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Frederick Furniture announces store closing

Longtime employees and members of the Frederick family say 'Goodbye' to the community and reflect on memories



Shown at top left are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick, and shown at bottom left is an early photo of the interior of the store. Shown at top right is the exterior of Frederick Furniture in 2006, and shown at bottom left is H. Craig Frederick, son of H. Calvin Frederick, who owned Frederick Furniture until his passing in 2014.



Shown above are Frederick Furniture's seven employees. Front row, L-R: Cheryl Bruene, Dixie Venenga and Jody Babinat. Back row, L to R: Ron Lennard, Phil Hawn, Steve Keiser and Larry Van Deest.



By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register
 GRUNDY CENTER - After over 80 years of doing business in Grundy Center, Frederick Furniture has announced that it will be closing its doors at an as of yet undetermined date.

According to management, the decision was made after owner Craig Frederick, son of Frederick Furniture founder Howard Frederick, passed away in February of 2014, virtually ending the family retail legacy that first began back in 1936.

As one of the oldest - if not the oldest - independently owned businesses in Grundy Center, Frederick Furniture has seen many changes in the industry and business landscape over the years, surviving and thriving through them all. But, after over 80 years, the time has finally come for the business to say 'goodbye.'

To honor Frederick Furniture for their commitment to the community over the last 80 years, The Grundy Register asked a few of Frederick Furniture's longtime employees, as well as Craig Frederick's daughter Pamela Templeton, to share some of their best memories at Frederick Furniture, which are recounted below.

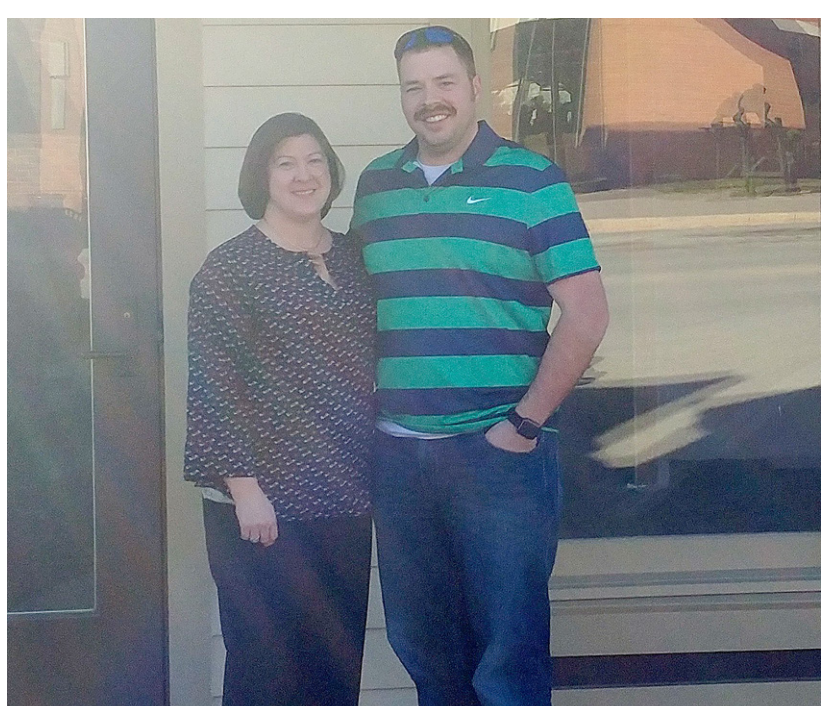
Longtime manager Cheryl Bruene, Frederick Furniture employee for 36 years:

We've always had a feeling of 'family' here Frederick's. It was always funny to hear customers guess our relationships to one another. One day when Tim Melloy worked here, he was on the sales floor when a factory rep came in and asked if his dad was here. Without blinking an eye, Tim said, "He's in his office." When the rep went over and knocked on the door, all of us salespeople started laughing. Another good example of "family" was when we had just started a carpet job at a church. The installer had removed the old carpet and cut one piece of the new goods.

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Supervisors approve insurance premium increase for county employees

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
 GRUNDY CENTER- After hearing from Denise Ballard and Cindy Allen of the Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) for approximately a half hour, the Grundy County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to raise the insurance premiums for county employees by 5.5 percent for the upcoming fiscal year.



Jennie Wilson-Moore (left) and her husband Jake stand outside of the law office that she plans to open sometime this spring. Wilson-Moore, a Gladbrook native, has practiced in Perry and Marshalltown for the last 15 years. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Wilson Law Firm plans move to Conrad

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
 CONRAD- A Gladbrook native with 15 years of legal experience is moving her practice from Marshalltown to Conrad, and Jennie Wilson-Moore and her husband, Jake, caught up with The Grundy Register last week to discuss the rationale for the relocation and the small town environment that she found so appealing.

Wilson-Moore graduated from Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School in 1995, received her undergraduate degrees in History and Political Science from the University of Iowa in 1999 and went on to earn her JD from Drake University Law School. Though she had originally set her sights on becoming a doctor, taking a chemistry class quickly pushed her in a different direction.

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Merl Manning of Eldora shows off his ultralight aircraft, which he keeps based at the Grundy Center Airport. The city of Grundy Center owns the facility and is currently attempting to obtain grant funding through an ordinance update with INRCOG, the state DOT and the FAA, but the county board of supervisors has delayed action due to potential conflicts with the Ivester Wind Farm. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

Will proposed airport changes matter?

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
 GRUNDY CENTER- The Grundy Center Airport is minimalistic by almost any measure: located along Highway 175 about four miles west of town, it's essentially a 2,250'x60' grass strip with an unpowered shed housing three hangars. Merl Manning of Eldora, who mows the grass weekly and owns the lone ultralight aircraft based here, is the only person

consistently present at the airport, and even he doesn't seem to have a strong opinion on the proposed building height restrictions that have driven a wedge between the city of Grundy Center and the Grundy County Board of Supervisors.

"It's pretty much just me. I don't remember seeing anybody here last year. The year before there were one or two that came in," Manning said. "You kind of have a problem when you fly into here. You about have to know somebody, or you don't have a ride. Once you're here, you're here."

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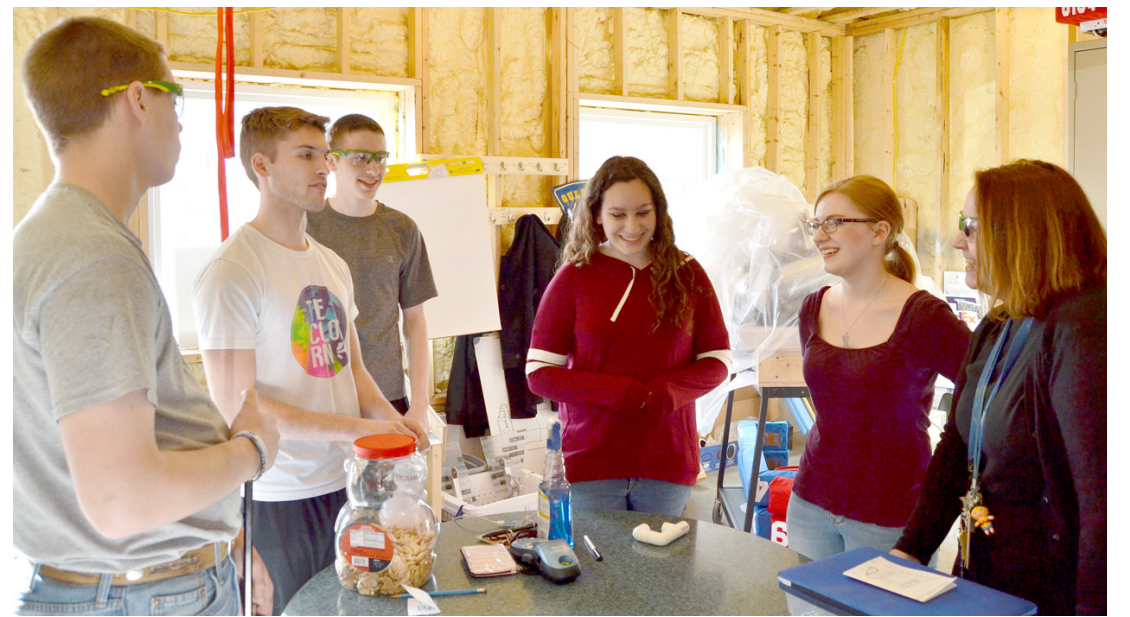
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Shown above at left is D-NH Robotics Club member Jon McCallum working on a part for the robot. Shown at right is a group of the students and co-coach Joanna Seymour discuss the upcoming tournament. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photos)

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D-NH Robotics Club gears up for Regional Tournament
 By MICHAELA KENDALL
 The Grundy Register

DIKE – For the past several months, the students of the Dike-New Hartford High School Robotics Club have put in hundreds of hours of work, tinkering and toiling to create the perfect robot. This weekend, all of their hard work will be put to the test as they enter their robot in the Regional First Robotics Competition in Cedar

Battle of the Bots

Falls, where they will battle against 60 other teams from the Midwest, and even a few teams from China and Brazil. If they do well, the group will have a shot at competing in the World Robotics Competition in St. Louis in April.

The team – which consists of 17 different students, three professional mentors and two coaches – is still relatively new to the robotics game, but what they lack in experience, they more than make up for in enthusiasm and determination.

“When we started out last year, we had a power drill and a hack saw,” said Robotics Club co-coach Joanna Seymour. “We were a bit limited. This year, we have a shop space (donated by Mike Albers) and we have some mentors who have better engineering knowledge who can really help translate all the students’ good ideas into something that works.”

Seymour said it’s been incredible to see how much the club has evolved since last year, and how far the students have come.

“Last year, our robot basically just rolled,” said Ben Purdy, a second-year D-NH Robotics Club member. “But after experiencing the competition, we knew what we wanted to do for next year. Now, our robot can do everything.”

The team’s robot has autonomous capabilities, but it can also be controlled by a human team member. The bot can drive in multiple direc-

tions, shoot balls, catch gears, climb a rope and more.

And while the students generally agreed that it would be awesome to make it to the World Competition with their robot, they also agreed that it’s more so about being competitive, and overcoming new challenges that arise.

“It provides us with a lot more long term, team oriented work,” Purdy said. “This is the only place where we all have one mission everyone is working towards. One of the best parts is that every year, you tackle something new or that you’re not used to doing, and that’s how you learn.”

One of the students, co-coach Isabella Dietrich, said that if it weren’t for Robotics Club, she would have changed schools.

“I had an agreement with my parents that after freshman year I could open-enroll to Cedar Falls,” Dietrich said. “But that’s when Mrs. Seymour started the tech team, and shortly after the Robotics Club, so I decided not to open-enroll.”

For Dietrich, and many other students, the club provides them with something they can’t get in class, or in a different extracurricular activity.

“There’s always a challenge, there’s always something more to think through, different ideas to bring up, or diff things to troubleshoot,” said Isabella Dietrich, co-captain of the Robotics Club.

Purdy agreed, adding: “It stays

new. It’s not what you’ve done before, it’s what you want to do next. That’s why the game changes every year. If you did the same thing every year, then you never learn.”

Co-coach Seymour stressed the importance of a program like this at a school like D-NH.

“These kids want to be challenged,” she said. “And I guess I wouldn’t put in the hundreds of hours of work for this club if I didn’t know how absolutely critical this is.”

Seymour added that all of this wouldn’t be possible without the generous sponsors the team has gained support from. A few major sponsors include: John Deere, who awarded the students with an Inspire Grant, as well as Monsanto, who awarded the team a \$10,000 grant to purchase parts and tools. The team also received the Governors STEM grant to get the club started. Other donors include Mike Albers who donated work space for the team, Ubben Hardware store who has donated equipment to the team, and Yellow Jacket LLC., who made a new robot cart for the group.

For any community members interested in showing their support to the D-NH Robotics Club, they can come cheer the group on at the Regional Tournament this weekend. The competition will be held Friday and Saturday at the McLeod Center and UNI Dome in Cedar Falls. Admission is free. Teams will compete from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. For more information about the event, visit <https://robotics.uni.edu/>

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Frederick's

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He went home for the day, and had a heart attack. We sent out an SOS to several former employees (most of whom are retired) and they came and installed the carpet so the church could hold services in their sanctuary the next Sunday. Plus, they all said they had a great time doing it. Thank you, everyone, for 81 years.

Phil Hawn, Frederick Furniture employee for 55 years:

I have some great memories of Craig Frederick, his kindness, and the understanding he had for his employees. I will miss seeing all the people I have worked with over the years, and the customers. I want to thank the community for all their support over the years.

Ron Lennard, Frederick Furniture employee for 38 years:

There are too many good memories to try to narrow down. I do know if I had a quarter for every time someone confused me with Phil Hawn, I could have retired a few years ago! I will always have good memories of all the time spent with co-workers. There have been very few, if any, days that I haven't looked forward to coming to work. I will miss all the opportunities to help people, whether it's fulfilling a need or solving a problem that arises. As our warranty representative, it's always gratifying to help a customer resolve an issue. I want to thank the community so much for their patronage over the years. It's been an honor to have served you.

Pamela Templeton, daughter of Frederick Furniture owner Craig Frederick:

My memories as a small child are of my Dad going to work with his brother, my uncle Bruce, and my

Grandma Frederick. My grandfather died when I was very young, so I don't remember him well. Dad did everything in the business: sales, deliveries, repairs, measuring for carpet, and he even sold all the band instruments for the GC band. He would take me to people's homes to repair a washer or fix a grandfather clock. I learned so much that I otherwise wouldn't have known. Sometimes in the Operating Room, when I'm operating on a particularly difficult case, I still draw on those skills.

But his work didn't end at the store. He brought work home some nights. He would call people with complaints and work on overdue debts. He promoted not only the store, but also the community and was extremely active in town, working to bring business in from surrounding areas. He wrote his own advertising and even directed the radio and TV commercials.

As I grew up, I worked at the store in the summers, initially cleaning and unpacking merchandise, then in sales. It was wonderful having your father own the business because if a customer asked for my 'best price' I could go to my dad and ask him. I think people liked that. Working in retail taught me how to interact with people, to learn to read them, and how to make them happy with their purchases. These were skills that I could apply even in medicine.

When Dad bought his brother and mother's shares of the store and became the sole owner, we had to sell our home and move into an apartment near the high school. That was hard on our family. Mother went to work and helped organize and sell furniture. There were many late nights and tired parents as they fought to make the

business successful. Gradually, the business grew and my parents were able to add buildings and employees to meet the demand. Sales all over Iowa were common. Dad was always concerned with the deliveries, how the truck was loaded and where it was going every day. He enjoyed his employees and generally respected their input. He managed the store, but believed that hiring excellent people and letting them do their jobs was the best way to be an employer. Jake Hemmen, Phil Hawn, Virgil Eberline, Ron Lennard, Flow Stock, Irene Hook, Cheryl Bruene and many others were like second parents to me. Dad asked our men to help me move to college, move to Indianapolis, fix things and lug things. We still laugh about Ron carrying a large plant, completely stooped down, into my house... quite a feat! They were always willing to help us at home, too, if Mother needed a something done.

These were the people at Dad's bedside when he died. They loved him and cared for him in his old age. He couldn't part with the business while he lived; it was his life. I am so very grateful for and to them all.

Closing the store after a legacy of 80 years, after the family history poured into the business by grandparents and parents and faithful employees, feels like I've failed them all, and I am so saddened by my inability to continue on.

Grundy Center means a great deal to me and I wish for it a renewing, a rebirth which brings continued happiness and prosperity to the community. Thank you to everyone who supported Frederick Furniture through the years.

Deputy county auditor terminated

Neither side comments on the matter

By ROB MAHARRY

The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- After almost six years with Grundy County, Deputy County Auditor Heather Greiner was terminated from her position last week without explanation.

According to County Auditor Rhonda Deters, the final decision on the matter was hers, and all non-union, non-elected county employees are considered "employees at will" who can be fired without cause. Deters did not wish to provide any further comments.

Greiner, who had worked for the county since 2011, declined to be interviewed for the story. The issue was not discussed during Monday's board of supervisors meeting.

Supervisors

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involved in a lawsuit in 2014 alleging overcharging of government employees tied to Two Rivers Insurance Company, and Ballard indicated that a settlement was in the works, though she did not acknowledge any wrongdoing on behalf of IGHCP.

"We've been as open as we can be and sometimes even more open than our attorneys would like us to be," she said.

The board received three bids for farm-to-market resurfacing: one from PCI of Reinbeck at a total cost of \$104,390.63; one from Bruening Rock of Decorah at a total cost of \$113,805.43 and one from Paul Niemann of Summer at a total cost of \$125,514.37. The board also approved setting the right of way price per acre at \$84.98 for the bridge west of Conrad on 1.4 permanent acres and 0.66 temporary acres.

Zoning administrator Carie Sager reported that an application for a pork production facility in Melrose Township had received a score of 495 from the DNR Master Matrix, well above the minimum requirement of 440. Carol Simms and Chad Simms are listed as the owners, and the proposal includes two 71'x277' buildings that would house 2,495 hogs each. A motion to approve the findings of the DNR passed unanimously.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved a resolution allowing County Auditor Rhonda Deters to appoint three deputies.
- Presented Ivan Groeneveld with a 35-year service award.
- Approved a liquor license renewal for the Town and Country Golf Club of Grundy Center.
- Approved the county treasurer's December 31, 2016, investment report.
- Approved a management representation letter to the Auditor of State.

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Wilson

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building across from the courthouse with the hope of eventually moving the practice north to Conrad.

The opportunity to purchase a building in the revitalized downtown area of Conrad, raise her two sons Aiden and Wilson in the BCLUW school district and reconnect with her small town roots came at a perfect time for Wilson-Moore.

"When we were looking at houses and places to purchase, we looked into the different school districts and realized that the Conrad area is where we'd want to raise our kids," Jake said.

Wilson-Moore has already joined as a member of the board at Oakwood Golf Course and hopes to continue her community outreach and involvement with a host of activities.

The two have been hard at work since the second week of January

in preparation for a tentative spring opening. Dan Shine of Shiner Developments is handling renovations at the building (including locally-sourced wood), which was previously owned by Gabe Stone and is located next to RJ's Lounge, and it will include a conference room, an office and a front desk. Wilson-Moore received a \$26,600 challenge grant from Main Street Iowa for interior renovations, and Conrad Chamber-Main Street Director Darla Ubben is excited for an entirely new business filling a unique need to come to town.

"I think it's a necessity to have a lawyer come into town. We need healthy, strong services in our community like that," Ubben said. "(Wilson-Moore) is going to be a huge asset for the community."

As a small-town, one-woman show, Wilson-Moore plans to do

a little bit of everything, with the exception of bankruptcy and immigration: her areas of practice will include family law, criminal defense, real estate, wills and estates. Her legal assistant, Tena Hausafus, will come over as part of the move, and her father, who's an ordained minister, plans to do some moonlighting as a tax preparer once he gets his certification completed.

And even though she's moving from a much larger city to a smaller one, Conrad actually provides Wilson-Moore with the opportunity to fill a niche and grow her client base. A quick Google search shows almost 20 other law offices located in Marshalltown alone, and there are currently no lawyers in Conrad full time.

"I think there'll be more opportunity for clientele up here," she said. "It's going to be very convenient."

Airport

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purchasing the land (approximately 13 acres) from Raymond Lynn in 1960, the city opened the airport with lights around the runway, but it has done next to nothing in regards to improvements and maintenance in recent years. Save for Manning and the occasional paraplane landing, aircraft sightings are few and far between.

The proposed ordinance, which cost the city \$8,000 to craft with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) and the state Department of Transportation (DOT) beginning in 2013, would make the airport Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliant and eligible for future grant funding. If the county approved the plan, it would allow the city to recoup 80 percent of the money spent on drafting it.

While Grundy Center City Clerk Kristy Sawyer admitted that the ordinance would have little to no practical effect on the airport itself, she added that it would still be useful for long-term economic development.

"The biggest benefit is just to receive the grant money that we've been awarded and that we've al-

ready spent," she said.

The land would be returned to the previous owner if the airport ever ceased operations.

"I haven't really talked to anyone about (the ordinance), so I don't know," landowner Laura Brown, the daughter of Mr. Lynn, said. "It just seems to me like it's kind of beating a dead horse if it's something they don't use."

Brown went on to recall flight clubs that were popular decades ago, but the groups have long since disbanded.

Manning, a longtime industrial electrician at Plastic Recycling, began flying in his early 40's in Iowa Falls, and after health issues derailed his plans to fly bigger planes, he brought his ultralight, aka "The Blue Smurfette," to a hangar at Grundy Center. Most of his trips are short solo flights: he'll zip over to Eldora or Iowa Falls and come back, checking out the local farms along the way. Although the new ordinance could potentially jeopardize a small portion of the Ivester Wind Farm near the intersection of Highways 14 and 175 (it would prohibit structures over 350 feet tall in an 8,875 foot radius surrounding the airstrip), Man-

ning doesn't see them as a major obstacle unless they were to be built right next to the runway.

"I don't have any trouble with the windmills around here, and I fly pretty low most of the time," he said. "There are already towers and stuff over that way."

Due to the cost of entry, training and the dangers associated with it, Manning doesn't see private hobby flying making a big comeback anytime in the near future, but he'll continue to keep the grass maintained and fly his plane in the meantime, regardless of the rule changes.

"You're not going to get too much traffic in a place like this because there's no fuel and no services," he said. "There aren't too many people who want to fly into an undeveloped airport."

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

Grundy Center

Trivia Night at the MS/HS

GRUNDY CENTER — The German Exchange Group invites you to Trivia Night on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Grundy Center MS/HS Commons.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Build a team up to 10 players. Price is \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. Bring snacks and drinks for your table and the entertainment will be provided.

Trivia Night helps support the German Exchange Program. Also come prepared to bid on great silent auction items.

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Democratic off-year caucus scheduled

GRUNDY CENTER — The Democratic Party Off-Year Caucus will meet Thursday, March 23 in the Court Room of the Grundy County Court House at 7 p.m.

Library collecting books for sale

GRUNDY CENTER — The Friends of the Kling Memorial Library will be hosting their annual book sale on April 20. In preparation for the sale, the library will be collecting gently used books, which can be dropped off at the library.

Reinbeck

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

REINBECK — The Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish (Dike-Grundy Center-Hudson-Parkersburg-Reinbeck) will be holding a fish fry on Friday, April 7 at St. Gabriel Church (located corner of T-55 and D-35, rural Reinbeck), serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

New Hartford

Free gospel concert to be held

NEW HARTFORD — The Sounds of Inspiration, a male quartet from Newton, Iowa, will be performing at the New Hartford Community Center Tuesday, March 28.

The quartet returns after performing last year at the community center. They sing southern gospel music and have performed all over the state. Concert begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. The community center is located at 303 Broadway Street in New Hartford. This is the final concert in the series of concerts given the last Tuesday of every month. Concerts will begin again in September. Any questions call Ray Hemmer at 277-4848.

New Hartford Lions fish fry

NEW HARTFORD — The New Hartford Lions are having the Last fish fry of the year on Friday, April 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the New Hartford Community building.

Liscomb

Liscomb Church to hold revival meetings

LISCOMB — The Liscomb Church of Christ will hold revival meetings Sunday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 5 with Andre Norman as the guest evangelist. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. nightly.

Norman is the family pastor with Eastpointe Christian Church in Blacklick, Ohio. He graduated in 1999 from Geneva College, a small Christian college in Beaver, Pennsylvania. He has served in ministry in areas of outreach, children's ministry, youth, sports, college age, and pastoral care.

Norman and his wife, Audra, have two children. He is the son of Ralph and Christine Norman, minister of the Liscomb Church of Christ. Each evening will feature congregational hymn singing and special music.

An ice cream social will be held Sunday, April 2 at 6 p.m. with a longer longer Wednesday following the service. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Ralph Norman, minister, 641-496-5424..

Dike

Dollars for Scholars City Wide Canvass April 2

Dike-New Hartford Dollars for Scholars will hold their annual City Wide Canvass on Sunday, April 2, from 1:00-3:00. Seniors from the Class of 2017 will be canvassing Dike, New Hartford, and Stout to gather donations for scholarships for this year's seniors. If you would like to make a donation before April 2, donations can be left at State Bank & Trust and People's Savings Bank in Dike or by contacting Sandy Becker at DNH Middle School or Tonya Nicholson at DNH High School.

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From left to right, Jenna Willett, Samantha Ubben and Brad Barkema discuss ideas for "The Comet Community," a new online newspaper written by BCLUW students. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

BCLUW students launch "Comet Community"

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- When I sit down with three BCLUW High School students who are involved with writing and creating "The Comet Community," a new monthly online newspaper in its first year of publication, on Monday, I had to get the most pressing, important question out of the way first: are you guys trying to compete with me?

"Yes," senior Samantha Ubben said with a laugh.

All jokes aside, the nascent project, the brainchild of teachers Brennan Acton and Sue Runge, has given students the opportunity to learn more about their classmates, disseminate important information and keep readers up to date on what's going on in the district.

Some cornerstones of the publi-

cation include student of the week, sports previews and other activities like drama, speech and music. A total of five writers—Ubben, Brad Barkema, Jenna Willett, Esme Ralston and Kaylee Goecke—are considered the "staff," but anyone can submit articles.

Though it's been mostly smooth sailing so far, the writers have gotten a taste of the struggles of reporting, and more specifically, setting up photos and interviews.

"It's hard to get people to want to do something," Ubben said. "When I do the sports, and I have to find the all-conference girls to get a picture, nobody's ever around, and nobody ever listens to me."

Barkema agreed. "That's probably the hardest part is finding people that want to do it," he added.

Still, the newspaper has been a big success so far, and the students are learning the ins and outs of writing, reporting and journalistic ethics in a hands-on setting.

Although "The Comet Community" hasn't weighed in on any controversial issues yet, all three of the writers interviewed mentioned the "salt crisis"—apparently, salt was banned from school lunches, so students started bringing their own—as a topic they could use for a major expose.

"The Comet Community" publishes once a month and can be found at www.cometcommunity.weebly.com. Also, Ubben wanted to give a shout out to her mother, Darla, who's still battling cancer.

Stover family receives outpouring of support during cancer battle

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LISCOMB- For a healthy, non-smoking 40-year-old woman going in for a routine examination of a congenital mass, a lung cancer diagnosis with no symptoms is almost unheard of, but that's exactly the news that Stacey Stover received in January. With the support of her family and the BCLUW communities, she is making a full recovery, and Stover and her husband Kurt spoke to *The Grundy Register* about why they're so lucky to live in a rural area during a time like this.

"Still to this day, it doesn't seem real," Stacey said.

The news hasn't all been bad, however: Stover had surgery to remove the cancerous mass on January 13, and her lymph nodes have healed on their own, meaning she won't need to undergo chemotherapy for her adenocarcinoma. She's now seeing a lung specialist, a surgeon and an oncologist in Ames at Mary Greeley Hospital on a regular basis, and she'll probably be getting x-rays and CT scans for the rest of her life.

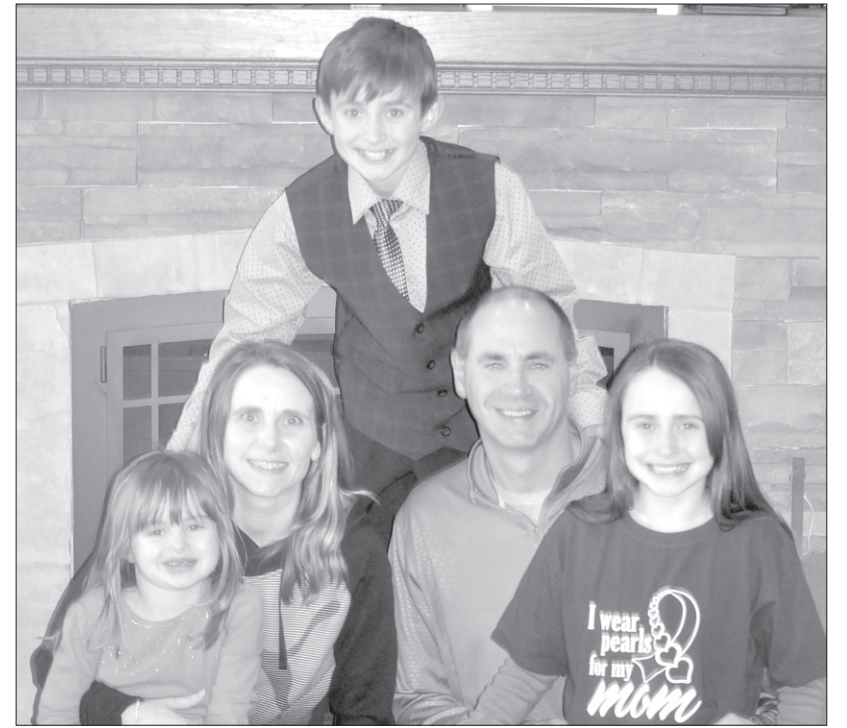
Stacey and her husband Kurt have three children—Lincoln, Kalia and Maysa—all under the age of 12, and as one can imagine, addressing the issue with them was daunting. They were afraid for their mother, and they cried.

"It was kind of hard at first to talk to them at first, and their response was difficult," Stacey said. "But once they found out I didn't have to have treatment, they were happy about it."

For Kurt, the news was equally shocking.

"You wish you could just somehow make it all never have occurred, but obviously you can't do that," he said. "So we've just concentrated on getting healed up, which we're still working on. It's been a long road to recovery."

Since they've returned to their home between Conrad and Liscomb, the Stovers have received an outpouring of support from the local communities, so much that it's almost over-



The Stover family—from left to right, Maysa, Stacey, Lincoln, Kurt and Kalia. Stacey was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma (lung cancer) in January and is now recovering after surgery. (Rob Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

whelming.

"It's been unreal," Stacey said. "I've been home from the hospital for six weeks, and we have yet to make a meal... and it's still coming. People just call and say 'I want to bring a meal over.'"

Oakview Nursing Home, which Stacey had been contracted as an occupational therapy assistant before her diagnosis, held a soup supper and bake sale fundraiser and brought in over \$6,500, and Steph Stolzman of Stolzman Photography raised around \$1,500 just by selling t-shirts. Members of Lincoln's basketball team and several teachers have volunteered as well, and neighbors have showed up to clean the house when the family is busy. Cards have poured in, even some from people that the Stovers don't personally know, and every little bit of support has made a difference to the family.

"It makes all the difference in the

world," Stacey said.

Kurt's job as an independent crop consultant with Servi-Tech has given him the flexibility to care for his wife, and the kids are carrying on with all of their normal activities. Stacey spends her days resting and "watching a lot of HGTV," as she says. Both of them grew up in the BCLUW area, so they've seen the communities lend a hand many times before.

"We've seen it countless times through the years with other people that have had tragedies happen," Kurt said.

Though she's had to miss a few basketball tournaments and concerts while she recovers, Stacey is thankful that she'll get the chance to watch all three of her kids grow up and flourish in the school district that's been so good to her in her time of need.

"I don't like to miss any of it," she said. "But in the long run, I'll see a lot more."

BCLUW board approves school bus, scoreboard purchases

By ROB MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- The BCLUW board of education approved the purchase of a new gas-powered school bus and a scoreboard for the high school gym during Monday morning's regular meeting.

The low bid for the bus, a 320 horsepower Ford with a 6.8 liter V10 engine, came from Blue Bird at a total cost of \$84,609 (including a \$1,000 trade-in for the district's current 1995 bus). Høglund Bus Co. submitted a bid of \$85,587 for an International 240 horsepower Cummins B6.7 liter, and Blue Bird sent in a separate bid for a 240 horsepower Vision Cummins B6.7 liter at a cost of \$90,009. Board member LJ Kopsa shared concern with Transportation Director Mike Hayes and Facilities Director Donnie Box, but both assured him that the new bus was a sound investment, citing emission problems with diesel vehicles.

"It's a horrible double edged sword we're looking at right now... My only concern about going back to a gas (engine) is horsepower issues," Kopsa said.

A motion from Adam Probasco to approve the purchase passed 6-0 (Lynne Kock was absent).

Activities Director Lynn Silver addressed the board about score-

board options, and a total of four bids were received: one from Fair Play at a cost of \$22,570 (installation not included), two from Iowa Direct with installation included (one at \$24,835 and one at \$26,279) and one from Daktronics at a cost of \$25,997 (installation not included). After some discussion, board chose the lower bid from Iowa Direct, which includes two scoreboards with a stat panel, one extra controller, four digital clocks for locker rooms and LED team names that can be entered. A motion to approve the recommendation passed unanimously. The BCLUW sports boosters are donating \$5,000 toward the purchase.

The board voted to approve a painting project with Pro Finish of Marshalltown at the middle school for the library, gym and administration office at a total cost of \$7,861 but tabled action on the high school commons area to collect more information. Discussions related to the track resurfacing and locker room renovations are ongoing, and no actions were taken during Monday's meeting.

In personnel news, the board accepted the resignation of Jay Mull as a custodian and bus driver and offered the junior high football head coach position to Evan Ascherl. After a brief public hearing with no

comments, the 2017-2018 school calendar was adopted, and classes will begin on August 23.

The board also approved the budget guarantee, which is designed to protect districts with declining enrollment and will provide about \$105,000 in Supplemental State Aid (SSA) funding for the upcoming school year. Early in the meeting, members voted 6-0 to formally join the Leader in Me program at the elementary and middle schools at a total cost of \$20,315.62 to the district.

High school social studies teachers Grant Bohlke and Dusty Grothoff gave the curriculum report, and the next meeting, during which the board will adopt the 2017-2018 budget, was scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school gym.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved the appointment of Randy Jones as a BCLUW Foundation trustee.

- Approved an increase in hot lunch fees for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Approved the creation of a new Teacher Leadership Challenge (TLC) position.

- Discussed the master contract for certified and non-certified staff.

Liscomb Lively Laborers meeting held

The regular monthly meeting of the Liscomb Lively Laborers 4-H Club was held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Liscomb Community Center. Roll call was answered to "How many farm animals or pets do you have?" The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lydia Hand.

Our guest speaker was Brian Elrod from Beck's Hybrids. Brian is a graduate of Iowa State University in Ag Business and grew up on a farm. Beck's Hybrids which started in 1937 is privately owned and employs about 500 people. Brian discussed with members how to pollenate corn.

Under old business, Brett Stewart discussed with members another time in April to finish up the Scrap Iron Drive. He said there were about 2-3 more places to go to yet to finish up this fundraising effort for the club.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 15 beginning at 10 a.m. at the old Liscomb school site. Members were asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to hide the eggs. A reminder to club member that the city-wide garage sale day and bake sale will be held on June 3rd in Liscomb.



Picture is Cayden White, Leah Mosher and JJ McManus who recently gave presentations at the Liscomb Lively Laborers 4-H Club meeting.

Trivia Night will be held on Friday, March 24 at the Fisher Community Center. Our club will be sponsoring one table and any club members who are interested can come. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report were read and approved. The 4-H Pledge was led by Amber Anagnos. Presentations were given by

Leah Mosher on the Beef Checkoff program, Cayden White on how to make a Stop Motion video and JJ McManus on his Top 10 song choices.

After the meeting was adjourned, JJ McManus served refreshments. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 15 in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt and crafts to follow.

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A look back through The Grundy Register

Compiled by Michaela Kendall

10 Years Ago This Week - 2007

The Grundy Center Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors announced the completion of the "Wall of Honor" recognizing the first three classes of Hall of Fame inductees. "With the installation of the individual plaques which contain photos and biographies of each inductee, the board feels it will appropriately honor each inductee and reflect the mission and purpose of the Hall of Fame," said Rick Briggs, co-chair of the board. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors who have been involved in the athletic programs of Grundy Center and particularly Grundy Center High School. The Wall of Honor is prominently displayed on the interior corridor directly west of the high school office. It consists of hardwood panels representing 10 decades of Grundy Center athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors.

The Grundy Center Community School District will be looking to hire a new elementary school principal following the resignation of Wendy Cruse effective the end of this school year. Cruse, elementary school principal the past four years, is taking a similar position in the Charles City School District. News of her leaving brought words of praise about her work here from fellow school administrators as well as Board members. Cruse said she will miss the Grundy Center district and has enjoyed working in an educationally progressive environment. However, the Charles City position gives her a chance to return to a district in which she taught, plus will allow her and her husband an opportunity to live closer to their extended families.

Milk ... \$1.99 per gallon.

25 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Grundy County Supervisor Chairman Elmer Willms announced Monday that the supervisors have frozen the county tax askings at the same level as the 1992 budget. Supervisor Helen Kopsa commented on the human service programs, stating that the programs continue to be the fastest growing item in the budget. By mandate from the State, counties must provide for the care of mentally retarded residents, and psychiatric care and treatment of mentally ill persons. In addition, counties must pay the cost for court appointed advocates for involuntary hospitalization proceedings, voluntary admission of residents to mental hospitals, costs and expenses connected with the care and support of a mentally ill resident admitted or committed to a state hospital.

Lee and Alice Schneider recently opened their home to guests from Madrid, Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Miguez arrived at the Waterloo Airport March 4 to visit their son, Fernando, who is living with the Schneiders as an exchange student. He is attending the Grundy Center High School as a junior. Thursday, March 5th, was the beginning of a very pleasant eight days. The first activity was an orientation tour of Grundy Center during the day. That evening Lisette Boekhorst from the Netherlands- (Grundy Center's other exchange student) was a guest for dinner at the Schneider home. A pleasant and informative evening followed with an exchange of conversation regarding Spain, Netherlands, and Grundy Center.

The Grundy Center city Grundy Center, council met in regular session The city purchased the property from Leo C. and Ruth Duncanson for a total price of \$30,000, with a possession date of April 1. Following an expressed interest by the Post Office of possible expansion into what now is city hall, the council voted unanimously to purchase the Fullerton building.

Snickers, Milky Way, Twixs, or Three Musketeers candy bars ... 3 for \$1.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1967

A safe which once contained \$2,000 was found Monday in an old barn 1 3/4 miles southeast of Stout on a farm operated by Reinhard Kalkwarf. The safe was stolen recently from Vernie's Tap in Waterloo. Kalkwarf had gone to the barn Monday morning to look for some lumber when he found the safe. Grundy County Deputy Sheriff Howard Davis was summoned to the barn. He found the safe had been broken into, and the contents removed except for a bag containing \$90 plus a folder containing insurance papers. The safe has been turned over to Waterloo police for further investigation.

A 21-year-old Des Moines woman, Mrs. Cynthia Trowbridge, was taken to Grundy County Memorial Hospital for treatment of multiple cuts and bruises received in a car accident about 4.45 p.m. Sunday on Highway 57 five miles west of Dike. Mrs. Trowbridge's car skidded into a second auto driven by Adolph Nielsen, 44, of Cedar Falls, and then veered into a third vehicle driven by Linda Mendenhall, 21, Conrad. The injured woman was thrown out of her car.

There is now a good chance Grundy county's nine towns will share with the county the cost of its 24-hour police radio service — at least for another year. Hopes for countywide accord on the financially-troubled radio system brightened considerably this week when Conrad joined Reinbeck, Stout and Grundy Center in remitting its pro-raised share of the bill. Sheriff Craven said this week Dike's town council had declined to contribute another year. For a time it was touch-and-go whether the towns would underwrite cost of the service, as they have since the program was begun in March 1965.

Aspirin ... 39 cents per bottle.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1942

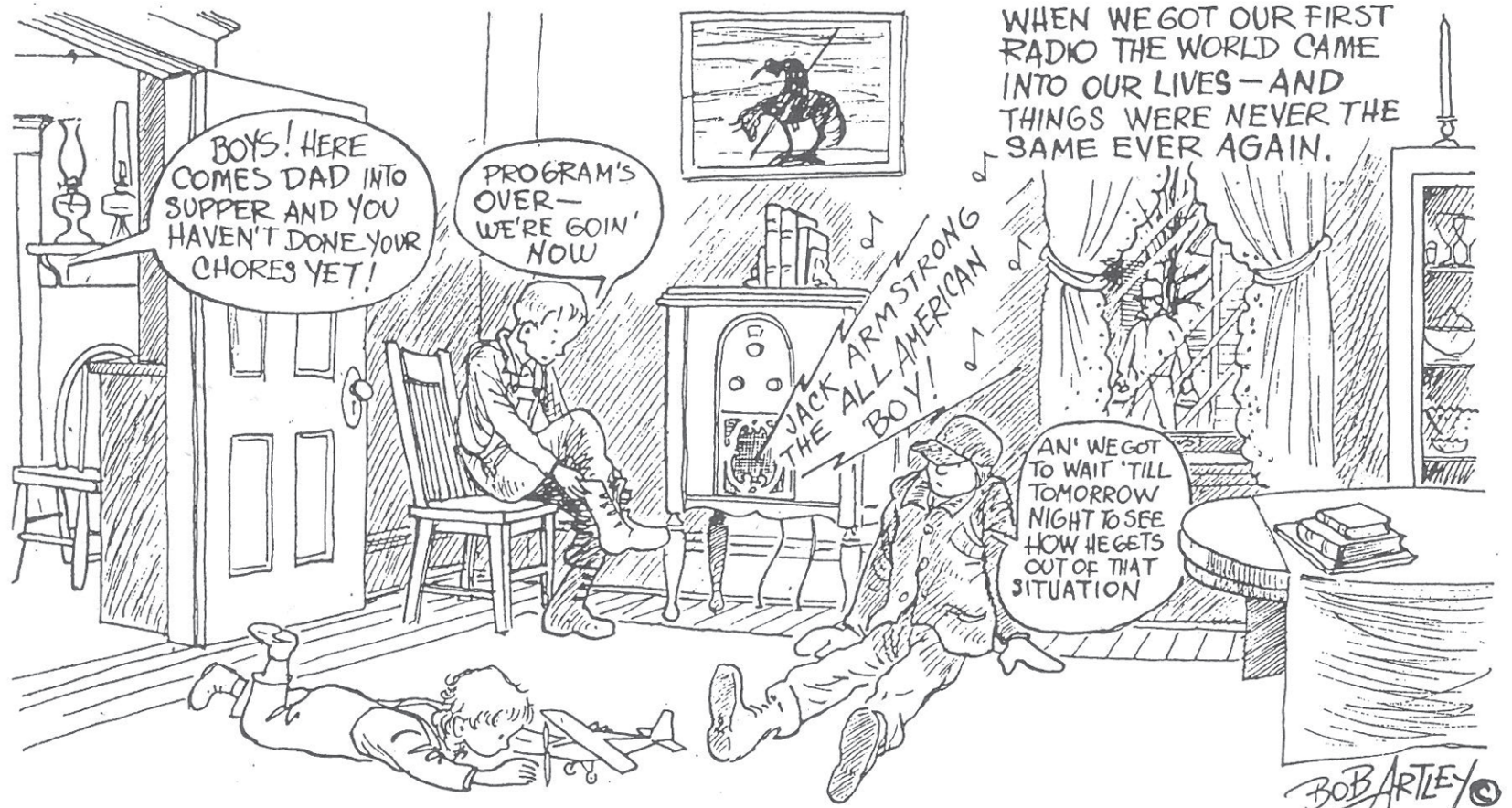
The women at Morrison are not satisfied with the way the men have been running that town. They are proposing to take the town jobs away from the men and to take over the affairs of the town themselves. A complete ticket has been placed in nomination for the town election on March 30th at Morrison and every candidate on the ticket is a woman. Five candidates for places on the town council, a treasurer and an assessor. Mrs. Jess Allgood heads the female ticket as the candidate for mayor.

Governor Wilson on Wednesday issued a proclamation asking car drivers to cut their speed on the highway to no more than 40 miles an hour. There is nothing mandatory about this proclamation. A driver can't be arrested for going more than 40 miles an hour but he will feel like an outlaw if he does. Governor Wilson issued this proclamation in response to a request from the President of the United States, who urged the lower speed to save rubber. The president sent a similar request to all of the 48 governors and it is believed he will receive much the same response from every State as has come from Governor Wilson.

Francis Winslow, who for several years was an outstanding 4-H Grundy county club leader, has proven that he knows how to feed pigs to make them show a profit. Francis entered the hog production contest last fall. He entered three litters of pigs at his farm two miles southeast of Grundy Center. They were farrowed on August 31st. There were 33 pigs in the three litters. One litter of 12 after they were 180 days old weighed 2,896 pounds. They averaged 241 pounds each. A 10-pig litter, averaged 223.8 pounds each and the 11-pig litter averaged 231.4 pounds.

At the Center Theatre ... "Kisses for Breakfast" and "The Smiling Ghost."

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The Misfortunes of Monopoly

Monopoly. It's the game your family dusts off every year at Christmas-time for you to play with distant relatives and third cousins who you don't really know well enough to just sit and talk to.

Monopoly guarantees that for three to four agonizingly long hours, you'll be stuck playing some painfully boring game and trying awkwardly to make some sort of small talk with your rarely seen relatives.

At least that's my experience with Monopoly anyway.

I never did like the game. Probably because I never really understood how to play it, and when I did give in and play it, my older sister and cousins would gang up on me and I always ended up being the first one to lose all of my money. For me, Monopoly is associated with failure and frustration, and I think early on I decided that I hated the game. To this day, I still cringe when I see that horrible box being dug out of the closet

at family gatherings.

I would rather sit and stare at a blank wall for hours on end than have to play Monopoly for even an hour.

So, when I heard the news recently about Hasbro adopting three new Monopoly pieces, and how crazed some people were acting over it, I couldn't help but chuckle a little to myself.

[In case you haven't heard, Hasbro did an online poll and let the Internet decide which three old pieces would go and what they would be replaced with. Well, the Internet voted out the thimble, the shoe, and the wheelbarrow and replaced them with a penguin, a rubber ducky, and a T-Rex.]

A few people I know posted rants on Facebook about how the new pieces are a disgrace to the game, and how they refused to play with them.

I mean, really?

If Hasbro wants to do a poll and let the Internet decide which pieces go and which ones stay, more power to them. We just shouldn't be surprised when they choose completely random and insane pieces like a penguin. We would be giving the people of the Internet way too much credit if we said we expected anything more from them. But, it could be a lot worse. At least they didn't vote for the smiley face emoji or a hashtag.

The argument people have against the new pieces is that they completely change the mood of the game. While before, the pieces had some sort of meaning in relation to the game (the shoe and wheelbarrow meant hard work pays off and the thimble signified subservience, or, something, right?), the new pieces are just the random result of a bunch of dumb idiots on the internet choosing whichever piece was the cutest or funniest.

My thoughts? I'm glad you asked. I think people are reading into this whole thing way too much.

With all the issues going on around the globe right now, we're throwing a hissy fit because we don't like the new pieces for some obscure and obsolete board game? Makes a lot of sense. I think people just like to have something to gripe about.

But at the same time, deep down in my childhood heart, I'm reveling in the chaos and resentment surrounding Monopoly right now. Finally, the world understands and shares in my deeply-rooted loathing of that game. I feel like an evil villain in a movie who has finally secured revenge on his mortal enemy. No more top hats and greedy cats, let's throw away the pieces and burn the game boards! Down with Monopoly! Hurrah, hurrah!

By MICHAELA KENDALL



Taxes

I have to put up with a lot of screaming and hollering and whining on the television from people who didn't get their way and think that it helps their cause to cry about it. I concede that not everyone agrees and that is what makes our country great. A common ground concept that I seem to see with just about everyone is regarding taxes. Some people think that the wealthy should pay more taxes but when it comes down to coffeshop talk, I have never visited with anyone who says they want to pay more taxes THEMSELVES. And I am reminded of the old saying - Nothing is certain in this world but death and taxes.

Another American concept that was adopted with the birth of our nation and makes our country great, was that wildlife is the property of the state. The rest of the world considered wildlife, and particularly game animals, to be the property of royalty or the owner of the property where it was found - if it was considered at all. It's much that way yet today.

Funding for wildlife management in America wasn't a big concern since it was plentiful for the first century of our nation and beyond. Game animals had become increasingly scarce by the early 1900s, though. Funding for wildlife management remained limited, but, in spite of the times, a forward-thinking group of Americans chose the depths of the Great Depression to address that need. That is remarkable.

Hunters from all over the nation petitioned Congress to do something that was almost unheard of. They asked to be taxed so that dedicated funding could be established for management of the nation's dwindling wildlife resources. Senator Key Pittman of Nevada and Congressman A. Willis Robertson of Virginia crafted a piece of legislation called the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. Against all odds, the act was passed into law in 1937, and the program became more popularly known as Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds.

PR funds come from an 11% Federal Excise Tax on sporting firearms and ammunition. A 10% tax on handguns was added in 1970 and an 11% tax on bows and arrows was added in 1972. The tax is charged to manufacturers by the federal government. Manufacturers, in turn, pass the expense on to those who buy their products. The funds gathered are sent back to state and terri-

Conservation Comments



By KEVIN WILLIAMS
Grundy County
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torial wildlife management agencies through a formula based on the number of hunting licenses sold and the size of the state. Hunters were the primary backers of this new funding mechanism. They can be proud of the good work that has been done thanks to their desire to help pay for management of the wildlife resource they cared so much about.

Since the program began, states and territories decide how their portion of PR funding is to be spent, but there are some guidelines in the federal rules. Nearly half of that amount has gone into development and maintenance of wildlife management areas. Hunter education activities are funded from one-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment.

Well over 4 million acres of habitat have been acquired and placed under management for the benefit of public recreation and wildlife habitat. Non-game species are benefited as much or more than game species. Many species are more numerous today than they were when PR funding began to turn the tide; allowing states to focus dedicated funding on wildlife needs. It is estimated that only about a third of public use of these areas is dedicated to hunting. The rest of the use is by bird watchers, hikers, photographers, and others who enjoy the great outdoors on public land.

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Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Sunday March 26 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – 4-H Omelet Breakfast, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wilts & Legion Rooms
- Monday March 27 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
Summer Rec Sign Up, 5 - 7 p.m., Wilts Room
- Tuesday March 28 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Wednesday March 29 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 - 11 a.m., Wilts Room
Exercise, 9 a.m., Legion Room
Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
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Showing at the Center Theatre on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. will be the family movie Disney's *Beauty and The Beast 2D*, starring Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Emma Thompson, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Kline. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 125 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the drama/book adaptation *The Shack*, starring Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer and Tim McGraw. This movie is rated PG-13 for thematic material, running approximately 130 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!

Disney's *Beauty and The Beast 2D* is a live-action re-telling of the studio's animated classic which re-fashions the classic characters from the tale as old as time for a contemporary audience, staying true to the original music while updating the score with several new songs. *Beauty and The Beast 2D* is the fantastic journey of Belle, a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted

staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within. The film stars: Emma Watson as Belle; Dan Stevens as the Beast; Oscar winner Kevin Kline as Maurice, Belle's eccentric, but lovable father; Golden Globe nominee Ewan McGregor as Lumiere, the candelabra; Oscar nominee Ian McKellen as Cogsworth, the mantel clock; and two-time Academy Award winner Emma Thompson as the teapot, Mrs. Potts.

Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers (Octavia Spencer, Avraham Alush and Sumire Matsubara) and the group soon lead him on an inquiry in the hope of getting him unstuck from his grief and transforming his life forever.

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

The following was received about the photo in last week's Grundy Register: It was a photo of the Grundy Co. Bankers Association taken sometime in the 1960s. In the back row of guys standing, first guy on the left side was indentified as Glenn Stephenson.



Join GCMH Foundation for Card Party to support scholarships

GRUNDY CENTER, IA – A card tournament to benefit the Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) Foundation's Health Care Careers Scholarship fund will be held on Thursday, April 6th at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital. The card tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. Participants can play their choice of Bridge, 500, or Pepper.

All proceeds will benefit the GCMH Foundation's Scholarship fund. The Foundation will be awarding nine scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year.

News from Ivester

MARCH 26
150th Anniversary Committee will meet following potluck meal.

FOODS RESOURCE BANK
A Field Blessing will take place on April 9 at 4 pm at 28088 H Ave, rural Conrad. Sweet corn will be planted later when weather allows. Following the blessing, there will be refreshments at the First Presbyterian Church, Conrad, and information about the projects supported by this local FRB group.

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, April 9, a procession will start at 3 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, and goes to First Christian Church at 25th and University. Participants are invited to carry placards with Dr. King's words calling for peace with justice. A Prayer Service will begin at 3:30 pm at First Christian Church. Contact Info at 515-210-4400.

Nutrition site menu

Friday, March 24 – Lemon Pepper Fish, Harvard Beets, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Tartar Sauce

Monday, March 27 – Beef Italiano, Garlic Rotini, Lima Beans, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Cookie

Tuesday, March 28 – Pork Loin with Lemon Herb Sauce, Baked Sweet Potato, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Wheat Roll, Margarine, Tropical Fruit

Wednesday, March 29 – Herbed Marinated Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Multi Grain Bread, Margarine, Cinnamon Applesauce

Thursday, March 30 – Roast Beef with Gravy, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Wheat Bread, Margarine, Banana Pudding

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

Agriculture scholarships available

The Grundy Center Community School District Foundation was established in 1991 to raise funds for enriching the educational delivery system in the Grundy Center Community School District by awarding grants which would normally not be available in the regular school budget. In addition to this mission, in 2013 the Foundation was given the opportunity to award scholarships to graduating seniors who reside in Grundy County and are seeking a degree or training in an agriculture field.

The W. Dwight & Lorraine A. Stone Estate Scholarships were established in January 2014 as a result of a Trust awarded to the Foundation from the Estate of Mr. & Mrs. Stone. Mr. & Mrs. Stone were residents of Minnesota but owned farmland in Grundy County. Upon their death a Trust was set up so that rent from the farm would go toward scholarships. It was their hope that the scholarships will provide an opportunity for students interested in an agriculture career to be able to pursue their dreams.

Up to four scholarships are available with the total amount of \$20,000. If you are a resident of Grundy County and a 2017 graduating senior pursuing post-secondary education in an agriculture field, you may obtain an application by contacting your high school principal, guidance counselor or Agriculture teacher. Deadline for submitting your application is April 1, 2017. Finalists will be contacted for an interview with Foundation members.



We wish to thank all our family and friends for the lovely cards, calls and flowers as we celebrated our 60th Anniversary. God Bless all of you! Jim and Gloria Wilms

Dike News



To celebrate 95th birthday

A card shower is planned to honor Etta Schmitt on her 95th birthday.

Etta was born in rural Grundy County on March 29, 1922. Her parents were John G. and Antje Peters Meester. Etta married Samuel I. Schmitt on March 29, 1946. She and her husband retired from farming in 1979.

Her family includes one daughter, Darlys Wiese; three grandchildren, Tonia Sheesley, Michelle Watson, and Jonathan Wiese; and four great grandchildren, Katie and Caleb Sheesley and Camryn and Cayden Ward.

Cards may be sent to her at 416 U Lane, Dike, Iowa 50624.

Dates for Dike

- Thursday, March 23
6:30 Quiz Bowl in NH
Robotics - Ia Reg Competition
- Friday, March 24
6-8 DEPO Carnival
Robotics Ia Reg Competition
- Saturday, March 25
Robotics
- Sunday, March 26
Local church services
- Monday, March 27
4:15 G TF at BCLUW
Dike Le Spring Pictures
All state individ speech at UNI
- Tuesday, March 28
4:15 Boys track at LeGrand
4:15 JVB Track At BCLUW
- Wednesday, March 29
6pm PTSO meeting
- Thursday, March 30
5 pm B/G track at Waverly
1:30 JH Musical
7 pm JH Musical

Birthdays

- Thursday, March 23: Chuck Bakker
- Friday, March 24: Riley Ehmen, Dawn Weber
- Saturday, March 25: John Hill
- Sunday, March 26: Jim Erpelding, Erik Stansbery, Trent Schiller
- Monday, March 27: Ron Bakker, Jacob Stockdale
- Tuesday, March 28: James Stage, Alan DeBerg, Ron Greiner, Todd Bengen
- Wednesday, March 29: Gertie Eiklenborg, Etta Schmitt, Matt Belz
- Thursday, March 30: Brooklyn Schiller, Mark Cirksena

★ Grundy County 4-H ★
OMELET BREAKFAST
★ Sunday, March 26, 2017 ★
★ 8 a.m.-1 p.m. ★
★ Grundy Community Center ★



Tickets:
Adults: \$5 in advance (\$6 at the door)
Children: \$3 (Ages 4 to 8 years old)
Ages 3 and under: Free will donation accepted

Menu:
Omelet (Cheese, Ham, Green Pepper, Onion, and Mushroom)
Sausage Links
Pancakes
Muffins
Fruit, Milk, Coffee, and Juice

For advance tickets:
• Purchase tickets from a 4-H member
• Stop by the Extension Office at 703 F Ave., Grundy Center
• Or call 319-824-6979

County 4-H Council is collecting non-perishable food and household items to donate to families in Grundy County. Bring your donations to the Omelet Breakfast if you would like to participate.

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7:30 P.M. – The Shack
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• PG-13 (Thematic Material) • 130 mins.

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Obituaries

Carole Hammill

Carole Aileen Hammill, 95, of Union, IA died Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Oakview Nursing Home, in Conrad, IA. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Union Community Church, in Union. Pastor Rick Schill will be officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at Union Community Church. Interment will be at Union Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Union Community Church or Union Public Library Foundation. The Conrad Chapel of the Anderson Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.andersonfh.com.



The daughter of Glen L. and Pearl Carroll Woodford, Carole was born January 30, 1922 at the family home near Webb, Iowa. She graduated from the Garfield Consolidated High School near Webb in 1939, and from the Capitol City Commercial College in Des Moines in 1941.

She was married to Albert E. Schnirring of Sac City in Spencer, Iowa on June 11, 1942 and lived in Des Moines until his death on March 21, 1944. She then returned to Webb where daughter, Kay was born and she worked as a teller and bookkeeper at Citizen's National Bank.

Carole was married on December 31, 1946 to Clarence M. Hammill at the First Baptist Church in Webb. They soon became a family of four with daughter Mary born in 1950. They lived in Judd, Crystal Lake, and Whitten before moving to their farm south of Union in 1959, then to Oakview of Conrad in 2014.

Carole was secretary to the Board of Education of the Whitten Consolidated School and Union-Whitten Community School from 1953 to 1981, then was a teller/bookkeeper at the Hardin County Savings Bank in Union until her retirement in 1993. She was a member of the Union Community Church and Board of Directors for Tendersprout Day Care, a leader of the Union Peppy Pals 4-H Club for 25 years, secretary/treasurer of the Union Public Library Foundation, and auditor of the Community Church.

Carole was passionate about her genealogy work and loved quilting with the ladies at the Community Church. She was also well known for her collections of butterflies, elephants, and bells.

Carole is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Kay and David Schmidt of rural Conrad, and Mary and Steve Rund of rural Laurel; three grandsons and their wives, John and Jen Schmidt of St. Charles, Missouri, Dan Schmidt of Cedar Rapids, and Jason and Erica Schmidt of Runnels; a granddaughter, Annie Novak Clough and Thomas Clough of Urbandale; 12 great-grandchildren, Meagan Schmidt of Flourissant, Allison Schmidt of St. Charles, Missouri, Ben and Tony Schmidt of Cedar Rapids, Laura, Emma, Joshua, Clara, Tabitha, and Johanna Schmidt, of Runnels, Rachael Schmidt of Adel, and Juliette Novak and Lilianna Carole Clough of Urbandale; a sister and her husband, Beverly and Bob Stewart of Spencer; a brother and his wife, Royald and Sharon Woodford; sisters-in-law, Shirley Woodford of Spencer and Luella Poessnecker of Stuart, Nebraska; and many nephews, nieces and cousins. Preceding her in death were her husbands, her parents, and her brother. Family was very important to Carole and she thoroughly enjoyed family gatherings.

Diane C. Kopsa

Diane C. Kopsa, 84, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Grundy Center, passed away March 15, 2017, at the Bickford Cottage in Cedar Falls while under Care Initiatives Hospice. A Mass of Christian burial was held March 20 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in rural Reinbeck. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Grundy Center. A visitation was held March 19 at the Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center. Online condolences may be made to the Kopsa family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com.



Diane Carol Barge, daughter of Harold and Gertrude Bersie Barge was born May 29, 1932, in Decorah. She received her education in Plainfield graduating from Plainfield High School in 1950. Diane attended the University of Iowa where she earned her X-Ray Technician Certification. On January 30, 1953, she married Donald F. Kopsa in Grundy Center. Diane worked as an X-Ray Technician for the Grundy County Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. She was a volunteer for hospice in Grundy and Black Hawk Counties for many years. Diane was a member of D.A.R. and the Grundy Center Business Women's Club. She was also a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Gabriel Catholic Church. She enjoyed bowling, shopping, traveling, reading and dining out with friends and family.

Survivors include her sons, Steven (Kathy Mock) Kopsa of Grundy Center, Ronald Kopsa of Dike; daughters, Karen (David) LaVelle of Waterloo, Annette (David) Steinfeldt of Dike, Suzanne Caldwell of Colorado Springs, CO; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and one on the way. She is also survived by her sister, Janet Walters of Freeport, IL.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Donald Kopsa; son-in-law, Tony Augustson and her daughter-in-law, Linda Kopsa.

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Benjamin "Frank" Owings

Benjamin "Frank" Franklin Owings, 80, of Bella Vista died Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Circle of Life in Bentonville. A private family service will be at a later date. Arrangements by Epting Funeral Home. Condolences: www.eptingfuneralhome.webs.com.

He was born April 10, 1936 in Alden, Iowa the son of Lula and Newton Owings.

Frank was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, a Boy Scout Leader, band booster member, and a licensed realtor. He loved camping and was a member of many campers clubs.

Frank is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Owings of Bella Vista, two sons; Mike Owings and his wife, Melissa, of Fayetteville, Mark Owings of Centerton, two daughters; Judy Dunegan and her husband, Mitch, of Lawton, Oklahoma, Jane Birmingham and her husband, Jeff, of Centerton, one brother; Richard Owings of Iowa, two grandchildren; Joey Hammer, Kimberly Hammer, one great-grandchild; Scarlett Jones, and many close friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ruth Bienfang

Ruth Bienfang, a long-time resident of Blue Springs, MO, died March 13, 2017, at Shangri-La Living Center in Blue Springs.

Born August 7, 1927, in Kansas City, MO, Ruth worked for Southwest Bell Phone Company for 37 1/2 years. On March 17, 1956, she was united in marriage to Donald Bienfang in Kansas City, and they enjoyed 60 wonderful years together.

Ruth loved dressing to the "nines"—mostly in her favorite color, purple, and she always had her nails and hair done each week. After retirement, she enjoyed painting, doing ceramics, and reading. She was a member of a camping club and enjoyed many winters in Yuma, Arizona, with good friends.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, and one son, Steven Bienfang. She is also survived by two brothers-in-law, James Bienfang and Gary Bienfang of Grundy Center, along with several nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to Donald Bienfang, c/o Floral Hills Funeral Home, 7000 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64133.



"Part of Lucille's Life According to Jim"

Lucille Ellen Buhmann Anderson was born on the Herman Hoepner farm, five miles north and one mile west of Reinbeck, February 20, 1929.

She was the granddaughter of John and Johanna Thoms Reimer. Her parents were Henry and Ella Reimer Buhmann.

After her father's death in 1931, her mother and brothers, John and Lester, moved to a farm 1/2 mile north of where she was born. From the hard work of Bud Wood and her family, she lived there until her marriage.

She attended Grant #8 Country School and school at Dike, graduating in 1946.

She attended what was then Teacher's College (UNI) getting her 2-year teaching certificate. She then taught 4th and 5th grades at Beaman, Iowa for 7 years.

During this time, she married James McConnell Anderson, August 9, 1951, at Strawberry Point.

They lived at the Marie Thompson farmhouse south of Beaman. For a short time they purchased a farm, to be politically correct, known as the Sylvia Gast corner farm northeast of New Hartford. This farm was sold to Meinard Koop Sr. before ever living there.

They then lived on the Marthie Wallace farm northeast of Beaman.

Ruth and Jim were born when they lived at Beaman.

In November 1957, they moved to a farm 3/4 mile north of the village of Swanton. It was located 7 1/2 miles northwest of New Hartford.

Lucille was a farm wife with a large garden, chickens, ducks, hogs, sheep, Brown Swiss, and Hereford cattle. A daughter Esther was born.

In June of 1974 she moved to Parkersburg where she had various jobs: substitute teaching, sorting corn at O's Gold, child care, being a good neighbor and friend.

In November of 1984 she moved to Reinbeck to help her mother.

For a short time, she lived in Wa-

terloo. James and she divorced.

In 1988 she became a farmer again on an acreage southeast of Reinbeck. She also worked for Harms Poultry Processing and Pioneer sorting corn.

She was Miss Lucille to the Parkersburg Methodist Preschool Sunday School class for many years. She had been active at the Beaman, New Hartford, and Parkersburg Methodist Churches.

In Reinbeck she was a member of the UCC Church as a girl and after 1984. She was a member of Ladies Aide and Circle.

On January 13, 2012 she went to Parkview where she died March 8, 2017 in Reinbeck.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; All's so happy, all's so bright! There's perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in heaven at last. Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the Valley of the Shade? Oh, but Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade!

And He came Himself to meet me On the way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely,

For I love you dearly still; Try to look beyond earth's shadows,

Pray to trust our Father's will. There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idle stand, Do your work while life remaineth—

You shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home; Oh, the rapture of the meeting! Oh, the joy to see you come!

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The Runge family's home at 804 Blackhawk Street in Reinbeck was destroyed by fire, and is a 'total loss' according to Reinbeck Fire Chief Jamie Eiffler.



Shown above are Michael and Elizabeth Runge with two of their children.

Fire destroys Reinbeck home

Community gathers to support family through fundraisers, donations

By MICHAELA KENDALL

The Grundy Register

REINBECK – Two weeks ago, a family from Reinbeck lost everything in a house fire.

Michael and Elizabeth Runge, along with their three young children, were visiting family out of town when they received a call from a neighbor, who informed them that their house was on fire.

"We were at my parent's house when my phone rang, and it was my next door neighbor, which seemed kind of weird. And she said, 'Michael, your house is on fire.' I was just stunned," Michael said. "It was probably the most surreal moment of my life."

After returning to Reinbeck, the family found their home charred, blackened and smoking.

According to Reinbeck Fire Chief Jamie Eiffler, it is suspected that an electrical issue was what sparked the fire, which began in the basement and spread upwards, penetrating into the walls.

"We were called out to the fire about 6:15, 6:30 on Saturday night, and it ended up being an all-nighter," Eiffler said. "After a while, we were able to get into the house and retrieve a few items,

and we got the family dog out, but the house is a total loss."

The Runoges are currently waiting to hear back from the insurance company about the extent of the damage, and in the meantime, they are staying with family in Keystone, Iowa, while looking for housing in Reinbeck.

Struggling to keep a normal life, Michael was back to work at his job at North Tama High School on the Monday after the fire.

He says that so far, everyone he knows has been very supportive of him and his family during their time of need.

"We were just blown away by the outpouring of support we've received from family, friends, the school and the community," Michael said.

In particular, one friend of the family created a Go Fund Me page for the family, which has already raised \$7,000 for the family.

"It continues to blow my mind that there are people we don't even know that are sacrificing time and money for us," Michael said. "We've been very thankful to God for all the provisions he's made for us so far as we move forward into a lot of unknowns. Right now, we're just taking things as they come."

If you would like to donate to the Runge Family's Go Fund Me recovery fund, you can visit www.gofundme.com/runge-family-recovery-fund for more information.

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Please bring copies of your child's birth certificate and social security card when you register your child.

Kindergarten Roundup

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Forbes joins Eclipse News-Review as editor

By ROB MAHARRY
Mid-America Publishing
PARKERSBURG- An Iowa native with experience at both weekly and daily newspapers is joining the staff of the Eclipse News-Review as the news editor this week.

Greg Forbes, who was most recently an education reporter at The Sioux City Journal, grew up in Carroll, graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 2008 and attended South Dakota State University, where he originally enrolled as a Wildlife and Fisheries major. He had always been interested in writing, however, and decided to change his career path due to the overload of science classes required for his previous major.

"I wanted to write, but I also wanted a stable career," he said. "So journalism kind of stuck out for me."

In 2012, Forbes earned his journalism degree with an emphasis on news writing from SDSU, and a summer internship at The Denison Bulletin-Review in western Iowa eventually led to a full-time job after graduation. In 2014, he moved to the Journal on the education beat, and the opportunity to do both writing and editing while living in the Cedar Valley made the Eclipse News-Review an appealing choice for Forbes.

"I figured that it's time for me to maybe start getting some experience as an editor, but I also really wanted to continue to write," he said. "When I was in Denison, I loved the small town, community journalism feel of it, and I



Greg Forbes (pictured) recently joined the Eclipse News-Review as the news editor. (Rob Maharry/Mid-America Publishing photo)

thought that this would present similar opportunities."

Education has always been one of Forbes's favorite topics to cover, perhaps due to the fact that his parents are both teachers at Kuemper, but he added that small-town features on people and places that are well-known in the community are something that he's also looking forward to reporting on at his new gig.

Eclipse News-Review Publisher Clint Pooch offered a strong endorsement of Forbes and his skill set as he prepares to take on the job.

"(Forbes) brings solid newspaper and writing experience to the editor position. I feel that our readers are going to enjoy Greg's writing style and ability," Pooch said. "Greg has a lot

of enthusiasm and energy. I know he's looking forward to meeting everyone in Parkersburg and the Butler County communities that we serve."

Outside of work, he is an avid sports fan who follows the Iowa Hawkeyes and loves to travel. On his first day Monday, Forbes was already busy conducting interviews, and his goal is to immerse himself in the Aplington, Parkersburg and New Hartford communities.

"Community journalism doesn't exist without knowing who the people that make the community go are, so I just need to meet the people that have built this community up to what it is," he said.

Hospital creates \$12.7 million economic boost

GRUNDY CENTER – Grundy County Memorial Hospital generates 200 jobs that add \$12.7 million to Grundy County's economy, according to the latest study from the Iowa Hospital Association. In addition, hospital employees impact retail sales in the county by more than \$1.4 million, which contributes \$86,000 in sales tax

revenue each year. "When patients choose their local hospital for their care, they not only receive high quality health services, they are supporting local jobs which in turn support the local economy," says hospital CEO Jennifer Havens. "We're proud to serve our local communities with a wide variety of much needed health care services that

are provided by people who live in the rural communities we serve. The economic impact of choosing local health care is significant," says Havens. The hospital employs residents of more than 22 area communities, including 146 employees who live within Grundy County.

The annual Iowa Hospital Association study examined the jobs, income, and retail sales produced by hospitals and the rest of the state's health care sector. The study found that Iowa hospitals directly employ 72,008 people and create another 55,492 jobs outside the hospital sector. As an income source, hospitals provide \$4.5 billion in salaries and benefits and generate another \$2.3 billion through other jobs that depend on hospitals.

In all, the health care sector contributes \$16.6 billion to Iowa's economy while directly and indirectly providing 324,977 jobs, or about one-fifth of the state's total non-farm employment. "Hospitals and health care are vital to Iowa's economy, says IHA president and CEO Kirk Norris. "With nearly 325,000 jobs, health care is one of Iowa's largest employers and hospitals remain, by far, the biggest contributor to that number. In Iowa cities and counties, hospitals are uniformly among the largest employers." Grundy County Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital affiliated with UnityPoint Health – Waterloo. For more information on hospital services, visit www.grundycountyhospital.org.



Groeneveld receives 35-year service award
Ivan L. Groeneveld received his 35-year service award from Charles Baker, Chairperson of the Grundy County Board of Supervisors on Monday during the Supervisors meeting. Mr. Groeneveld works for the Secondary Road Department.

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 8:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC) 705 1st Street 319-989-2141 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evening Praise Service</p> <p>Untied Methodist Church Dan Ridnour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor 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</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 Sun., March 19 & 26: 9:15 & 10:45am services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during the service Orchard Kids - Pre-K thru Elementary meets during 9:15 service</p> <p>Lincoln Center Services at Lincoln Center are pausing March 5-April 16. Services & Adult Sunday School class will resume at our Lincoln Center site on April 23.</p> <p>United Methodist Church Phil Dicks, Pastor 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. 'Full Charge Service' Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Kid & Family WOW, Meal & Sunday School 6:30-7 p.m. 'Quick Charge Service'</p> <p>HOLLAND</p> <p>Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available) 10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Reformed Church The Rev. Rick Vollema</p>	<p>319-346-1090 Sundays 9:00 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 LINCOLN</p> <p>Salem Church of Lincoln The Rev. Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>LISCOMB</p> <p>Bethel Grove Church Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>MARSHALLTOWN</p> <p>Elim Lutheran Church – ECLA Sundays 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum Mondays 7 p.m. Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship, Communion</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 Wednesdays 6:14 p.m. Individual Absolution 7 p.m. Responsive Prayer</p> <p>St. Henry Catholic Church Father Don Czapl Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses 4:30 p.m. in English 6:30 p.m. in Spanish Sunday Masses 9 a.m. in English 11:30 a.m. in Spanish</p>	<p>5:00 p.m., Mass</p> <p>PARKERSBURG</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Reformed Church of Stout Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors 319-346-1487 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>REINBECK</p> <p>Holy Family Catholic Parish The Rev. David Kucera 319-345-2006 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>UNION</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church Roger Crawford, Pastor Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Church Service 6:45 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens</p> <p>Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Class</p> <p>Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship First Wednesday 7 p.m. Church Board First Thursday 1 p.m. Willing Workers</p> <p>WELLSBURG</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>First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study</p> <p>St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour – No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service</p> <p>United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Worries 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>WHITTEN</p> <p>Whitten Community Church Jim Hartman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship, Children Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Thursdays 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>
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Spiritual Maturity

Just as we grow and develop physically and mentally, we should do so spiritually as well. Children grow and learn in relation to their parents in much the same way that we grow and learn in relation to God. We go from being completely dependent on our parents to being an integral part of our family, helping with chores and supporting each other, and in the process, we should also grow in love and appreciation for our parents and siblings. As children of God we will always remain dependent on God, but we should also mature to the point where we are "pulling our weight" in the spiritual realm. Spiritually mature persons will take the initiative to pray and do good works without having to be persuaded by others. They are also willing and able to accept hard truths about their own failings and will work diligently to improve. The spiritually mature strive to become more like God, and to judge others not by their outward appearances but by their inner attributes. They are painfully aware of their own tendency to judge others more harshly than they judge themselves and consequently will be merciful in their judgement of others. — Christopher Simon

"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."
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Where: Grundy Community Center, 705 F Avenue
When: Monday, March 27, 2017
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
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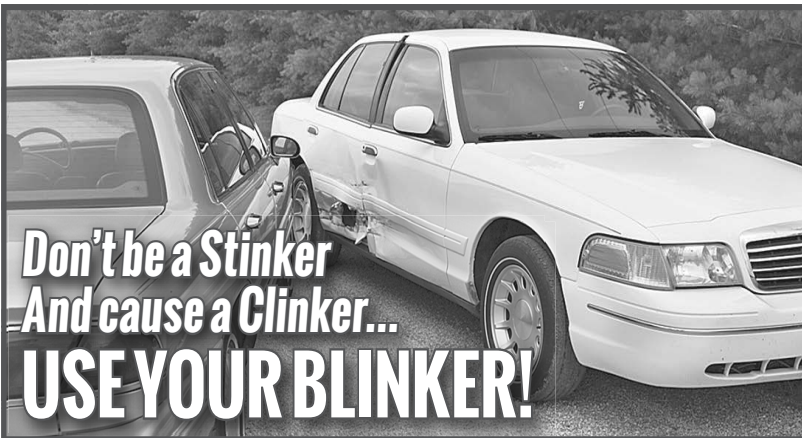
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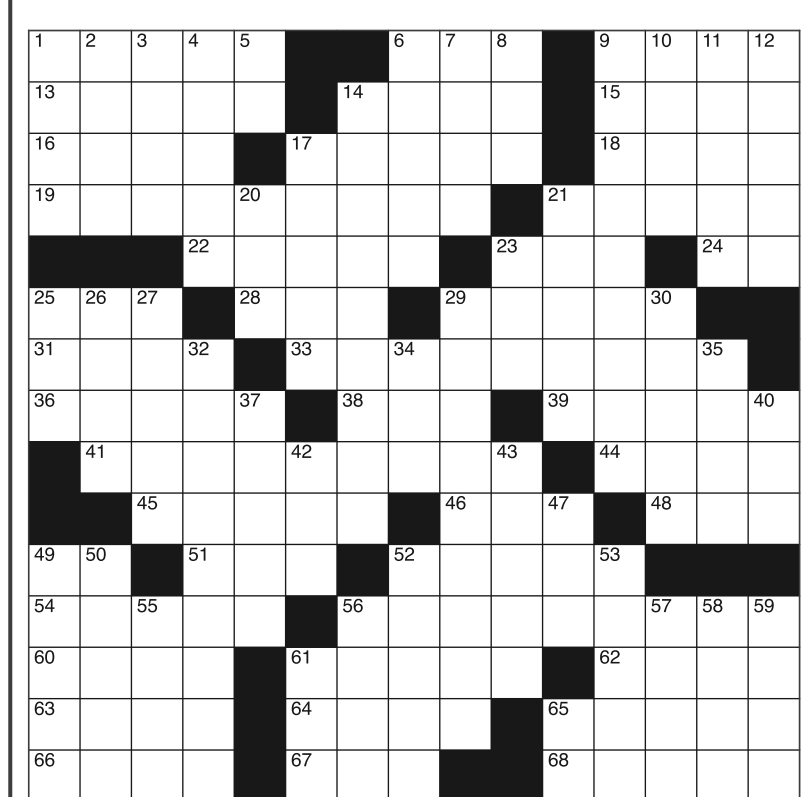
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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Pea stems
6. Type of music
9. Leader
13. Distant
14. 5,280 feet
15. Beloved Yankee great
16. A female domestic
17. Free from alcoholism
18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
19. Entertains with song
21. Wooden shoe
22. Female horses
23. Group of males
24. Sodium
25. Revolutions per minute
28. Neither
29. Woody climbing plant
31. Dismounted
33. Orbits the earth
36. Female parents
38. Separates acids
39. Origins
41. Stuffing and mounting animal skins
44. Rupture
45. Fathers
46. Large primate
48. Shape-memory alloy
49. Halfback
51. "Family Guy" daughter
52. Irish mountain chain
54. Paired
56. Drinks
60. Death notice
61. Skirts
62. Fertility god
63. Where a curve intersects itself
64. Red Sea port
65. Mozambique seaport
66. Leaver
67. The human foot
68. Crash
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Excessively theatrical actors
2. Wings
3. French river
4. Internet device
5. Where Tony Bennett left his heart
6. Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
7. Brews
8. For each
9. Dictatorships
10. Slavic person in Saxony
11. Nobel laureate Shmuel
12. Lasso
14. Tones down
17. Lunar period
20. Leavened Indian bread
21. Military elite
23. One thousandth of an inch
25. L.A. footballer
26. Land plan
27. A satellite of Saturn
29. "Cat Ballou" actor
30. Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
32. Indicates the fare
34. ___ and feather
35. Round Dutch cheese
37. Begat
40. Relaxing place
42. ___ Hit'an of Alaska
43. Belgian city
47. Organ of hearing and balance
49. Isolated Southeast Asian people
50. "Power Rangers" villain
52. Yellow-fever mosquitos
53. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Laundry detergent
56. A way to wait
57. Mother and wife of Uranus
58. Justly obtain
59. Stony waste matter
61. Helps you find places
65. Oil company

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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Level: Intermediate



Eat Healthy with Easy Meal-Planning Tricks

FAMILY FEATURES

If you're having trouble getting started, or even sticking to, a healthy eating regimen, you may be surprised that one highly effective practice doesn't require counting calories or hours of exercise. You simply need to plan out your meals.

When hunger strikes, it's tempting to grab the fastest, easiest-to-make food available, but that's rarely the best choice for your health. Planning your meals encourages you to invest in better-for-you options ahead of time and reduces food waste, while saving significant time and money in the long-term. If you don't know where to start, follow these easy tips to help make meal planning a breeze:

1. Build meals around themes like taco night or seafood night. This can help narrow down your options but still allow you to experiment with new recipes or variations on favorites that can be added to your regular rotation.
2. Be sure to include breakfast, lunch and snacks. Whether these are meals on the go or foods you'll eat at home, planning ahead can help ensure you have tasty, healthy options at your fingertips all day long.
3. Make it a family affair. Invite meal feedback from everyone and keep kids involved in the prep process to create more family time together.
4. Take inventory of your pantry and leftovers before heading to the store - yesterday's grapefruit breakfast could be today's citrus salad.
5. Shop wisely. Maximize time and money savings by shopping at a store such as ALDI, where you can find all your weekly must-haves, like fresh produce and organics, dairy, USDA Choice beef and bakery items. ALDI also offers a variety of healthy eating resources, including weekly meal plans and recipes like these Quinoa Lentil Tacos, at aldi.us/hellohealthy.

Quinoa Lentil Tacos

Recipe courtesy of Chef Michelle, ALDI Test Kitchen

- 32 ounces vegetable broth
- 3/4 teaspoon iodized salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 cup organic tri-color quinoa, rinsed
- 1 cup dry lentils, rinsed
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 10 white corn tortillas
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 avocado, diced
- 1/2 cup crumbled fresco cheese
- 2 limes, cut into wedges

In medium saucepan, bring broth, salt, pepper, paprika, cumin, garlic powder, chili powder, onion powder, quinoa and lentils to boil; reduce heat. Simmer 20 minutes, partially covered.

Remove lid and add corn starch. Stir 5-8 minutes until lentils are cooked through.

Heat medium pan over high heat. Heat tortillas 1 minute on each side.

Divide lentil mixture evenly among tortillas. Top with red onion, avocado and fresco cheese. Serve each with lime wedge.

Sweet Spring Desserts

FAMILY FEATURES

When the scent of fresh blooms begins to fill the air, it's a sure sign that spring has sprung. It's the perfect time of year to gather loved ones for a leisurely meal, then linger over dessert as you enjoy this season of refreshment.

No dessert menu is complete without an array of treats, and these creamy, homemade Blueberry Key Lime Cheesecake Bars are the perfect way to put a sweet finishing touch on your celebrations. Or go for a crowd pleaser with this Cherry Cheesecake Lush Dessert and its smooth, velvety texture and plump, juicy cherries.

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Find more tasty treats for all your spring entertaining at luckyleaf.com.



Blueberry Key Lime Cheesecake Bars

Recipe courtesy of Inside BruCrew Life blog
Prep time: 25 minutes | Cook time: 45 minutes | Servings: 24

- Nonstick cooking spray
 - 30 vanilla cream-filled cookies
 - 1/4 cup butter, melted
 - 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 3/4 cup sour cream
 - 1/3 cup key lime juice
 - 1 tablespoon key lime zest
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 3 eggs
 - Green gel food coloring (optional)
 - 1 can (21 ounces) blueberry pie filling, divided
 - 1 container (8 ounces) whipped topping, thawed
 - Key lime slices (optional)
- Place baking sheet on bottom rack of oven. Fill halfway with water. Heat oven to 325 F. Line 9-by-13-inch pan with foil and spray with nonstick spray.
- Using food processor, pulse cookies until crumbly. Stir together

crumbs and butter. Press evenly into bottom of prepared pan. Beat cream cheese until creamy. Add sugar and sour cream, and beat again until smooth. Add key lime juice, zest and flour, and beat until mixed thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat gently after each. Add green food coloring to cheesecake mixture, if desired.

Spread cheesecake batter evenly over crust in pan. Add 1 cup of blueberry pie filling over top of cheesecake. Use butter knife to gently swirl pie filling into cheesecake. Do not let knife go through to crust.

Place pan on oven rack above tray of water. Bake 45-48 minutes. Remove immediately and place on wire rack for 1 hour then place in refrigerator until completely chilled.

Cut into 24 squares and serve with whipped topping, remaining pie filling and key lime wedges.



Cherry Cheesecake Lush Dessert

Recipe courtesy of Lemon Tree Dwelling blog
Prep time: 15 minutes | Cook time: 15 minutes | Servings: 12

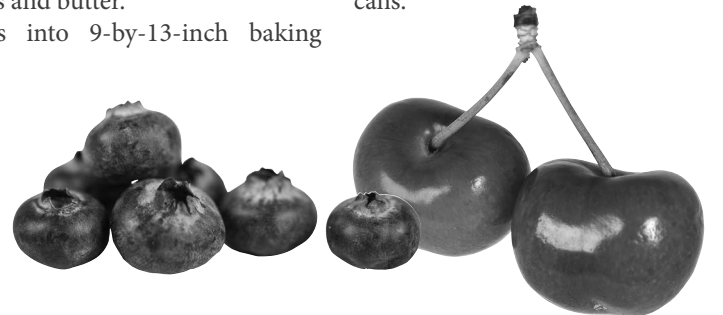
- 1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
 - 1 cup finely chopped pecans
 - 1 cup butter, melted
 - 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 16 ounces whipped topping, divided
 - 2 small boxes cheesecake-flavored pudding
 - 3 cups milk
 - 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
 - 1/2 cup, chopped pecans
- Heat oven to 350 F. In medium mixing bowl, combine vanilla wafer crumbs, finely chopped pecans and butter. Press into 9-by-13-inch baking

pan; bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

In separate mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and 1 1/2 cups whipped topping. Mix until smooth; spread evenly over cooled crust.

Combine cheesecake pudding mix, milk and 1 1/2 cups whipped topping, and mix until smooth. Spread evenly over cream cheese layer in pan.

Top with pie filling, remaining whipped topping and chopped pecans.



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New AGWSR FFA officers installed

The installation of the new AGWSR FFA officers took place at the annual FFA banquet held at the high school on Monday evening, March 13. The new officers are from left to right: Haley Bakker, sentinel; Lily Ellingsen, reporter; Taylor Sicard, vice president; Josh Bartling, treasurer; Aaron Roelfs, secretary; Ethan Ubben, assistant; Sawyer Heitland, president. (Lisa Bakker/The Grundy Register photo)



AGWSR National Honor Society inducts new members

The AGWSR National Honor Society held its induction on Thursday evening, March 16, in the high school commons and seven students joined the elite group which rewards academic and extracurricular excellence. Pictured in top photo are the new inductees (left to right): Liam Stubbe, Hannah Woerner, Taylor Sicard, Brayden Penning, Brady Fisher, Haley Bakker and Sawyer Heitland. In the bottom photo are the current members (left to right): Caleb Meinders, Brenna Bonewitz, Maddie Brandt, Sophie Stahl and Bethany Lippert. (Lisa Bakker/The Grundy Register photos)



Past Grundy County Democratic party chair Carol Gordon (left) and current chair Phyllis Holland (middle) discuss party goal-setting and outreach at a local level with Iowa Democratic chair Derek Eadon (right). (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register Photo)

Iowa Democratic Chairman visits Grundy Center, talks rural outreach

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – Last Thursday, Iowa Democratic Chairman Derek Eadon made a stop in Grundy Center, where he talked rural outreach and goal-setting with members of the Grundy County Democratic party.

Eadon, who's new to the position of Chairman, said his goal is to sit down and listen to party members from across the state, and hear firsthand from them where the party can improve in the future.

"I think it's important to make sure we're hearing from each county before we approach our next step, or make any definite plans," Eadon said.

Eadon said the party is currently compiling a formal report that will analyze election information from across the state on things such as voter turnout and party loyalty.

"During this last election, we failed. And now, we want to find out what we missed," he said. "In order to do that, we have to listen, and that's part of what we're doing here [at this meeting.]"

Eadon said he thinks Democrats had the wrong message, and they weren't focusing on problems that everyday Iowans face, which allowed Republicans to come in and fill that void.

Because of that disconnect, Republicans at the state level were able

to secure majorities in both the House and Senate for the first time since 1998, effectively eliminating Democrats' possibility of blocking conservative bills.

Further, Eadon added that the party won no rural counties in Iowa this last election, and there are currently no rural counties in Iowa represented by a Democrat at the state level. U.S. Rep. Dave Lubesack (D-Mount Vernon) is the lone Democrat to represent any rural counties in Iowa.

"But the silver lining is that even though we failed, there's nowhere to go but up," Eadon said, adding that the Republican-introduced changes to things like collective bargaining might prove to give Democrats some room for advancement.

"In a lot of smaller counties like this, the school and the county are some of the biggest employers, so these issues might just give us some headway," he said. "But we still need to educate people and connect the dots. There has been a lot passed through Legislature in a really short amount of time, and there are many people who still don't know all the issues. I think Republicans absolutely overstepped. They weren't listening to anyone, they weren't even asking, they were just pushing these things through."

Grundy County Democratic party chair Phyllis Holland agreed with

Eadon, adding: "I think we've heard the rumbling in the bushes [about voters being upset with Republicans], but I think people are still hoping they're going to pull it off."

On their part, the Grundy County Democrats and the Iowa Democratic Party are hoping to find ways to make their rural outreach more effective.

Holland says one of the biggest issues the party has locally is that Grundy County is historically a very strongly Republican county, and that the Democrats just don't have enough people.

"Our numbers have gone down a lot, and it's hard. We just need people," she said. "It's hard to cover a lot of ground and go door to door at these rural farms when you don't have people to help."

Holland says that's one issue the local Democrats hope to discuss at their off-year Caucus this Thursday. Other items on the agenda for the night include the election of officers and the determining of precincts. The party will also discuss primary goals for the county, such as fundraising and increasing participation.

For anyone interested, the Democratic Party Off-Year Caucus will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the courtroom of the Grundy County Courthouse.

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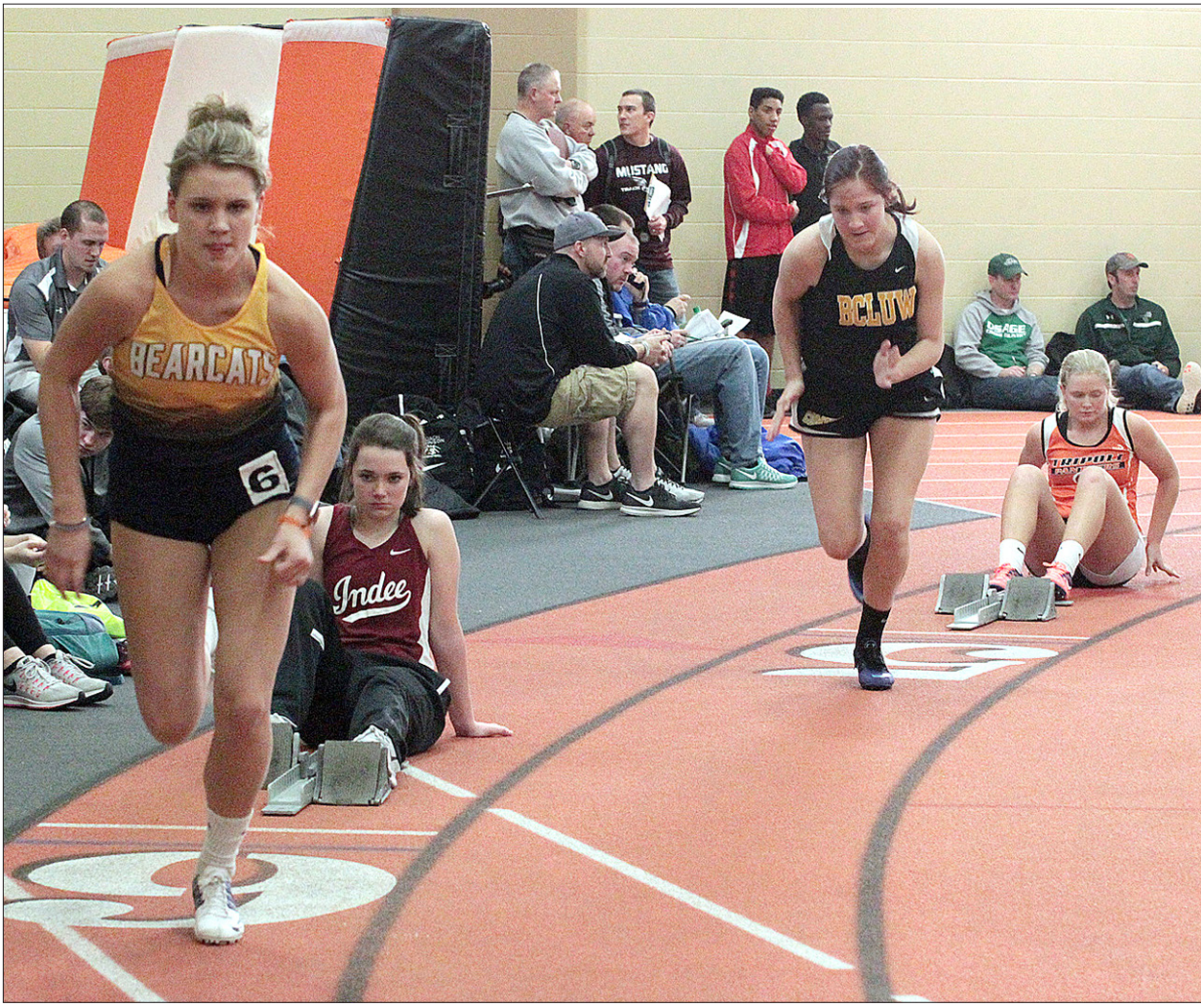
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BCLUW's Payton Pekarek (right) emerges from the blocks in her heat of the 200-meter dash on Tuesday at the third Wartburg Indoor. Pekarek was 33rd out of 49 in the event. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing photo)



BCLUW's Neifer Ralston runs the opening leg of the boys' 4x800 relay at the Wartburg Indoor last Tuesday. The Comets finished 12th in the event. (Kristi Nixon/Mid-America Publishing photo)

Comets run at Wartburg Indoor

WAVERLY – The BCLUW boys' and girls' track and field teams competed in Wartburg's final indoor meet of the season last Tuesday in Waverly.

The Comet boys were led by Jack Garber placing second in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.15 seconds. Caleb Silver added an eighth-place finish in the 3200-meter run in 11 minutes, 6.35 seconds. Clay Silver was the top finisher in the field events for BCLUW with a 13th-place finish in the high jump, clearing a height of 5-3.

BCLUW's leading relay was 12th in the 4x800 event, with the team of

Clay Silver, Neifer Ralston, Treye Teske and Zach Gould finishing in 9:49.63.

For the Comet girls, Jenna Willett was the top individual with a third-place finish in the long jump clearing 15 feet, 4.75 inches. Jordyn Beeghly was 17th in the shot put with a throw of 30 feet, 6 inches.

The top Comet girls relay was in the 4x200 – Sara Sharp, Samantha Ubben, Olivia Hughes and Kennedy Williams placed 18th in 2:03.06.

Wartburg Indoor
At Wartburg College, Waverly
No team scores for boys or girls.
BCLUW only area team competing.

Individual results
(Finals involving BCLUW athletes only, top two followed by BCLUW finishers)

Boys
200-meter dash – 1. Tyler Bartz (Vinton-Shellsburg) 23.37; 2. Cale Snedden (Mount Vernon) 23.85; 25. Bradley Bell 25.95; 32. Connor Thompson 26.33.

400-meter dash – 1. Richard Gilde-meister (Forest City) 54.28; 2. Dylan Larson (North Fayette Valley) 54.75; 23. Coby Willett 59.47; 49. Connor Thompson 1:12.72.

55-meter hurdles – 1. Jace Burrow (North Fayette Valley) 8.12; 2. Jack Garber (BCLUW) 8.15.

800-meter run – 1. Kyle Wilson (Maquoketa Valley) 2:06.31; 2. Eli Barrett (Denver) 2:07.17; 25. Caleb Silver 2:27.97; 45. Michael Engle 2:56.61.

1600-meter run – 1. Jack Young (Mount Vernon) 4:45.53; 2. Jordan Yessak (Dunkerton) 4:52.76; 12. Neifer Ralston 5:19.37; 25.

Treye Teske 5:46.61.

3200-meter run – 1. Ben Lamparek (Williamsburg) 10:28.17; 2. Chris Guise (Davenport Assumption) 10:32.92; 8. Caleb Silver 11:06.35; 25. Grant Baker 13:47.88.

High jump – 1. Ryan Saarie (Forest City) 6-1; 2. Kabryn Cook (West Delaware) 6-1; 13. Clay Silver 5-3.

Long jump – 1. Eli Barrett (Denver) 21-2; 2. Tyler Bartz (Vinton-Shellsburg) 19-10.5; 23. Coby Willett 16-10; 29. Trevonn Walker 16-1.5.

Shot put – 1. Tristan Wirfs (Mount Vernon) 59-0; 2. Drew Wiley (Vinton-Shellsburg) 50-1; 29. Neil Cashin 37-6; 37. Mason Dhyne 35-2.

4x200 relay – 1. Fort Dodge 1:38.53; 2. Wapsie Valley 1:38.69; 20. BCLUW (Jack Garber, Coby Willett, Trevonn Walker, Caleb Engle) 1:47.73.

4x400 relay – 1. Mount Vernon 3:34.32; 2. Vinton-Shellsburg 3:38.32; 15. BCLUW

(Bradley Bell, Greg Schmitt, Clay Silver, Connor Thompson) 3:58.15.

4x800 relay – 1. Mount Vernon 8:19.14; 2. Vinton-Shellsburg 8:55.77; 12. BCLUW (Clay Silver, Neifer Ralston, Treye Teske, Zach Gould) 9:49.63.

Girls

200-meter dash – 1. Grace Tahahwah (Meskwaki) 27.51; 2. Annie Rhomberg (Mount Vernon) 27.82; 29. Sara Sharp 30.90; 33. Payton Pekarek 31.39.

400-meter dash – 1. Samantha Uhlenkamp (Central City) 1:05.33; 2. Morgan Kaping (Nashua-Plainfield) 1:05.37; 30. Easton Swanson 1:13.50; 46. Allyvia Garza 1:24.38.

800-meter run – 1. Billi Marzen (Davenport Assumption) 2:35.30; 2. Emily Treptow (Jesup) 2:38.84; 34. Skylar Nelson 3:14.18; 37. Madison Wessels 3:15.73.

Long jump – 1. Darian Wegner (New

Hampton) 16-8.5; 2. Grace Tahahwah (Meskwaki) 15-8; 3. Jenna Willett 15-4.75.

Shot put – 1. Marin Ehler (North Fayette Valley) 39-1; 2. Nicole Heeren (North Butler) 37-9; 17. Jordyn Beeghly 30-6; 43. Peyton Rice 23-1.5.

4x200 relay – 1. Vinton-Shellsburg 1:56.43; 2. Mount Vernon 1:56.58; 18. BCLUW (Sara Sharp, Samantha Ubben, Olivia Hughes, Kennedy Williams) 2:03.06.

4x400 relay – 1. Davenport Assumption 4:23.20; 2. North Fayette Valley 4:23.84; 21. BCLUW (Easton Swanson, Jenna Willett, Payton Pekarek, Mercedes Putney) 4:52.72.

4x800 relay – 1. Mount Vernon 10:14.52; 2. Davenport Assumption 10:17.99; 21. BCLUW (Skylar Nelson, Madison Wessels, Mercedes Putney, Samantha Schleisman) 13:02.06.

Area athletes play in NICL Senior Series

East sweeps West; Brandt, Karsjens win MVP awards

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

REINBECK – Seniors from North Iowa Cedar League schools got a chance to let loose a little while also getting one more chance to play on the high school hardwood at the NICL Senior Games at Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School on Friday night.

The NICL East won both games

– the girls triumphed 53-48 and the boys held on for a 101-98 shootout – but for players like AGWSR senior and West MVP Nathan Karsjens, fun was had by all.

“It’s a great experience, a lot of guys I played AAU with,” said Karsjens, who scored a game-high 23 points for the West. “It’s great to come back as friends instead of competitors.”

Gladbrook-Reinbeck’s Tyler Pierce added 16 points and Grundy Center’s Chase Boren scored 14 points to round out the double-digit scorers for the West side. East MVP Ethan Wyant of Jesup scored

22 points, with J-Hawks teammate Tyler Lienau contributing 17 points and Broden Coulter of Dike-New Hartford pouring in 15 points.

In the boys’ game, the teams combined for 39 3-pointers in a game with more of an emphasis on creative 3-point celebrations than defense and overall just enjoying themselves, including G-R’s Thomas Mussig trying to shoot a free throw with one hand over his eyes.

While the girls’ game still had an underlying fun spirit, there were no easy shots for any of the girls

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AGWSR's Maddie Brandt (right) drives to the basket during the NICL Girls' Senior Game at Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School on Friday night. Brandt won the West MVP award after scoring 17 points. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)



AGWSR's Nathan Karsjens (right) slams home the reverse dunk after grabbing the ball from Gladbrook-Reinbeck's Tyler Pierce in a dunk contest following the NICL Boys' Senior Game at Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School on Friday night. Karsjens won MVP honors after the game. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register photo)

NICL Spring sports schedule

AGWSR Boys' Golf
April 3 vs. Iowa Falls-Alden, South Hardin
April 4 at Hampton-Dumont Triangular (A-P)
April 10 vs. BCLUW, Hudson
April 18 at Dike-New Hartford
April 20 vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck, West Marshall
April 24 at Aplington-Parkersburg Tournament
April 25 vs. Grundy Center
April 27 at South Hardin
May 1 at BCLUW Invite
May 4 vs. East Marshall
May 8 NICL West Meet @ AGWSR (Wellsburg)

AGWSR Girls' Golf
April 3 vs. Iowa Falls-Alden, South Hardin
April 7 at Hampton-Dumont
April 10 vs. BCLUW, Hudson
April 13 at Dike-New Hartford
April 18 at West Marshall
April 20 vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck, West Marshall
April 24 vs. A-P, Grundy Center, H-D
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg
April 27 at South Hardin
May 1 at BCLUW
May 4 vs. East Marshall
May 8 NICL West Meet @ Wandering Creek

AGWSR Boys' Track and Field
April 6 at Hudson
April 10 at East Marshall
April 13 at Hudson
April 18 at Dike-New Hartford
April 20 at BCLUW
April 21 at South Hardin
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg
April 27 at Roland-Story
April 28 at South Hardin
May 1 at Denver
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall
May 8 at Aplington-Parkersburg

AGWSR Girls' Track and Field
March 27 at BCLUW
April 7 at South Hardin
April 11 at Hudson
April 13 at Dike-New Hartford
April 17 at Hudson
April 20 at Webster City
April 21 at South Hardin
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg
April 28 at Grundy Center
May 1 at Aplington-Parkersburg
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall

BCLUW Boys' Track and Field
March 28 BCLUW Early Bird Invite
April 4 at South Tama
April 10 at East Marshall
April 18 at Ballard
April 20 BCLUW Comet Relays
April 21 at South Hardin
April 25 at North Polk
April 28 at Dike-New Hartford
May 1 at Denver
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall
May 8 at Aplington-Parkersburg

BCLUW Girls' Track and Field
March 27 BCLUW Early Bird Invite
April 4 at South Tama
April 7 at South Hardin
April 10 at Tama (GMG Relays)
April 13 at East Marshall
April 25 at Dike
April 27 at West Marshall
May 8 at Denver

BCLUW Boys' Golf
April 10 at Wellsburg (AGWSR)
April 11 Comet Co-Ed Invite (Conrad)
April 13 at North Tama
April 20 at Grundy Center
April 21 at Union Triangular (Gladbrook-Reinbeck)
April 24 South Hardin
April 25 East Marshall (at Wandering Creek)
April 27 at Union Triangular (West Marshall)
May 1 Comet Invitational (Conrad)
May 4 G-R Triangular (West Marshall)
May 8 NICL West Meet @ Wellsburg (AGWSR)

BCLUW Girls' Golf
April 10 at Ackley (AGWSR)
April 11 Comet Co-Ed Invite (Conrad)
April 13 at North Tama
April 20 at Grundy Center
April 21 Gladbrook-Reinbeck
April 24 at Union Triangular (South Hardin)
April 25 East Marshall (at Wandering Creek)
April 27 West Marshall
May 1 at Union
May 4 at G-R Triangular (West Marshall)
May 8 NICL West Meet @ Marshalltown

Dike-New Hartford Boys' Golf
April 10 at Sumner-Fredericksburg

April 11 at BCLUW Co-Ed Invite (Conrad)
April 13 at Wapsie Valley
April 18 AGWSR, Union
April 20 Hudson
April 24 at A-P Invite
April 25 Denver
April 27 at A-P
April 29 at Waterloo Columbus Invite
May 1 at Jesup
May 4 at Columbus Triangular (Sumner-Fred)
May 8 NICL East Meet @ Wapsie Valley

Dike-New Hartford Girls' Golf
April 7 at Gladbrook-Reinbeck
April 10 at Sumner-Fredericksburg
April 11 at BCLUW Co-Ed Invite (Conrad)
April 13 AGWSR, Wapsie Valley
April 18 Union
April 20 Hudson
April 24 Denver
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg Invite
April 27 at Aplington-Parkersburg
May 1 at Jesup
May 4 at Columbus Triangular (Sumner-Fred)
May 8 NICL East Meet @ Jesup

Dike-New Hartford Girls' Tennis
April 1 at Cedar Falls Invite (W-SR, W. Dubuque)
April 13 Grinnell
April 17 Aplington-Parkersburg
April 20 at Grundy Center (GC-GR)
April 21 South Hardin
April 25 at Osage
April 28 Union
May 1 Iowa Falls-Alden
May 4 Hampton-Dumont
May 8 at Oelwein
May 9 at Union
May 15 NICL Tournament @ Waterloo

Dike-New Hartford Boys' Track and Field
March 28 at East Marshall
March 30 at Waverly-Shell Rock Co-Ed
April 6 at Grundy Center
April 7 at Waverly-Shell Rock (Dave Sage Relays)
April 10 at Cedar Falls
April 18 Dike-New Hartford Invitational
April 20 at Cedar Falls
April 24 at Mason City
April 28 Dike-New Hartford Invitational
May 4 NICL East Meet @ Union

May 8 at Aplington-Parkersburg
Dike-New Hartford Girls' Track and Field
March 27 at BCLUW (Conrad)
March 30 at Waverly-Shell Rock
April 4 at Jesup
April 11 at Hudson
April 13 Dike-New Hartford Invitational
April 17 at Hudson
April 20 at Waterloo West
April 25 Dike-New Hartford Invitational
April 28 at Union
May 1 at Aplington-Parkersburg
May 4 NICL East Meet @ Union
May 8 at Denver

Gladbrook-Reinbeck/Grundy Center Boys' Soccer
April 4 Waterloo Columbus
April 6 CAL/Hampton-Dumont
April 20 Decorah
April 21 Denver
April 24 at Postville
April 25 at CAL/Hampton-Dumont
April 27 Waverly-Shell Rock
May 1 at Iowa City Regina
May 2 at Waverly-Shell Rock Tournament
May 9 at Waterloo Columbus
May 12 at Hudson
May 15 at Iowa Falls-Alden

Gladbrook-Reinbeck/Grundy Center Girls' Soccer
April 4 at Waterloo Columbus
April 13 at Decorah
April 25 CAL/Hampton-Dumont
April 27 at Union
May 2 Denver
May 4 at Waverly-Shell Rock
May 8 Aplington-Parkersburg
May 13 at Waverly-Shell Rock Tournament
May 18 at Hudson
May 23 at Aplington-Parkersburg

Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck Boys' Tennis
April 6 at Waverly-Shell Rock
April 7 South Hardin
April 10 at Hampton-Dumont
April 17 Union
April 24 at Webster City
May 1 at Iowa Falls-Alden
May 4 at Aplington-Parkersburg

Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck Girls' Tennis
April 6 at Waverly-Shell Rock
April 7 South Hardin
April 10 at Hampton-Dumont
April 17 Union
April 24 at Webster City
May 1 at Iowa Falls-Alden
May 4 at Aplington-Parkersburg

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April 6 at Waverly-Shell Rock
April 10 at Hampton-Dumont
April 13 at Webster City
April 20 Dike-New Hartford
April 27 at Union
May 9 at Aplington-Parkersburg

Gladbrook-Reinbeck Boys' Golf
April 6 at Sumner-Fredericksburg
April 10 at East Marshall Triangular (GMG)
April 20 at AGWSR Triangular (West Marshall)
April 21 at BCLUW
April 22 at Grundy Center Tournament
April 24 at Aplington-Parkersburg Tournament
April 28 at Hudson Triangular (North Tama)
May 2 at Grundy Center
May 4 G-R Triangular (West Marshall, BCLUW)
May 5 South Hardin
May 8 at AGWSR

Gladbrook-Reinbeck Girls' Golf
April 7 Dike-New Hartford
April 10 at East Marshall Triangular (GMG)
April 20 at AGWSR Triangular (West Marshall)
April 21 at BCLUW
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg Tournament
April 28 at Hudson (North Tama)
May 2 at Grundy Center
May 4 G-R Triangular (West Marshall, BCLUW)
May 5 South Hardin
May 8 at East Marshall (Wandering Creek)

Gladbrook-Reinbeck Boys' Track and Field
March 28 at East Marshall
April 7 at Meskwaki
April 10 at East Marshall
April 13 at Hudson
April 18 at Dike-New Hartford
April 28 at Grundy Center
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall

Gladbrook-Reinbeck Girls' Track and Field
March 30 at Union
April 7 at Meskwaki
April 17 at Hudson
April 20 at Grundy Center
April 28 at Grundy Center
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall

April 10 at West Marshall
April 13 East Marshall
April 20 BCLUW
April 22 Grundy Center Invite
April 24 at Aplington-Parkersburg
April 25 at AGWSR
April 29 at Waterloo Columbus
May 1 at Iowa Falls-Alden
May 2 Gladbrook-Reinbeck
May 4 at South Hardin
May 8 NICL West Meet @ AGWSR (Wellsburg)

Grundy Center Girls' Golf
April 10 at West Marshall
April 13 East Marshall
April 18 at West Marshall Invite
April 20 BCLUW
April 21 at Nashua-Plainfield
April 24 at AGWSR
April 25 at Aplington-Parkersburg
April 27 at Marshalltown
May 1 at Aplington-Parkersburg
May 2 Gladbrook-Reinbeck
May 4 at South Hardin
May 8 NICL West Meet @ Wandering Creek

Grundy Center Boys' Track and Field
March 30 at Belle Plaine
April 4 Grundy Center Co-Ed
April 6 Grundy Center Invitational
April 11 at Jesup
April 13 at Hudson
April 18 at Dike-New Hartford
April 20 at Denver
April 21 at North Butler
April 24 at Wapsie Valley
April 28 Grundy Center Co-Ed 2
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall
May 8 at Aplington-Parkersburg

Grundy Center Girls' Track and Field
March 27 at BCLUW
April 4 Grundy Center Co-Ed
April 7 at South Hardin
April 11 at Hudson
April 13 at Dike-New Hartford
April 20 Grundy Center Invitational
April 24 at Wapsie Valley (in Oelwein)
April 25 at Dike-New Hartford
April 28 Grundy Center Co-Ed 2
May 1 at Iowa Falls-Alden
May 4 NICL West Meet @ West Marshall
May 8 at Denver Invite

Grundy Center Bowling

Table with bowling scores for Classic League, Commercial League, and Sunday Mixed. Includes names like Phelps John Deere, BLOWFS, Van Wert Inc., etc.

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Table with bowling scores for High individual scratch series, Classic League, Commercial League, and Sunday Mixed. Includes names like Tami Craig, Phelps John Deere, etc.

Seniors

From page 1 going to the hoop, with both teams shooting bonus free throws down the stretch.

Hanna Risse of Wapsie Valley scored 14 points to lead the East, able to hold off the West for the five-point victory.

AGWSR's Maddie Brandt led the West with 16 points as the team's MVP, while Sam Ubben and Skylar Veldhouse of BCLUW scored six and five points, respectively.

Kaeli Block of Union, the East's MVP, scored eight points.

"It was definitely great and I'm going to miss playing with these girls next year," Brandt said. "It was also really fun to play with people that you normally have competed against since fourth grade, so that was really fun too."

NICL Senior Girls Game table with scores for East and West teams.

East - Hanna Risse 5 3-7 14, Kaeli Block 3 2-2 8, Lakin Joeger 2 2-2 7, Jackie Barz 3 0-0 6, Kiki Cabrera 3 0-0 6, Maggie Driscoll 1 3-3 5, Cree Ann Pleggenkuhle 2 0-0 4, Courtney Powell 0 2-2 2, Grace Surma 0 1-1 1. Totals 19 13-20 53.

West - Maddie Brandt 5 5-6 17, Sam Ubben 3 0-0 6, Addi Johnson 1 2-4 5, Skylar Veldhouse 2 0-0 5, Bobbi Amendt 2 1-2 5, Morgan Kelley 2 0-0 4, Mariah Jimmerman 0 2-3 2, Alana Groninga 1 0-0 3, Shannon Breja 0 1-1 1, Madde Green 0 0-0 0, Georgia Porter 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 11-16 48.

3-pointers: East 2 (Joeger, Risse); West 5 (Brandt 2, Groninga, Veldhouse, Johnson).

NICL Senior Boys Game

East 101, West 98. East - Ethan Wyant 9 0-0 22, Tyler Lienau 7 0-0 17, Broden Coulter 6 0-0 15, Trevor Wurzer 5 0-2 12, Jake Lien 5 0-0 12, Cael Lambe 3 0-0 9, Drew Edwards 2 2-2 7, Tyler Vauthier 2 0-0 5, Josh Patterson 1 0-0 2, Jesse Eschen 0 0-0 0, Jaden Kuethe 0 0-0 0. Totals 40 2-4 101.

West - Nathan Karsjens 9 1-2 23, Tyler Pierce 6 0-0 16, Chase Boren 5 0-0 14, Chandler Sponseller 3 0-0 9, Mason Eilderts 3 0-0 7, Matt Roeding 3 0-0 7, Joe Smoldt 3 0-0 7, David Disney 2 0-0 4, Thomas Mussig 1 1-2 3, Jay Janssen 1 0-0 3, Jordan McAnulty 1 0-0 3, Dru Boliver 1 0-0 2, Brent Janssen 0 0-0 0, Austin Rekdard 0 0-0 0, Jon Baker 0 0-0 0, Deagan Haack 0 0-0 0, Jed Peterson 0 0-0 0. Totals 37 2-4 98.

Halftime: East 52, West 40. 3-point-



Grundy Center's Chase Boren (22) lifts a shot during the NICL Boys' Senior Game at Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School on Friday night. Boren scored 14 points with four 3-pointers as the East held on for a 101-98 victory.

ers: East 19 (Wyant 4, Lambe 3, Lienau 3, Coulter 3, Wurzer 2, Lien 2, Edwards, Vauthier); West 20 (Boren 4, Karsjens 4, Pierce 4, Sponseller 3, Eilderts, J. Janssen, McAnulty, Roeding, Smoldt).

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Winter in Review - Boys & Girls Basketball

By JAKE RYDER
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Boys

Gladbrook-Reinbeck's runner-up performance in the Class 1A state tournament in Des Moines was the highlight of the area teams, with AGWSR and Dike-New Hartford also putting up impressive seasons.

Three athletes were named to the Iowa Newspaper Association's All-State Team - Joe Smoldt of Gladbrook-Reinbeck on the first team in 1A, Nathan Karsjens of AGWSR on 1A's second team and Ben Latusek on 2A's second team.

AGWSR (15-7, 9-3 NICL West)

The Cougars got a great boost from getting Nathan Karsjens back in the lineup after a hand injury suffered at the end of football season. AGWSR couldn't quite get over the hump against some of the best in the NICL West, splitting with East Marshall and swept by Gladbrook-Reinbeck to settle for a second-place tie in the conference standings.

Jay Janssen, an all-conference first teamer alongside Karsjens, provided a boost from the 3-point line, second only to G-R's Joe Smoldt for 3-pointers made with 64 treys.

The senior-powered Cougars were derailed by NICL East's Wapsie Valley in a 71-58 district semifinal loss after topping North Butler 58-47 in the postseason opener.

Top scorers (per game average)

Nathan Karsjens	Sr.	18.0
Jay Janssen	Sr.	12.8
Mason Eilderts	Sr.	8.0

Top rebounders (per game average)

Nathan Karsjens	Sr.	7.7
Jay Janssen	Sr.	6.0
Mason Eilderts	Sr.	4.9

BCLUW (4-18, 1-11 NICL West)

The Comets struggled against conference competition but were able to tough out some victories in a learning season for a team with some youth.

BCLUW was led by senior Clay Silver, honorable mention all-conference after averaging 10.1 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game. Comet junior Troy Dolfin scored 11 points a game with 5.7 boards per contest.

The Comets made a first-round postseason exit in a 67-48 loss to district-finalist Jesup.

Top scorers (per game average)

Troy Dolfin	Jr.	11.0
Clay Silver	Sr.	10.1
Logan Mann	Jr.	7.3

Top rebounders (per game average)

Clay Silver	Sr.	6.5
Troy Dolfin	Jr.	5.7
Logan Mann	Jr.	5.0

Dike-New Hartford (21-4, 15-1 NICL West)

The Wolverines' only stumbling block in conference play was an early-season loss to Jesup, which they avenged twice over with a 59-45 win on Jan. 24 and a 58-54 win on Feb. 21 in a district final. While Dike-New Hartford eventually met their match in the substate final against Cascade of the River Valley Conference, the senior class was commended for helping the Wolverines to another 20-plus-win season after graduating three of the team's five starters last season and having no juniors on the 2016-17 roster.

D-NH excelled in part through defense, allowing just 44.1 points per game to conference competition. The Wolverines also led the NICL East with 66.9 points per game and made 53.6 percent of their shots from the field.

All five of D-NH's starters in the substate final will graduate at the end of this school year, leaving a game-tested but still very young returning group for next season.

Top scorers (per game average)

Ben Latusek	Sr.	12.2
Connor Blough	Sr.	11.9
Broden Coulter	Sr.	10.6

Top rebounders (per game average)

Ben Latusek	Sr.	6.9
Colton Harberts	So.	5.1
Broden Coulter	Sr.	4.6

Gladbrook-Reinbeck (26-3, 12-0 NICL West)

The Rebels led the area with a 26-3 record and finished in Des Moines as Class 1A state runner-up in the Rebels' third consecutive trip to Wells Fargo Arena, with finishes of first, fourth and second place. The Rebels also made it five NICL West titles in a row, and ran the table in the West for the third straight season, too.

It was the swan song for Joe Smoldt's high school career; he'll go on to Upper Iowa University after receiving the Mr. Basketball award from the Iowa Newspaper Association, averaging 29.8 points per game with 4.7 rebounds per game and 143 assists in his final season with the Rebels.

There will be some serious rebuilding in order for G-R to make it four straight appearances at state as three of the Rebels' starting five graduate. Seniors-to-be Caden Kickbush, Walker Theede and bench contributor Mason Skovgard provide a solid nucleus to start the process.

Top scorers (per game average)

Joe Smoldt	Sr.	29.8
Caden Kickbush	Jr.	11.6
Tyler Pierce	Sr.	10.0

Top rebounders (per game average)

Matt Roeding	Sr.	5.8
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Tyler Pierce	Sr.	6.4
Joe Smoldt	Sr.	4.7

Grundy Center (6-17, 3-9 NICL West)

The Spartans had a solid run to start 2017 in an otherwise challenging season under new coach Joe Nelson.

Grundy Center won four of their first seven games after the calendar flipped but hit an eight-game skid before winning a season finale against BCLUW on Feb. 7.

Bryce Flater scored 14.3 points per game to lead the Spartans in his senior season, in addition to 7.2 rebounds per game. Braidan Buhrow contributed 9.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per contest.

Top scorers (per game average)

Bryce Flater	Sr.	14.3
Braidan Buhrow	Sr.	9.7
Chase Boren	Sr.	9.6

Top rebounders (per game average)

Bryce Flater	Sr.	7.2
Braidan Buhrow	Sr.	6.3
Jared Krausman	Sr.	2.5

Girls

Although no area teams finished their season in Des Moines this year, teams from AGWSR and Grundy Center had positive years while young teams from Dike-New Hartford and Gladbrook-Reinbeck got some good wins to carry over into next season.

Maddie Brandt of AGWSR was the lone all-state honoree by the Iowa Newspaper Association, earning a spot on the third team in Class 1A.

AGWSR (19-5, 10-2 NICL West)

The Cougars started and ended their season on a tear, ranked by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union for most of the season.

AGWSR started 7-0 and had an 11-game win streak end in the regional final against Turkey Valley. Along the way, all-state performer Maddie Brandt scored 13.8 points and 8 rebounds per game for the Cougars, with Mandy Willems the primary 3-point threat with 11.1 points, four rebounds and 2.5 treys made per game.

Willems and Aubrie Fisher (8.6 ppg.) provide a great place to start building around the Cougars for next season.

Top scorers (per game average)

Maddie Brandt	Sr.	13.8
Mandy Willems	Jr.	11.1
Aubrie Fisher	So.	8.6

Top rebounders (per game average)

Maddie Brandt	Sr.	8.0
Mandy Willems	Jr.	4.0
Taryan Barrick	So.	4.0

BCLUW (10-13, 4-8 NICL West)

The Comets got a signature win in a postseason opener with Aplington-Parkersburg, winning 49-48 in overtime in what was a fine finish for BCLUW.

BCLUW ended the season with five wins in their last eight games, buoyed by senior Samantha Ubben with 11.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. Lauren Anderson and Kaylee Goecke, both juniors, combined for an average of 13 points per game.

BCLUW fell to Montezuma, 54-28, in the regional quarterfinals.

Top scorers (per game average)

Samantha Ubben	Sr.	11.7
Lauren Anderson	Jr.	7.0
Kaylee Goecke	Jr.	6.2

Top rebounders (per game average)

Lauren Anderson	Jr.	8.3
Leah Yantis	Sr.	5.5
Samantha Ubben	Sr.	4.9

Dike-New Hartford (13-10, 9-7 NICL West)

The Wolverines enjoyed a healthy midseason surge with an eight-game winning streak after starting the season 4-6. Along the way, the youth-powered Wolverines got a key piece in the lineup as Morgan Weber made her D-NH debut after midseason, returning from a leg injury in her freshman season of volleyball. The Wolverines earned their stripes defensively, ranked in the top 10 for scoring defense in Class 3A.

D-NH played close with several quality teams, including Sumner-Fredericksburg and Union, and even claimed a 38-35 triumph over ranked West Marshall at the end of the regular season. Clear Lake, a Class 3A state qualifier, was too much for the Wolverines in the first round of the postseason.

The Wolverines are set up well for the future, with four of the top six scorers this season returning for 2017-18. They will need to replenish some rebounding strength following the graduation of seniors like Elizabeth Cuvelier and Addie Johnston.

Top scorers (per game average)

Ellie Foster	Fr.	9.9
Baylee Petersen	Jr.	9.6
Sydney Petersen	Jr.	8.0

Top rebounders (per game average)

Baylee Petersen	Jr.	6.1
Elizabeth Cuvelier	Sr.	3.9
Ellie Foster	Fr.	2.6

Gladbrook-Reinbeck (2-21, 0-12 NICL West)

G-R ended a 17-game winless streak to start the season with a 40-39 win against North Tama on Jan. 28. The Rebels also were



Joe Smoldt



Reegan Zinkula

able to take care of business in their postseason opener with Cedar Falls Valley Lutheran, 45-23, in Reinbeck, highlights of an otherwise challenging season.

The young Rebels were led by Taylor Gienger with 11.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per-game averages. Reagan Skovgard, who was averaging 6.8 points per game in the first eight games of the season, had to sit out the rest of the way with an injury. Megan Swanson, a junior, contributed 5.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

G-R's season ended against Janesville in a 64-16 defeat on Feb. 14.

Top scorers (per game average)

Taylor Gienger	So.	11.5
Megan Swanson	Jr.	5.2
Maddie Frischmeyer	Jr.	3.2

Top rebounders (per game average)

Megan Swanson	Jr.	6.4
Haleigh Berendes	So.	5.7
Taylor Gienger	So.	3.8

Grundy Center (19-3, 10-2 NICL West)

The Spartans went on a 16-game winning streak after a loss to West Marshall on Dec. 9, avenging that loss to the Trojans and then some in a fine season for a very young Grundy Center squad.

Sophomore Hailey Wallis led the Spartans with 16.3 points per game, with Brooke Flater contributing 9.6 points and 6.2 rebounds per contest.

Grundy Center finished in a 3-way tie for first in the NICL West and won a whale of a postseason opener with Sumner-Fredericksburg, 65-59, in double overtime. The Spartans were finally derailed by eventual 2A state qualifier North Linn in the regional semifinal.

Top scorers (per game average)

Hailey Wallis	So.	16.3
Brooke Flater	So.	9.6
Reegan Zinkula	So.	6.7

Top rebounders (per game average)

Brooke Flater	So.	6.2
Kylie Willis	So.	5.5
Hailey Wallis	So.	4.4

Winter in Review – Wrestling

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A quartet of area wrestlers left with hardware from Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines this season, led by state champion Trent Johnson of Dike-New Hartford.

Also on the medal stand by season's end was AGWSR's Caleb Meinders (7th), D-NH's Jacob Ragsdale (3rd) and Chase Arends (7th).

AGWSR

Caleb Meinders was the lone state qualifier for the Cougars in the Class 1A tourney at 220 pounds. His championship dreams came up short in a loss to eventual state champion Drake Johnson of Logan-Magnolia but Meinders finished his season on top with a 7th-place medal.

195-pounder Tery Rummans just missed out on districts with a third-place finish at sectionals. Freshman Ali Gerbracht was in the same boat at 106 pounds.

Dayton Haley was the other Cougar with 10+ wins, finishing his sophomore year 13-14 overall.

AP-GC

Nolan Freeman was the only Spartan to join the new program share with Aplington-Parkersburg this winter.

The junior grappler had a winning record of 16-14, earning fifth place at the sectional tournament.

Dike-New Hartford

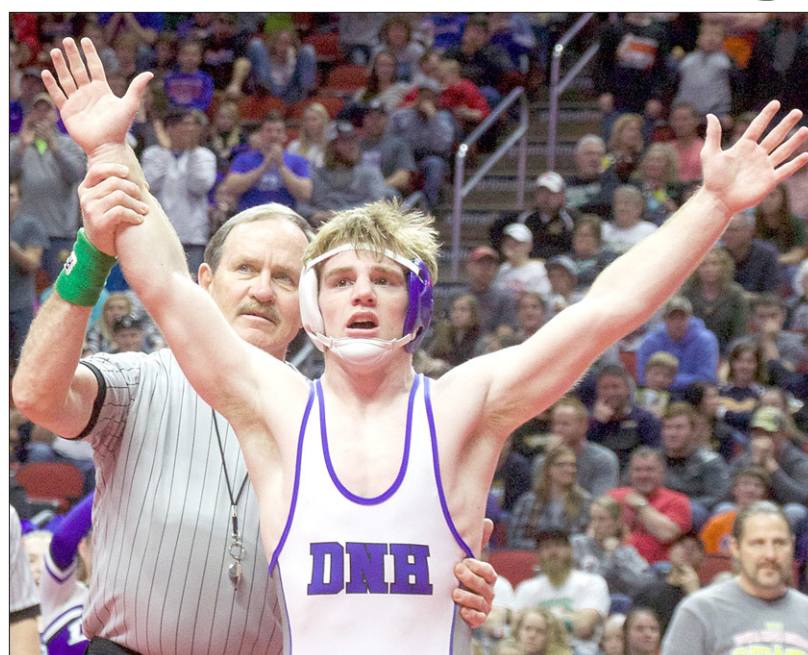
The Wolverines missed out on a team goal of qualifying for the dual tournament at the end of the season, but sent the largest area contingent to the state tournament with five state qualifiers - 106-pounder Zack Nicol, 113-pounder Jacob Ragsdale, 145-pounder Trent Johnson, 220-pounder Ethan Huntington and heavyweight Chase Arends.

Three Wolverines left Wells Fargo Arena with medals, led by state champion Trent Johnson, finishing an exceptional high school career on top of the podium. Ragsdale was third at 113 and Arends, the only state-qualifying Wolverine who will return to the D-NH wrestling room next season, finished seventh.

Grant Bixby (17-12), Tanner Smith (21-8), Noah Heathcott (16-11) and Nick Durnin (20-3) also had exceptional seasons that unfortunately ended at the sectional tournament.

GRNT

Tanner Calderwood was the only Rebelhawk to make it out of a tough sectional tournament, advancing to districts at 220 pounds. He eventu-



Trent Johnson

ally finished fourth at districts.

The Rebelhawks had their fair share of quality seasons on the mat, though, including Jace Peterson (21-12), Noah Skornia (21-22), Cael Wyatt (13-8), Cael Kopriva (23-10) and Peyton Willenbring (22-11).

South Hardin-BCLUW

The Storm sent seven wrestlers to the district tournament, the larg-

est area contingent in that respect, but only got 113-pounder Ian Showers to the state tournament.

Showers finished his high-school career at Wells Fargo Arena with a 32-5 overall record.

Other district qualifiers included Taylor Kolthoff (106), Hunter Allen (120), Josiah Dorow (138), Ryland DuChane (160), Caleb Engle (195) and Ryne Fuller (285).

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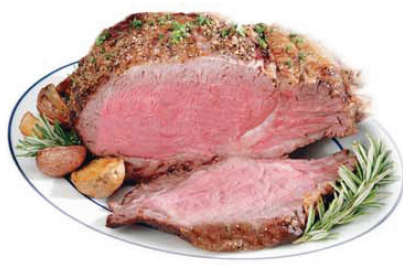
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