 33 (Gradwell 11); A 29 (Sicard 7, Fisher 6).
Assists: WM 18 (Gradwell 6); A 10 (Fisher 3).
Steals: WM 17 (Gradwell 4, Snider 4); A 9 (three with 2).
Blocks: WM 3 (Gradwell 2); A 7 (Willems 3).
Fouls: WM 14, A 13.

WEST MARSHALL BOYS 73, AGWSR 46: Luke Starr scored 15 points for the Cougars and Ethan Ubben added 10 points and five rebounds, but the Cougars couldn't keep pace last Tuesday.

The Trojans took a 19-7 lead after the first quarter and was up 34-15 at halftime. Alex Dickey scored 21 points to lead West Marshall.

AGWSR fell to 4-8 overall and 2-5 in the NICL West after the defeat.

WM	19	15	18	21	—	73
AGWSR	7	8	13	18	—	46

WM-S. Diser 1 0-0 2, B. Coberley 1 0-0 2, C. Bannister 2 0-0 5, P. Pope 4 0-0 10, J. Halverson 5 1-1 15, A. Dickey 7 0-0 21, J. Hohnstein 1 0-0 2, J. Larson 3 0-0 6, M. Doe 3 0-2 8, J. Evans 1 0-0 2. Totals 28-65 1-3 73.

AGWSR-K. Huffman 1 0-0 3, J. Penning 1 0-0 2, A. Hames 0 1-2 1, B. Macy 1 0-2 2, C. Harms 0 0-0 0, A. Stahl 1 0-1 2, L. Starr 7 1-2 15, T. Weichers 1 1-2 3, A. Roelfs 2 0-0 4, T. Opperman 1 2-2 4, E. Ubben 5 0-0 10, S. Heitland 0 0-0 0. Totals 20-58 5-11 46.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: WM 16 (Dickey 7); A (Huffman).
Rebounds: WM 37 (Bannister 8); A 28 (Ubben 5).
Assists: WM 19 (Coberley 4, Pope 4); A 6.
Steals: WM 10 (Halverson 5); A 7 (Starr 2).
Blocks: WM (Halverson); A 3 (Starr 2).
Fouls: WM 9, A 9.

Cougar girls get back on track, beat Rebels

REINBECK – Three days after their first loss of the season, AGWSR girls basketball got back in the rhythm with an 84-35 rout of Gladbrook-Reinbeck in Reinbeck on Friday.

AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher led all scorers with 22 points and Mandy Willems contributed 20 points. The Cougars outrebounded G-R by a better than 2-to-1 ratio, 57-25, led by 10 boards from Willems. Willems chipped in nine assists and Fisher swiped four steals.

Rachel Sicard and Alyssa Hames added 14 points each for the Cougars, improving to 7-1 in the conference and 12-1 overall.

AGWSR led 23-8 after the first quarter and went into the locker room at halftime with a 41-18 lead.

Taylor Gienger led the Rebels with 10 points. G-R shot 12-of-58 from the floor, compared to AGWSR's 34-of-74 performance in field-goal range.

Gienger 5 0-0 10, B. Strohhorn 0 2-2 2, H. Quackenbush 0 0-2 0, R. Cooley 1 0-0 2, B. Ellenberger 2 1-4 6, H. Berendes 0 2-2 2. Totals 12-58 8-19 35.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: AGWSR 8 (Willems 5, Fisher 3); G-R 3 (Kuehl, Swanson, Ellenberger).
Rebounds: AGWSR 57 (Willems 10); G-R 25 (Swanson 7).
Assists: AGWSR 22 (Willems 9); G-R 7 (Swanson 2, Gienger 2).
Steals: AGWSR 13 (Fisher 4); G-R 4 (Cooley 2).
Blocks: AGWSR 5 (Willems 2).
Fouls: AGWSR 16, G-R 8.

G-R BOYS 75, AGWSR 40: Caden Kickbush scored 24 points as the Rebels blew by the Cougars in Reinbeck.

Walker Thede scored 12 points and Jackson Kiburis contributed 11 for G-R, improving to 8-3 overall and 7-1 in the NICL West.

Luke Starr scored 13 points to lead the Cougars, with Alex Hames contributing 12 points. G-R led 24-9 after the first quarter.

AGWSR	9	12	11	8	—	40
G-R	24	16	17	18	—	75

AGWSR-K. Huffman 1 0-0 3, J. Penning 0 0-0 0, A. Hames 4 2-2 12, B. Macy 0 0-0 0, C. Harms 0 0-0 0, A. Stahl 0 0-0 0, L. Starr 4 3-4 13, T. Weichers 1 0-0 2, A. Roelfs 0 0-0 0, T. Opperman 0 0-0 0, E. Ubben 4 0-1 8, S. Heitland 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 5-7 40.

G-R-T. Tschertner 2 2-2 7, W. Thede 4 2-4 12, M. Johannsen 3 0-0 7, C. Kickbush 10 0-1 24, E. Thede 1 0-0 2, J. Kiburis 2 7-10 11, C. Clark 1 2-2 4, C. Johnson 1 0-0 3, M. Skovgard 2 1-2 5. Totals 26-59 14-21 75.

3-pointers: A 5 (Starr 2, Hames 2, Huffman); G-R 9 (Kickbush 4, Thede 2, three with 1).

Edgerton receives Central College volleyball award

PELLA — Hana Edgerton, Grundy Center, has been honored for her contributions to the Central College volleyball team.

Edgerton, 5'10" sophomore is a middle hitter. Awards/honors she received were: Second varsity letter; Team Most Improved Player Award (2016); Team Freshman of the Year Award (2016)

Her stats for 2017 were as follows: 121 matches played; 161 kills (1.33/set); .189 attack



percentage; 32 digs; 3 assists; 56 blocks.

What to watch this week

Here's a look at the big storylines for the week of Jan. 15-Jan. 20 in the Grundy Register coverage area:

Wrestlers wrap up conference competition at home: Most NICL teams are winding down the regular season dual competition this week in anticipation of the North Iowa Cedar League tournament on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Denver. Most Register-area teams are at home this Thursday: AGWSR, Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center Gladbrook-Reinbeck/North Tama and Dike-New Hartford will all host regular-season-finale dual meets.

Dike-New Hartford girls look to stay on track in busy week: The Wolverines are 10-0 in the NICL East after wins over Sumner-Fredericksburg and Denver last week. D-NH currently enjoys a two-game lead over the Cougars, but with everyone in the NICL East upping their game in the new year, the Wolverines will be challenged from within the conference and without with four games this week: Monday at Jesup, Thursday at West Fork, Friday at home against Union and Saturday in Dike versus Cedar Rapids Kennedy. Once the Wolverines can get past that exhausting stretch, Aplington-Parkersburg awaits for a pivotal rivalry matchup on Jan. 23.

The race is on for the girls in the NICL West: West Marshall shook up the NICL West girls' title picture with a win over AGWSR last Tuesday, leaving the Cougars and Grundy Center tied at 7-1 with West Marshall right behind at 6-2. AGWSR and Grundy Center each have just one conference matchup this week on Friday: AGWSR hosts East Marshall and Grundy Center travels to BCLUW. West Marshall is at Grundy Center on Jan. 23.

Substate assignments due for small-school boys basketball: Class 1A and 2A substate assignments are due out on Jan. 19. This will determine the groupings of teams in the postseason, while determining who plays who will be decided at the end of the month.

Rebel boys run over Spartans

GRUNDY CENTER – Caden Kickbush scored 29 points to lead Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys basketball to a 62-39 victory over Grundy Center last Tuesday.

Mason Skovgard added 16 points and nine rebounds with five steals for the Rebels.

G-R pounded out a 21-6 run in the second quarter to take a commanding 31-18 halftime lead on the Spartans (1-11). The Rebels improved to 7-3 overall with the win.

Walker Thede chipped in 10 points for the Rebels.

G-R	10	21	17	14	—	62
GC	12	6	16	5	—	39

G-R-T. Tschertner 2 0-0 4, W. Thede 5 0-0 10, M. Johannsen 1 0-0 2, C. Kickbush 7 7-8 23, E. Thede 0 0-0 0, J. Kiburis 1 5-8 7, C. Clark 0 0-2 0, M. Skovgard 5 6-9 16. Totals 21-55 18-27 62.

G-R stat leaders
3-pointers: Kickbush 2.
Rebounds: Skovgard 9. **Assists:** Kiburis 4. **Steals:** Skovgard 5. **Blocks:** Skovgard 2. **Fouls:** G-R 14. **Fouled out:** G-R (Johannsen).

GRUNDY CENTER GIRLS 73, G-R 24: Hailey Wallis scored 16 points, one of three Spartans in double figures along with Reegan Zinkula (12 points) and Cora Saak (11 points) as the Class 2A No. 10

Spartans rolled to victory.

Grundy Center dominated the boards, outrebounding G-R 51-27 with Flater leading the charge with 14 rebounds and adding nine points. Maddie McMartin contributed six steals and eight points for the Spartans.

The Rebels trailed 18-7 after the first quarter and 35-10 at halftime. Taylor Gienger led G-R's offense with 10 points and added seven rebounds and three steals.

G-R	7	3	6	8	—	24
GC	18	17	22	16	—	73

G-R-P. Creswell 1 0-0 3, S. Kuehl 1 0-3 2, L. Ehlers 0 0-0 0, M. Swanson 1 3-5 5, M. Denny-Weber 0 0-0 0, T. Gienger 4 2-4 10, B. Strohhorn 0 1-2 1, H. Quackenbush 1 0-0 3, R. Cooley 0 0-0 0, B. Ellenberger 0 0-0 0, H. Berendes 0 0-0 0. Totals 8-50 6-14 24.

GC-R. Zinkula 6 0-1 12, H. Wallis 7 2-2 16, M. McMartin 4 0-0 8, S. Mathews 1 0-0 2, J. Ayers 1 0-0 2, S. Lindeman 1 1-2 3, C. Saak 5 1-2 11, K. Willis 3 0-0 6, B. Flater 3 3-4 9, L. Homeister 1 0-0 2, B. Burroughs 0 0-0 0, B. Heltibridle 1 0-0 2. Totals 33-74 7-11 73.

Stat leaders
3-pointers: G-R 2 (Creswell, Quackenbush). **Rebounds:** G-R 27 (Gienger 7); GC 51 (Flater 14).
Assists: G-R 2 (Gienger, Berendes); GC 13 (Saak 4). **Steals:** G-R 5 (Gienger 3); GC 21 (McMartin 6).
Blocks: GC 2 (Flater, McMartin).
Fouls: G-R 12, GC 15.

Spartan girls storm past Mustangs

LE GRAND – Hailey Wallis scored 21 points to lead Grundy Center's girls basketball team to a 58-29 victory on Friday.

The win was the fifth consecutive victory for the Spartans, improving to 11-1 overall and 7-1 in the NICL West, remaining in a tie for first place with AGWSR.

Wallis added six rebounds and four steals. Brooke Flater had 12 points with seven rebounds and Reegan Zinkula contributed seven points and three assists.

The Spartans pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring East Marshall 22-5 for a 34-11 lead at halftime.

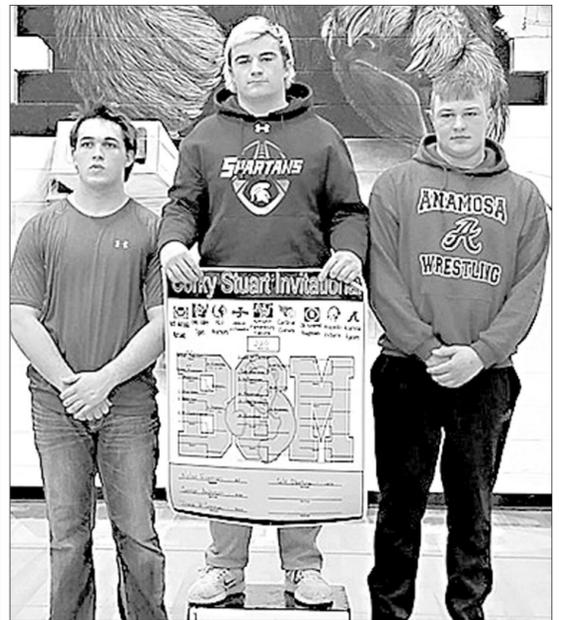
GC	12	22	12	12	—	58
EM	6	5	11	7	—	29

GC-R. Zinkula 3 1-2 7, H. Wallis 10 0-0 21, M. McMartin 2 0-0 4, S. Mathews 0 2-2 2, J. Ayers 0 0-0 0, S. Lindeman 0 0-0 0, C. Saak 2 0-0 6, K. Willis 1 4-8 6, B. Flater 6 0-4 12, L. Homeister 0 0-0 0, B. Burroughs 0 0-0 0, B. Heltibridle 0 0-0 0. Totals 24-54 7-16 58.

GC stat leaders
3-pointers: Saak 2, Wallis. **Rebounds:** Flater 7, Wallis 6. **Assists:** Zinkula 3. **Steals:** Wallis 4. **Blocks:** Wallis, Flater. **Fouls:** GC 7.

EAST MARSHALL 64, GRUNDY CENTER BOYS 38: Zaine Leedom scored 23 points to lead the Mustangs to victory in Le Grand on Friday. The Mustangs outscored the Spartans 36-17 in the first half.

Grundy Center is now 1-12 overall and 1-7 in the NICL West.



Freeman wins first wrestling tourney title

Nolan Freeman, a senior from Grundy Center on the Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center wrestling team, won his first wrestling tournament title in the 220-pound bracket at the Corky Stuart Invitational on Jan. 6. Freeman scored a pin and two decision victories en route to the top of the podium as the Falcons were seventh out of 10 teams with only six wrestlers competing. (Contributed photo)

Leyen commits to Northwestern soccer

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
 REINBECK – Unsure of what would come next, Audrey Leyen gave a college recruiting camp at Northwestern College a shot.

The senior on Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck's soccer team was just looking at the possibility of playing soccer at the college level.

"Everything just clicked," Leyen said. "The coaches wanted me on the team and I started to realize that I could play at the college level."

Leyen scored seven goals with nine assists for the Rebels last season as GC/G-R reached the substate final before falling to Nevada.

She'll begin the nursing program while at the Christian col-

lege with the Red Raiders.

"I was very focused on creating relationships (in college) and it's a really tight-knit community there," Leyen said. "It felt like home on the campus."

With several talented soccer players returning to the pitch this spring, Leyen also remains focused on finishing up her high school education and playing career with her GC/G-R teammates.

"I think we have a really good chance at making it to state with all this talent on the team and just get into Northwestern with my feet already on the ground," Leyen said. "I'm looking forward to making some new relationships, looking forward to learning and just seeing where God takes me."

Bangasser commits to Iowa Western golf

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register
 GRUNDY CENTER – Jake Bangasser is looking forward to two years of golf with a nationally-ranked program at Iowa Western Community College.

Bangasser, a multi-sport athlete for Grundy Center, committed to the Reivers last month after receiving offers from D-II, D-III and NAIA schools.

"I wanted to look into the community college route," Bangasser said. "I might have been guaranteed to play somewhere else, but Iowa Western's fourth in the country right now and losing four out of five varsity players after this year. So it's a nice chance to step in and make an impact with one of the best teams in the country. The coaches and facilities are outstanding, and I've been very impressed."

Bangasser has been an integral part in the Spartans' continued success on the links, including a fourth-place finish at last year's Class 1A state golf meet in Marshalltown, shooting a two-day total of 156 that was good for a tie for 12th place individually. He's a three-time all-conference golfer and state tournament participant and well in line for a fourth with several returning starters this season.

Along with golfers like the recently graduated Jesper Holke-Farnam, Bangasser is leaving his mark on Grundy Center golf, long-time coach Dennis Dirks said.

"In the 30 years of coaching golf, I've been blessed with many quality golfers," Dirks continued, "and Jake Bangasser ranks right up there with being the best of the best. ... Our spring schedule along with his own summer junior tour schedule has proved his worth as a junior golfer ready to take the next step. He has a determination and discipline that sepa-

rates him from many that play the game."

Bangasser started as a freshman with the Spartans, averaging 42 strokes per nine-hole outing and has improved ever since, turning in a 38.9 average last season.

The game has come naturally to Bangasser thanks to a lifetime of playing with family.

"I could go out there and bond with my dad, my brother," Bangasser said. "Once I got old enough that it was something I could independently, I've loved being out there as much as I could. It's been good to work at it on my own and make new friends with golf along the way."

The next stepping stone was to put in the time to keep his playing career going at the collegiate level. He also enjoys the structure of student-athlete life.

"I knew this would keep me focused in school and grow my golf game," Bangasser said. "I thought it'd be a good idea to pursue this dream."

Bangasser will go after a business administration field of study as he begins his college career, possibly branching off into human resources; "wanting to grow relationships and making sure team members work together," Bangasser said.

There's also the upcoming spring season for the Spartans, with four varsity golfers set to return to try and bring Grundy Center back to the state tournament, led by Bangasser.

"His leadership skills will motivate him to focus on building a new team chemistry after losing the bond with a couple of pivotal players from last year's team," Dirks said. "He is one of those rare individuals who will find a way to make a contribution for a team, no matter what the circumstance. ... In my mind, Jake's best golf is yet to be played."

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Rebelhawks win three at BGM Duals

BROOKLYN – Jace Peterson and Bronson Wrage won all five of their matches for the Gladbrook-Reinbeck/North Tama wrestling team, helping the Rebelhawks to three victories in five duals at the BGM Duals in Brooklyn on Friday.

GRNT defeated BGM 54-24, Davis County 45-30 and North Scott 39-30. Gilbert defeated GRNT 48-24 and Tipton won 45-35 against the Rebelhawks.

Peterson, a 132-pounder for the Rebelhawks and Wrage (195 pounds) both won one match by forfeit and recorded four pins each against opposition on Friday.

Cole Engel (113), Noah Weber (145) and Aiden Walters (182) all won four matches each for GRNT on Friday. Zade Podhajsky (170), Cory Isenhower (138) and Zane Nelson (126) all won three matches each.

BGM Duals
(WBF = match won by forfeit)

GRNT 54, BGM 24
106-W. Hilppire (B) WBF. 113-

Cole Engel (RH) WBF. 120-B. Mann (B) pin Ashton Bradley 3:35. 126-Zane Nelson (RH) WBF. 132-Jace Peterson (RH) WBF. 138-Cory Isenhower (RH) pin C. Loschen 3:59. 145-Noah Weber (RH) WBF. 152-Tommy Weber (RH) WBF. 160-J. Kane (B) injury time C. Morrison. 170-Zade Podhajsky (RH) WBF. 182-Aiden Walters (RH) pin D. Alexander 3:27. 195-Bronson Wrage (RH) WBF. 220-no match. 285-D. McCammant (BGM) pin Xander Bradley 1:21.

GRNT 45, Davis County 30
106-no match. 113-C. Engel (RH) dec. Ma. Elam 5-4. 120-A. Gomez (DC) pin A. Bradley 1:03. 126-Z. Nelson (RH) WBF. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin B. Oliver 3:35. 138-C. Isenhower (RH) pin A. Payne 3:26. 145-N. Weber (RH) pin S. Ball 1:07. 152-W. Wuthrich (DC) pin T. Weber 2:54. 160-C. Hill (DC) pin C. Morrison 1:30. 170-Z. Podhajsky (RH) pin Mi. Elam 2:57. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin C. Garmon 0:45. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin C. Allen 3:23. 220-L. Chickering (DC) WBF. 285-L. Hale (DC) pin X. Bradley 0:54.

Gilbert 48, GRNT 24
152-C. Johnson (G) pin T. Weber 1:36. 160-J. Howell (G) pin C. Morrison 0:50. 170-A. Carr (G) dec. Z. Podhajsky 9-2. 182-R. Miller (G) pin A. Walters 3:37. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin J. Steenhoek 3:31. 220-J. Hillmann (G) WBF. 285-J. Torresi (G) dec. X. Bradley 5-1. 106-G. Killian (G) WBF. 113-C. Engel (RH) pin I. Bloebaum

4:53. 120-B. Bents (G) pin A. Bradley 4:00. 126-C. Ihle (G) pin Z. Nelson 0:18. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin E. Davis 2:48. 138-no match. 145-N. Weber (RH) WBF.

GRNT 39, North Scott 30
220-Michael Kriener (RH) pin C. Costello. 285-B. Ernst (NS) pin X. Bradley 0:34. 106-no match. 113-C. Engel (RH) dec. A. Chizek 5-1. 120-T. Blair (NS) pin A. Bradley 1:50. 126-Z. Nelson (RH) pin O. West 2:00. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin T. Doty 4:56. 138-C. Isenhower (RH) pin B. Elgin 5:42. 145-K. Diep (NS) dec. N. Weber 9-3. 152-Z. Campbell (NS) pin T. Weber 0:53. 160-N. Link (NS) dec. C. Morrison 7-5. 170-Q. Allison (NS) pin Z. Podhajsky (RH) 4:29. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin T. Fletcher 5:54. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin D. Asleson 0:47.

Tipton 45, GRNT 35
138-B. Leeper (T) dec. C. Isenhower 6-1. 145-N. Weber (RH) tech fall B. Vallet (T) 17-2. 4:21. 152-L. Barnum (T) pin T. Weber 1:18. 160-C. Morrison (RH) pin L. Mohr 4:29. 170-D. Mente (T) pin Z. Podhajsky 1:31. 182-A. Walters (RH) pin N. Ohrt 1:40. 195-B. Wrage (RH) pin N. Paul 1:26. 220-M. Kriener (RH) WBF. 285-J. Leisure (T) pin X. Bradley 3:29. 106-K. Mesick (T) WBF. 113-A. Lenz (T) pin C. Engel 2:21. 120-B. Emrich (T) pin A. Bradley 0:49. 126-J. Crowley (T) pin Z. Nelson 1:26. 132-J. Peterson (RH) pin B. Hines 1:44.



Ali Gerbracht of AGWSR pins Rockford's Kaden Petersen in the first period of the 106-pound final round of the Cougar Invite on Saturday. Gerbracht won her first title. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing)

Home sweet home

Gerbracht, Lashbrook win titles at Cougar Invite

By KRISTI NIXON
Mid-America Publishing
ACKLEY - Don't count Ali Gerbracht out.

The sophomore 106-pounder for AGWSR improved to 24-7 this season by earning three first-period falls to claim her home title at the Cougar Invite on Saturday, Jan. 13.

She was one of two title-winners for her coach and father, Chad Gerbracht, as the Cougars finished sixth in the eight-team meet with just seven wrestlers. It was Ali Gerbracht's first tournament title.

"It's really exciting," she said. "I can't really believe it happened, really. I had a lot of confidence coming in because I've been around this tournament a lot and I really wanted to win it one of these times."

In fact, five of the seven wrestlers for AGWSR placed in the top three for its finish, including two at 120 since the 113-pound bracket was otherwise empty.

"We thought our kids showed up to wrestle," coach Gerbracht said. "Very proud of how they came out that last round, some were battling through there."

"We had a '13-pounder (Zach Johnson) who wasn't going to get any matches, given a choice, went up to 120 and did well enough to get third, which is better than getting no matches."

Key in Johnson getting third was a close 11-9 decision against Belle Plaine's Trey Striegel by earning a stall point with three seconds left and a last-second escape.

His teammate, Trey Lashbrook, went 5-0 to win the title, including a third period pin of runner-up Cade Hansen from Newman (22-8). It was his second tourney win, previously taking the title at West Hancock, Britt, as he improved to 32-1.

"Ali had a great day, three pins. Trey, was outstanding on his feet, with a very good kid from Mason City (Newman) in the final there," coach Gerbracht said. "Brody Roder (third) had a tough day with the returning state champion at his weight. A couple of other guys, freshmen, battling some more experienced kids and just got to keep positive on that."

Dayton Haley finished second in a four-man 160-pound bracket by going 2-1, his only loss a 15-5 major decision against a one-loss Cameron Rasing of Rockford.

"Dayton Haley turned things around and had a good day there," coach Gerbracht said.

"Some little things we have to fine-tune things and making those adjustments."

This can only be a confidence booster for Ali Gerbracht as she prepares for a tough sectional and district which includes Class 1A top-ranked Don Bosco.

"(I want) to go out there and, you know, a lot of people don't have me in the (rankings)," she said, "but I want to prove that I'm able to be up there and go with the big kids."

AGWSR Invite At Ackley
Team scores-1. Mason City Newman 158; 2. Riceville 101.5; 3. Rockford 97; 4. Belmont-Klemme 91.5; 4. Northwood-Kensett 91.5; 6. AGWSR 74; 7. Belle Plaine 44; 7. West Fork 44.

Individual results
(Round-robin format)
106-1. Ali Gerbracht (A) 3-0; pinned Hunter Gossman (Riceville) 0:25; pinned Cael Wollner (MCN) 0:49; pinned Kaden Petersen (Rock) 0:28. 120-1. Trey Lashbrook (A) 4-0; major dec. Zach Johnson (A) 18-4; tech fall Tjaden Dixon (WF) 16-1; 2:48; tech fall Trey Striegel (BP) 16-1; 5:22; pinned Cade Hanson (MCN) 4:59. 132-1. Jacob McBride (MCN) 3-0; 132-1. Trevor Johnson (Rock) 4-0; 138-1. Brandon Varner (NK) 3-0; 145-1. Chance Thronson (Rice) 4-0; 4. Brody Roder (A) 1-3. 152-1. Kam Black (MCN) 5-0; 6. Vinny Guevara (A) 1-4. 160-1. Cameron Rasing (Rock) 3-0; 2. Dayton Haley (A) 2-1. 170-1. Chase McCleish (MCN) 3-0; 4. Jacob Haley (A) 0-3. 182-1. Tucker Kroeze (BK) 4-0. 195-1. Carter Mauer (Rice) 4-0. 220-1. Grant Staudt (Rock) 2-0. 285-1. Cameron Bemino (BK) 4-0.



SH-BCLUW's Coby Willett presses the shoulders of Iowa Falls-Alden's Quinton Buresh to the mat during the 126-pound championship bout during Saturday's Storm Invitational. Willett scored the pin in 3:53. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Gold for Storm's Willett at home invite

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ELDORA – A gold-medal performance by Coby Willett headlined the showing of the South Hardin-BCLUW wrestling team at the Storm Invitational here Saturday.

Willett captured the 126-pound title, posting three pins in three bouts. The second-seeded Willett pinned Quinton Buresh of Iowa Falls-Alden in 3:53 for the crown. Willett was trailing the top-seeded Buresh, 5-0 before the second period pin.

"It was a really good day for Coby. That win in the finals avenged a loss from last Saturday," stated SH-BCLUW co-coach Mike Olson.

"Coby got the opportunity and took advantage. It shows you never give in," added Olson.

Willett, 27-4 with the 3-0 tourney, started the day with a pin in 1:02 of Marshalltown's Saul Pantoja and then flattened Ballard's Gage Long in 2:33 in the semis. Willett and Buresh were 1-1 as Willett won at Gilbert in December and Buresh at Conrad in the Storm Duals.

The Storm settled for sixth in the rugged eight-team field, scoring 93 points.

"We did our best in the team standings. This was a very tough tournament and when you have some open weights it hurts in the team points," noted Olson.

SH-BCLUW had four open weights and posted top six placings in eight of the 10 brackets filled.

Taylor Kolthoff was a second finalist for SH-BCLUW and ended with the silver at 113-pounds. Kolthoff was the top seed in a three-wrestler

bracket and had two byes to the championship match. The sophomore, 18-3 on the season, lost by technical fall at 16-1 to Denver's Jacob Moore. Kolthoff was the 106-pound runner-up a year ago.

"That is a long day sitting around waiting for the finals in the late afternoon. He lost to a good kid," said Olson.

Moore was one of 10 Denver matmen to make the finals and seven captured titles. The Cyclones, third-ranked in Class 1A, rounded up 244.5 points for the team crown.

Fuller brothers Owen at 170-pounds and heavyweight Ryne finished fourth, fifths were claimed by Colton Keller at 106 and Neifer Ralston at 132, and sixths went to Tucker Wall at 138 and Lucas Halverson at 152.

For third, Owen dropped a second decision to Ballard's Gerald Gute, 8-7 after losing 14-8 in the first-round. In-between the two losses, Owen posted a pair of second-period pins. Ryne was pinned by Jordan Anderson of Marshalltown in 3:03 for the bronze. Pins decided all four outcomes for Ryne as he showed the lights to Iowa Falls-Alden and Central Springs wrestlers. The splits left Ryne at 25-8 and with 95 career wins and Owen at 21-10.

Ballard, listed No. 5 in Class 2A, was the tournament runner-up at 190 points and the defending champion. Marshalltown took third at 171 points and Central Springs rounded out the top four at 142.

Hunter Maitland led Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center with a third-place finish at 182 pounds behind Ryg and Lee, defeating Marshalltown's Chayton French 7-5 in

the third-place match. Austin Knaack and Nolan Freeman earned sixth-place finishes for the Falcons.

Storm Invite At South Hardin, Eldora
Team scores: 1. Denver 244.5; 2. Ballard 190; 3. Marshalltown 171; 4. Central Springs 142; 5. Iowa Falls-Alden 131.5; 6. SH-BCLUW 93. 7. Hampton-Dumont 70.5; 8. Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 24.

Individual results
(Championship match and area placemen)

106-Brooks Meyer (D) pinned Bennett Hageman (M) 1:07. 5th: Colton Keller (Storm) pinned Jackson Kobe (IF-A) 4:49.

113-Jacob Moore (D) tech fall Taylor Kolthoff (Storm) 16-1, 6:00.

120-Isaac Schimmels (D) dec. Alex Bangs (B) 6-2.

126-Coby Willett (Storm) pinned Quinton Buresh (IF-A) 3:53.

132-Gabriel Lewis (D) pinned Parker Allen (HD) 3:32; 5th: Neifer Ralston (Storm) pinned Coltin Grimm (M) 1:21.

138-Jarrett Miller (B) dec. Riley Wright (D) 5-1; 5th: Riley Burke (IF-A) tech fall Tucker Wall (Storm) 19-3, 2:51.

145-Logan Meyer (D) pinned Lucas Garl (CS) 1:04; 5th: Josh Borg (B) pinned Austin Knaack (APGC) 3:03.

152-Skyler Nofstger (B) dec. Caleb Wilson (D) 5-2; 5th: Jaimen Rivera (M) dec. Lucas Halverson (Storm) 9-2.

160-Tate Battani (B) major dec. John Ebaugh (D) 24-10.

170-Cael Krueger (D) major dec. Brian Trowbridge (M) 14-3; 3rd: Gerald Gute (B) dec. Owen Fuller (Storm) 8-7.

182-Zach Ryg (CS) dec. Ben Lee (B) 8-3; 3rd: Hunter Maitland (APGC) dec. Chayton French (M) 7-3.

195-Jordan Fox (M) dec. Dalton Chipp (HD) 7-4.

220-Zack Santee (CS) pinned Josh Detar (B) 3:31; 5th: Brandon Maitland (D) injury forfeit Nolan Freeman (APGC).

285-Brock Farley (D) dec. Colin Anderson (B) 1-0. 3rd: Jordan Anderson (M) pinned Ryne Fuller (Storm) 3:03.

Arends leads D-NH at tough dual tourney

OSAGE – Chase Arends won all five of his matches at Saturday's Osage Duals as the Wolverines were unable to grab a team victory against tough competition.

The Wolverines came up short against Clear Lake (60-22), Humboldt (48-23), Independence (54-24), Kasson-Mantorville, Minnesota (74-3) and the host Osage (48-36).

Arends received one forfeit and earned two decision victories, a pinfall, and a 3-2 win in an ultimate tiebreaker match against Kasson-Mantorville's Brett Paulson.

Daniel Graves won four matches at 195 pounds for the Wolverines, one pin, one major decision and two decisions, while D-NH's 126-pounder Grant Bixby won three matches, two pins and one match by disqualification.

Osage Duals
(WBF = match won by forfeit)

Clear Lake 60, D-NH 22
106-S. Nelson (CL) pin Caden Ragsdale 5:11. 113-C. Morey (CL) pin Dylan Ohrt 3:57. 120-Conlee Lyons (D) pin A. Canchola 1:06. 126-E. Faught (CL) pin Grant Bixby 1:50. 132-B. Hillyer (CL) pin Reid Ehmen 2:36. 138-J. Hamlin (CL) pin Michaela Wagner 1:05. 145-A. Aragon (CL) WBF. 152-B. Doebel (CL) pin Tristin Cleveland 1:13. 160-R. Glidden (CL) pin Trevor Mixdorf 2:42. 170-B. Finn (CL) pin Nathan Graves. 182-Zach Starbuck (D) pin C. Poley 1:13. 195-Daniel Graves (D) major dec. D. Mennenga 11-3. 220-K. Hambly (CL) pin Brad Cunningham 3:27. 285-Chase Arends (D) pin J. Keith 1:46.

Humboldt 48, D-NH 23
138-J. Niles (H) pin M. Wagner 0:41. 145-F. Satern (H) WBF. 152-J. Busse (H) pin T. Cleveland 1:09. 160-L. Moser (H) dec. T. Mixdorf

10-7. 170-C. Krichau (H) WBF. 182-J. Osborn (H) pin Z. Starbuck 1:25. 195-D. Graves (D) dec. H. Egdorf 3-1. 220-B. Johnson (H) pin B. Cunningham 3:18. 285-C. Arends (D) dec. J. Jones (H) 5-1. 106-C. Ragsdale (D) tech fall C. Nelson 16-1. 4:59. 113-D. Ohrt (D) pin Z. Packard 3:06. 120-C. Clarken (H) pin C. Lyons 2:19. 126-G. Bixby (D) DQ C. Craven. 132-Z. Kollmorgen (H) pin R. Ehmen 1:33.

Independence 54, D-NH 24
132-F. Crawford (I) pin R. Ehmen 1:29. 138-M. Doyle (I) pin M. Wagner 0:43. 145-J. Priebe (I) WBF. 152-J. Orr (I) pin T. Cleveland 0:30. 160-S. House (I) pin T. Mixdorf 3:05. 170-C. Davis (I) WBF. 182-J. Kaiser (I) pin Z. Starbuck 0:35. 195-D. Graves (D) dec. T. Freidhof 8-6. 220-H. Crawford (I) pin B. Cunningham 1:44. 285-C. Arends (D) dec. D. Evans 3-0. 106-C. Ragsdale (D) pin B. Eldridge 5:07. 113-D. Ohrt (D) pin T. Matteson 1:07. 120-C. Straw (I) pin C. Lyons 1:07. 126-G. Bixby (D) pin H. Griffith 0:59.

Kasson-Mantorville 74, D-NH 3
106-L. Vaughan (KM) pin C. Ragsdale 1:23. 113-J. Johnson (KM) pin D.

Ohrt 0:58. 120-R. Horsman (KM) pin C. Lyons 0:57. 126-K. Wynia (KM) major dec. G. Bixby 12-2. 132-T. Paulson (KM) pin R. Ehmen 0:58. 138-B. Berge (KM) pin M. Wagner 0:52. 145-N. VanOort (KM) WBF. 152-J. Keller (KM) pin T. Cleveland 1:05. 160-D. Andrist (KM) pin T. Mixdorf 1:02. 170-P. Kennedy (KM) pin N. Graves 1:12. 182-E. Shea (KM) pin Z. Starbuck 0:29. 195-W. Jensen (KM) major dec. D. Graves 11-0. 220-G. Schorr (KM) pin B. Cunningham 1:03. 285-C. Arends (D) UTB B. Paulson (KM) 3-2.

Osage 48, D-NH 36
126-G. Bixby (D) pin Ryan Adams 1:35. 132-N. Byrnes (O) pin R. Ehmen 4:57. 138-B. Roll (O) pin M. Wagner 0:47. 145-S. Mooberry (O) WBF. 152-M. Schotanus (O) pin T. Cleveland 0:32. 160-T. Mixdorf (D) pin C. Muller 5:07. 170-Z. Williams (O) pin N. Graves 1:21. 182-Z. Starbuck (D) pin K. Muller 2:56. 195-D. Graves (D) pin C. Schneider 3:32. 220-B. Cunningham (D) WBF. 285-C. Arends (D) WBF. 106-A. Abben (O) pin C. Ragsdale 1:49. 113-J. Sullivan (O) pin D. Ohrt 2:57. 120-J. Jacobs (O) pin C. Lyons 5:24.

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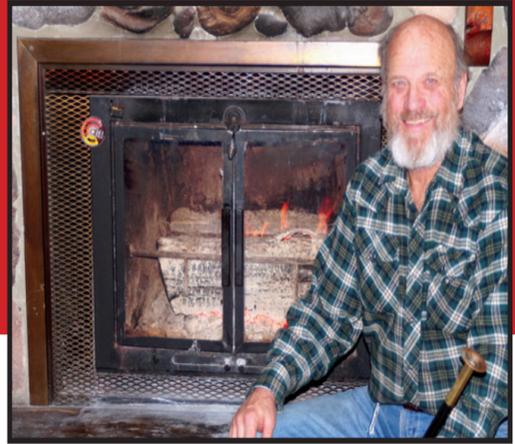
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Rick Titus in his 43rd year of selling and installing more efficient fireplace inserts.



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Rick Titus of Clarion started his business, called "The Country Store", in 1975 and even though he has moved into town now, he has no intention of retiring any time soon. "I enjoy and love doing this," said Titus. "I've covered every corner of the state because I'm an expert, and that is not meant as a boast. I don't think anyone else in the state does exactly what I do." What he does, is sell and install the Fuego Flame (brand name)

fireplace insert, which he believes are the most efficient inserts on the market, for the money. However, it took him awhile to find out about that brand. "I was living in Littleton, Colorado, and came across a brochure for the Heatilator fireplaces, which were made at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa," said Titus. "When we moved back here 3 years later, I decided I was going to call them and become a dealer." Titus was soon displaying the units at county fairs and got some business. But then in checking back with his customers, to his amazement, he found out they were sending most of the heat up the chimney.

"I then tried selling other brands of fireplaces like Preway, and Majestic and found they were no better. These were touted to be energy efficient, having fans and adjustable dampers, but they still were not burning like a wood stove, so I just kept looking. I was selling wood stoves, but not everyone wants a wood stove in their home. Then I found out about the Fuego Flame Fireplaces, which were as close to wood stove efficiency as you will find. This company made Zero Clearance fireplaces and also made four different sized inserts, so now I could offer my customers a super efficient fireplace, or install one of the inserts inside of their existing wood burning fireplace, no matter how large or small," Titus said. But then it wasn't long before he found a fireplace that has an unusual shape, like a two sided, or see-thru, or arched opening, and these inserts would not fit. So he decided to just make the inserts from scratch to fit these unusual fireplaces. He even built an insert to fit a four sided fireplace for Bill Knapp in Des Moines.

The Fuego Flame fireplace inserts can make any fireplace burn up to 70% efficient, and needs no electricity while keeping 99% of the heat in the home. It burns slow like a wood stove while keeping the beauty of the fireplaces overall appearance and fun of watching the fire. Once the insert is installed, the average fireplace can heat 1,000 to 1,500 square feet of a well insulated home, while using 2/3 less wood, and protects the home from runaway fires. It can burn most of the night on just 3 or 4 hardwood logs, leaving you a nice bed of hot burning coals to ignite new logs come morning. "Some of my customers use the fireplace 24/7 all winter long, and rarely hear their furnace kick on. Thus they save a tremendous amount of fuel each month. These inserts literally pay for themselves by saving the customers fuel," Titus says. The inserts are made using 12-gauge steel, which Titus said transmits the heat quicker because it's lighter. Cool air from the house enters underneath the insert, and is then circulated up the back of the fireplace with the heated air exiting out the top, all without the use of a fan. The temperature of the air coming off this insert varies from 200 to 1000 degrees. Titus says, "You bake in your oven at 350, and you can feel that kind of heat coming out of the top of the fireplaces heat opening. Most heat circulating fireplaces do not come close to putting out that kind of heat, for they send all their heat up the chimney."

The Fuego Flame inserts are installed using an insulated ceiling, which prevents the stove heat from going up the fireplaces chimney. The insert damper control is on the inserts face plate, so you can close the doors and then close the damper. The inserts also burn with their damper 95% closed, thus making the wood burn nice and slow. The twin glass doors are made using ceramic glass, which will take 1400 degrees temperature, so you never have to worry about breaking the glass with heat, and you get to enjoy watching the slow burning logs inside. These twin doors are easy to clean with very little effort. "Remember when you were a kid sitting around the campfire, or at a family reunion, how much fun it is to sit around the campfire? Well, you can have that same fun in your home with a real wood burning fire in your fireplace all winter long, and enjoy the romance of the flames; and everyone could use more romance, right? It is actually mesmerizing to watch the flames, and you don't even have to say a word as you watch the fire. Now you can have the romantic comfort of a campfire and enjoy all that warmth in your home safely and efficiently," said Titus.

For those that can't or don't wish to burn wood, Titus offers super efficient gas logs as an option. He started selling those in 1991, and they offer the same nice flame effect, but without the work and cleanup from real wood. "I've got people who bought a fireplace from me in the 70's and 80's that are now having me put gas logs in those same fireplaces," said Titus. These gas logs are capable of heating up to 1,000 square feet of the average well insulated home, so if you have a power outage, these gas logs will keep you toasty warm, and keep the pipes from freezing in your home.

Titus has covered a large area of the Midwest in his sales and installation travels, "I have built and installed units in fireplaces from Minneapolis to Kansas City and all over Iowa." said Titus. "I've learned that if I go to a county fair, I get business from that area." He also feels that word of mouth has been his best advertising, and that the personal attention he can offer gets the sales. "I do all the work myself," said Titus. "I don't even charge for estimates when I come into your home. I feel an in home visit is the only way I can know exactly what the customer needs." Titus is also not afraid to tackle, or at least look at, any chimney problems including a cracked chimney. "I've fixed one of those many times for someone," said Titus. "I installed a stainless steel liner inside the chimney and made it safe and efficient." Titus explained that these inserts are not like others that you can buy, and that it takes some time to install them. "This is not a quick fix job," said Titus. "I don't just shove it into your existing fireplace, collect a check and leave. Most of the other inserts on the market make your fireplace look like it has a wood stove shoved into it, and they change the whole look of the fireplace by putting a big metal shroud around the insert. It takes me from six to eight hours to do this, but it will be done right and you'll never need to do anything more with it." Titus has even thought of people who like to cook food over a wood fire. "I've developed a barbeque grill that will fit inside there," said Titus. "You can grill steaks or bake potatoes. It will work great for putting a dutch-oven in the fireplace too." Feel free to contact Rick at The Country Store for more information. You can call either 515-532-3881 or 515-293-2455, or visit his website at: www.fireplacesatthecountrystore.com, or email him at yahtitus@gmail.com. "We don't know what the future holds for our electrical system in this country," said Titus. "If someone wants to control us, they could cut off the electricity, food supply, or disrupt our fuel. Everyone should have a way to heat their home without electricity." [Contact Me About a Free Fireplace Inspection.](#)

For Fireplace Inserts & Wood Burning Stoves Call Rick Today!



Rick Titus in his 43rd year of selling more efficient wood burning stoves.

Rick Titus of Clarion started his fireplace and stove business called "The Country Store" in 1975. He put his first show room in the barn on his acreage on highway 69 at the Galt corner. At that time Titus sold a variety of wood burning fireplaces, stoves and furnaces, and was very busy replacing the old cone shaped fireplaces and

Franklin style wood stoves with the best and most efficient wood stoves of the day. Titus says, "Many of my customers were mad at the gas companies for raising the prices every few months. Many of the people saw that there would always be trees dying and groves that needed cleaned up, so fuel for the wood stoves was plentiful." Then, some stoves were imported from Norway, Denmark and Belgium that had internal baffles to make the smoke stay in the stoves longer. "It wasn't long before the American manufacturers were copying them and putting baffles into their stoves," Titus says. "I wanted to sell my customers the very best stoves made, so I had a show room full of many different wood stoves."

Then in the 1980's the gas furnace companies started making their furnaces more efficient, and many people were able to heat their homes cheaper with the new furnaces. It was also in the 80's that the wood stove companies started putting glass in the doors of their stoves, as this made them more like a fireplace," Titus remembers. But to the consternation of the stove owners, the glass smoked up with the first fire, so viewing it really wasn't much better than the stoves without a glass in the door. Then in the mid 80's some stoves were imported from Australia and New Zealand that had secondary combustion air, and their glass stayed clean enough to view the fire most of the time. So just as before, all of the American manufacturers bought one of these stoves and promptly made changes to their stoves to make them more efficient.

It was also at this time that the states of Oregon, Washington and Colorado imposed strict smoke emission laws. So the companies had to redesign their stoves to meet those requirements. Then the Federal Government, through the EPA decided to make these same standards nationwide. Titus says, "The problem stemmed from the fact that in the western states, there were valleys with mountains on both sides, and the smoke from all of the fireplaces and stoves would settle in the towns that were in the valleys. We didn't have a problem here in the Midwest, because we have no mountains and no valleys, and plenty of wind all winter long." "But as you can see today, when the Federal Government sets up an Agency, or Department, they seem to only grow bigger and bigger and eventually are out of control.

Most of the Stove manufacturers that stayed in business put catalytic combustors in their stoves similar to the ones that are in the exhaust systems of automobiles. This was the least expensive way they could make their stove pass the emission tests. A few of the stove manufacturers decided to redesign their stoves so they could pass the emission tests without a catalytic combustor. The catalytic combustors were made to look similar to a honey comb, and were coated with two rare metals, Platinum and Palladium. These are metals that get hot enough to glow at very low temperatures, and make the smoke from the fire burn as it passes through the combustor. Through the years, the EPA has imposed stricter and stricter emission laws, forcing the manufacturers to redesign their stoves each time, or go out of business. But here in America, we have people who seem to thrive on a new challenge, and designed stoves that burn virtually smokeless.

"Today, Titus says, I have a wood furnace made in Minnesota that burns smokeless with an efficiency of 98.6%, and free standing wood stoves that also burn virtually smokeless and require only a 3" or 4" chimney. Two stoves made in Washington, the Kimberly, only holds two 3" x 10" logs, and the Katydid stove accepts four 4" X 8" logs. The nice thing about these smaller more efficient stoves is that they also burn about half of the wood most other stoves burn, and need no electricity." Now you can burn the wood that most other people would throw away, and a 8" or 10" slice of a tree trunk is much easier to split than the larger 18' to 24" logs. Titus tells his customers, "Don't split your wood larger than your wife will lift, and that will make her very happy!" A few garbage cans full of wood can heat the average home for the whole winter. If you make the gathering and splitting of wood a family operation, then you will have more fun getting exercise. So if you want to be ready for the next power outage, with a wood stove that needs no electricity, and can even cook your food, and make electricity and hot water, then give Titus a call, and invite him to come to your home and help you plan the installation of one of the most efficient wood stoves available today. We are too dependent on electricity these days, and you can pay for the stove with your fuel savings.

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