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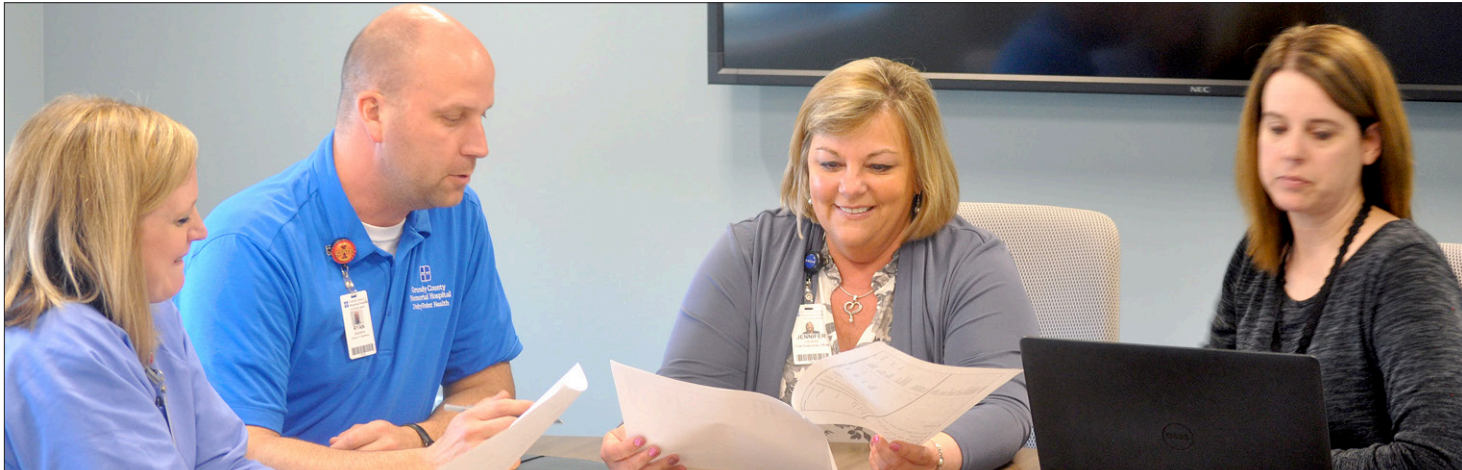
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Leaving a legacy

Havens reflects on tenure at GCMH, prepares to move on

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER- In 2008, Jennifer Havens made a personal decision to put the bright lights of Memphis, Tennessee, in her rearview mirror and return to her home state. Ten years later, the departing Grundy County Memorial Hospital CEO is accepting a promotion within the Unitypoint network to take the same position in Grinnell, but it won't be easy for her. She gets emotional just thinking about it.



From left to right, Grundy County Memorial Hospital Surgery Manager Jessica Eilers, Director of Operations Ryan Bingman, CEO Jennifer Havens and Director of Nursing Jody Schipper meet in the boardroom last week. Havens recently announced that she will be accepting a promotion at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center and leaving GCMH in July. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

"This has been a hard week. You can tell I have an awesome team," she said. "They are second to none in terms of their capability. They're all incredibly talented people, but they're also very passionate, engaged people who care about each other, who

care about this organization and who care about this community."

GCMH has made a name for itself as one of the most progressive and technologically

advanced rural hospitals in the nation, and a host of trophies in the first floor hallway point to

the fact that others have taken notice. Havens, who originally See HAVENS page 3

Wellness Committee approaches city about potential partnership

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER - Representatives from the Grundy Center Wellness Committee approached the Grundy Center City Council on Monday night to propose a potential partnership between the city and the Wellness Committee to make Grundy Center a more walkable community.

Keely Harken and Crystal Petersen, both Wellness Committee members, discussed a walkability study done in Grundy Center by Wellmark representatives last fall.

"Last fall, Wellmark conducted a walkability study, and there were many important components of the study, but the walkability and safety components were two the Wellness Committee thought were important to make you more aware of," Harken said.

Harken said that as Wellmark representatives walked around town, they noted several areas - the crossing by the pool and the crossing near the central Casey's in town - that were particularly tricky for pedestrians to cross safely, and that could use

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This Place Matters

MSGC kicks off historical preservation month with social media campaign

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER - In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, Main Street Grundy Center is pushing a new campaign called "This Place Matters" to highlight places around town that are meaningful to citizens, and to the community.

Bienfang says this is an opportunity for the community to showcase its unique traits and characteristics, and it's a chance for people of all ages and walks of life to demonstrate what matters to them, and she invites the community to join in on the campaign.

Citizens can do this by taking a photo of themselves at a place in Grundy Center that is meaningful to them, and sharing it on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat) with the #thisplacemattersgc hash tag. Or they can share it with MSGC through Facebook, and MSGC will share it on their Facebook page.

For herself, Bienfang says she chose the Center Theatre as someplace that matters for her.

"As a teenager, we used to have dances there," she said. "They would have great music, have videos playing on the screen, it would be all lit up. They don't do that anymore and it's something that was unique to our generation, so there's a lot of great memories there. That's someplace that's really special and that matters to me."

Bienfang says she's really hoping to get the younger generation involved in the initiative to promote Grundy Center, too.

"Maybe someone would choose Manly Drug's soda fountain because they had their first date there, or maybe someone would choose the courthouse because they got married there, or the pool because that's where they had their first job," Bienfang said. "It really is up to the individual person what place matters to them; and it doesn't have to be a certain place, it could be a swing set at the park where they pushed their child; really any place that has sentiment attached to it for them."

One way this is already being done is by recruiting students to help MSGC with the "This Place Matters" campaign. During service learning day last week, four GCHS students - Josie Holke-Farnum, Erika Johnson, Alex Christie and Jared Melcher - helped compile a promotional video for MSGC that shares photos and video footage of the shopping district, courthouse square, local businesses, amenities and more.

The video - which will be released on social media, and shown at the Center Theatre See MSGC page 2



Main Street Grundy Center executive director Lisa Bienfang is shown above at the Centre Theatre, which she chose as someplace that's special to her as part of the #thisplacemattersgc campaign. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

Supervisors recommend approval on Palermo hog site

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER- Just weeks after giving Heath Myers and Joe Dier of Clearview Farms the go-ahead to construct a two-building hog site near the Grundy-Tama County line, the board of supervisors voted unanimously on Monday morning to recommend the approval of a similar site under the same management nearby in Palermo Township between Grundy Center and Beaman.

According to Sanitarian Carrie Sager, the project will consist of two new finisher buildings with 2,490 heads, and it scored 475 points in the Master Matrix (the minimum for approval is 440). Jean Osgood, the resident nearest to the proposed confinement, has signed an easement agreement, and all of the other surrounding homes are at least 1,875 feet away. Sager added that two landowners had raised concerns about drainage tile running through the area, and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) inspectors discovered a drainage well nearby, which has since been plugged.

The board eventually voted 4-0 (Chuck Bakker was absent) to recommend approval to the DNR.

County Engineer Gary Mauer opened six bids for box culvert extension projects G20 and G21 on Zaneta Road near the turn-off to Morrison, which are tied together, and the lowest overall bid came from K Construction of Elkader at \$142,421.25. Other bidders included Gus Construction of Casey, PCI of Reinbeck, Progressive Structures of Elkader, Graves Construction

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Fern property declared a public health nuisance

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
PARKERSBURG- Amidst repeated reports of squalid living conditions, animal infestation, drug-induced hallucinations, mountains of junk and generally unruly behavior in an otherwise quiet unincorporated community of about 20 residents, the board of supervisors, Sanitarian Carrie Sager and Grundy County Attorney Erika Allen have announced plans to file a lawsuit aimed at condemning the home of Gregory Risse and abating the nuisance once and for all.



The property of Gregory Risse (pictured) in northern Grundy County between Grundy Center and Parkersburg has been declared a public health nuisance, and officials have voted to move forward with a lawsuit in hopes of condemning it. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photos)

Risse, who owns the aforementioned property in Fern between Grundy Center and Parkersburg, has become a household name among area police officers along with his live-in girlfriend Traci Bartholomew. The two were arrested in January after allegedly trashing a hotel room at the Legend Trail Inn and Suites in Parkersburg, and Bartholomew is serving a one-year prison sentence at the Mitchellville Women's Correctional Facility stemming from that incident (other than Possession of Methamphetamine, all of the other charges were dismissed in court).

no in Waterloo while carrying a revolver despite his status as a felon from a prescription drug conviction in 2000, and he received a five-year suspended prison sentence. Although it was reported during the meeting that Risse is currently incarcerated at the Black Hawk County Jail after a February arrest for violating probation, a jailer told *The Grundy Register* that he had been granted pretrial release on May 2 and is not in custody.

Both Risse and Bartholomew have been convicted of multiple theft and drug offenses and violating no-contact orders with each other, and Bartholomew is permanently banned from the nearby Mill gas station.

According to a fellow Fern resident who wished to remain unidentified, Risse and Bartholomew have wreaked havoc for as long as they've lived in the area, and in the resident's view, law enforcement and government officials have waited



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Preliminary, updated floodplain maps released

New maps show reduced floodplains for Grundy County

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register
GRUNDY CENTER

During two public meetings on Monday afternoon and evening, representatives from FEMA, AECOM and the DNR met with members of the county and local city governments to discuss the preliminary, updated floodplain maps in the county.

The last floodplain mapping for Grundy County was released in 2005, and the new preliminary maps released by FEMA now show a reduced floodplain area for the county, says Grundy County Engineer Gary Mauer.

"They're re-mapping the floodplains in Grundy County; the first time they did it was in 2005," Mauer said. "The new map will be more accurate, and its actually reduced the amount of floodplain area in Grundy County."

Jason Conn of the Iowa DNR's local floodplain program says it's important to have updated maps like these not only for county and city use, but for landowners, developers, and those in real estate.

"It's really important to have these maps and have them updated because there are a lot of risks associated with floods; you don't want to develop in areas that can be damaged by floods," Conn said.

He added that FEMA has been working on updating the floodplain maps since 2012, and the long process until the new maps are made official likely wont happen until sometime around September of 2019.

Once the preliminary maps are made official - in about a year and a half - the county will be able to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

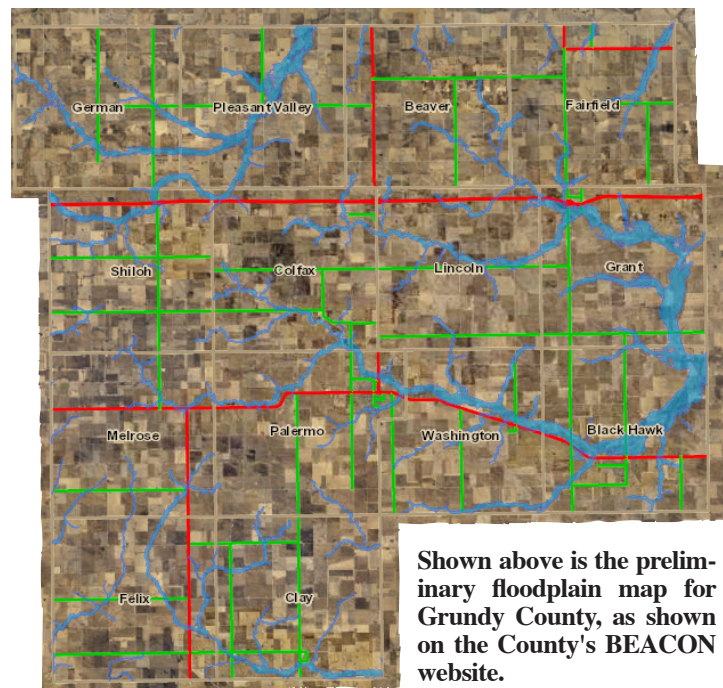


Shown above, representatives from the DNR, FEMA and AECOM met with county and local city government officials on Monday to go over the preliminary updated floodplain map for the county. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

Conn says that part of an incentive for participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the community rating system - a voluntary program NFIP communities can participate in that aims to reduce flood damages to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management through various ordinances.

The Community Rating System provides incentives to participating communities in the form of premium discounts for communities to go beyond the minimum floodplain management requirements to develop extra measures to provide protection from flooding.

Conn explained how the city of Cedar Falls in neighboring Black Hawk County is a great example of a community using the Community Rating System to its advantage to save a sizeable amount of money on flood



Shown above is the preliminary floodplain map for Grundy County, as shown on the County's BEACON website.

insurance while adding extra measures to protect against flood damage.

To see the preliminary floodplain maps, visit FEMA's web-

site or the county's BEACON website, both of which show the prior mapping and the current, preliminary mapping.

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G-R receives three bids for Gladbrook asbestos removal

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
The Grundy Register

REINBECK- During a brief meeting at the high school last Tuesday, Gladbrook-Reinbeck school board member Rod Brockett, business manager Deb Oleson and Superintendent David Hill opened three bids for asbestos removal at the Gladbrook building as plans to demolish move forward.

Because the fitness center and swimming pool are now likely to come down along with the rest of the facility, Hill noted that the board would need to accept a bid including both al-

ternates.
"It's a 99 percent chance we'll do all three," he said.

REW Services of Des Moines, at a total of \$118,431, submitted the lowest bid, followed by Environmental Property Solutions of Urbandale, at a total of \$128,600. Advanced Environmental of Waterloo's bid came in at a total of \$163,830. At least six contractors attended an initial walkthrough.

Hill and Brockett were both pleased with the information they received.

"Even the highest bid is under what I expected," Hill said.

"I wouldn't have ever imagined it would be quite that low."

After the asbestos is removed, the district can hire a contractor for the demolition, which Hill hopes to have completed sometime in 2019. The building was closed in 2015 under former Superintendent Shaun Holloway after a 5-2 vote from the school board, sparking a contentious dissolution petition process that culminated with a public referendum last September. Voters ultimately rejected the proposal by a 69-31 percent margin and opted to keep G-R intact.

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Shown above, students at GCHS work on a promotional video for Main Street Grundy Center's social media campaign. Back row, left to right, are: Jared Melcher and Alex Christie. Front row, left to right, are: Erika Johnson and Josie Holke-Farnum. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

MSGC

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and through other local media outlets – showcases just a few of the many places that make Grundy Center special. As they worked on it, though, each student took time to reflect on a place in town that means something to each of them.

“A place that matters to me is Movement Dance and Fitness,” Josie Holke-Farnum said. “I’ve danced there the last two or three years and it’s not only heightened my love for dance, but it’s got me through some

tough times. After my grandma died, I came to the studio and it always made me feel better; I’ve also made some of my closest friends there, so that’s one place that really means a lot to me.”

Erika Johnson says the school is a place that matters to her, as it’s a meeting place where the whole community can come together and support each other whether it’s through academics or athletics.

Alex Christie says the library is a place that matters to him, as it’s not only a center for

knowledge and imagination, but a centerpiece in the community that brings people together.

Jared Melcher says the whole town matters to him.

“I can’t think of just one place, so I’d say the whole town,” Melcher said. “This place is where I grew up.”

What’s someplace in Grundy Center that matters to you? Share it online with the hash tag #thisplacemattersgc to let others know how great it is to live, work and play in Grundy Center.

Havens

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came on as the director of nursing before she was promoted to Chief Clinical Officer and later CEO in 2015, has always tried to adapt to challenges as quickly as possible, and for the last year, she’s also served as the vice president of operations for the newly acquired Unitypoint Health—Marshalltown hospital and surrounding clinics.

Surgery Manager Jessica Eilers chalks Havens’s success up to the “aura” of positivity surrounding her and her natural magnetism as a leader.

“No matter where you are with Jennifer, people are just drawn to her,” Eilers said. “People want to be in her presence. I’ve never met anybody like that... You can be in a different state, and people just swarm to her. She just has a light about her.”

Another of Havens’s defining traits is her ability to “know no strangers” and remember personal details about the lives of the individuals she encounters at work and in public. Director of Operations Ryan Bingman joked that she’s such an ace communicator, she even made her resignation announcement sound positive despite the overwhelming sadness in the room.

“She always knew my kids’ names and what sports they were in, and half of the time, I didn’t know where they were supposed to be on which night,” current director of nursing Jody Schipper said. “When you’re talking with (Havens), you always feel like you’re the most important person in the room. You have her full undivided at-

tenion.”

As Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) around the country face budget cuts, hurdles in implementing electronic records requirements and reduced medical offerings, GCMH has bucked the trend and remained financially strong: with over 200 people on the payroll, it’s the largest employer in Grundy County. It was also one of the first rural hospitals in Iowa to transition to the Epic software system and utilize telehealth services while creating a model for others to follow.

“It’s always looking to the future. What are the things we can do to make our little hospital better and just (make it) a great place?” Bingman asked. “We always want to be the people that other hospitals come to and say ‘How are they doing it?’ We don’t want to be on the other end saying ‘How are you guys doing it?’”

And according to Havens, CAHs aren’t just crucial in serving the individual health needs of their patients. They’re integral to the survival of small town America.

“The presence of health care in a small community is very important. If you don’t have a hospital, it’s hard to attract new business. It’s hard to attract people who want to live there and take their kids to school,” Havens said. “It’s really important that we continue to figure out how to survive and (prepare for) what’s coming next.”

For the last three years, Havens has served as the public face of the hospital, and with her nursing background, she

understands the need to balance business decisions and patient and employee satisfaction. She’ll attempt to apply the lessons she’s learned here at her new gig in Grinnell come July, but as she looks back on her time in Grundy Center and watches her son Aaron graduate from high school, the town will always hold a special place in her heart.

“Everyone just really welcomed us to this community,” she said. “When we moved into our rental house, we were unloading the truck, and we had people show up who I had no idea who they were. But they came because they heard someone needed help moving in... That was a big ‘Wow’ to my family. That’s what this community does.”

Now, the hospital has big shoes to fill. Replacing a popular and business-savvy leader with a nursing background isn’t going to be easy, but Havens—like her organization in its implementation of new programs and specialty clinics—has provided a standard for her successor to mimic. If she’s proved anything during her tenure, it’s that managing a self-proclaimed “little gem in a cornfield” is not a little job.

The GCMH board, which includes Grundy County Supervisor and business owner Barb Smith, will now look to find the next Jennifer Havens, and if the past is any indication, it may well be someone who’s already on the payroll.

“When you have good people, you want to keep them in the system,” Smith said.

Supervisors

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quotes on a repair for bridge B20 (because the estimate falls under \$100,000, the county is not required to go through the traditional bidding process).

The board also approved contract documents with Boulder Contracting of Grundy Center for the repair of bridge E08 and approved plans to receive

Health board.

• Approved the clerk of court’s April report.
• Approved a budget amendment after a brief public hearing.
• Approved a Cedar Falls Utilities permit for a property north of Dike.

IN OTHER BUSINESS,
• Approved a recommendation to appoint Jessica Weber to the Black Hawk/Grundy Mental

Property

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far too long to take the matter seriously. Sager told the supervisors that the sheriff’s department had pages worth of ambulance and disturbance calls to the address, and junk vehicles, trailers, scrap metal and rusted lawnmowers pepper the front yard. The house itself lacks plumbing, running water or electricity.

“It’s a mess... It’s bad,” Sager said. “There’s more stuff—just trash, gas cans, dangerous chemicals and anything else you can think of.”

Sheriff Rick Penning declined to comment on the case due to the pending litigation, and at press time, Allen had not responded to a request for further comment.

Sager has issued Risse at least two prior nuisance citations (each carries a \$750 fine), and she told the board that they were addressed in a satisfactory manner. The latest letters, however, have gone unanswered, and the home has become an animal shelter of sorts—rife with rodents, raccoons and possums.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted 4-0 to proceed with legal action against Risse, and he will have 20 days to respond. According to the Grundy County Beacon website, a tax sale certificate was filed on June 26, 2017, and neighbors and local officials hope to bring resolution to a situation that’s been a near-constant headache in recent years.

“It needs to be torn down. Somebody shouldn’t even be living there,” Sager said. “It’s just a bad situation.”

Grundy Register Bulletin Board

Grundy Center Car wash fundraiser for Youth Ministries

There will be a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rouse Motor Co. in Grundy Center.

Funds raised will go towards the Reformed Youth Ministries trip to Colorado.

USPS holds Spring food drive

Saturday, May 12th is the USPS Spring Food Drive. To participate, please place non-perishable items by your mailbox. All donations go to our local food bank.

FFA/Master Gardener’s Spring plant sale

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All proceeds will go to the Grundy Center FFA program in support of Grundy County youth interested in horticulture and agriculture.



The Grundy Center City Council voted to remove the aging, wooden welcome signs located at the north and east edges of town while they look into securing updated welcome signs for the city. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

City looks to remove, update welcome signs

By MICHAELA KENDALL
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – The Grundy Center City Council agreed that the aging, wooden welcome signs located at the north and east edges of town are long past due for an update, and during Monday night’s meeting, the council voted to remove the old welcome signs while they look into replacing the signs with more modern, updated ones.

“I think we can all agree the old signs are pretty outdated,” said Mayor Al Kiewiet. “There are service organizations on there that don’t even exist anymore; the one on the north leans, and they don’t look great. My thoughts are that we remove these and look into getting better, more modern welcome signs put in place for Grundy Center.”

The council unanimously agreed that the old welcome

signs needed to be removed and replaced.

“It’s time to look at this,” Kiewiet said. “We want to step up and put ourselves above and beyond other communities, and this is a great opportunity to do that. It may cost us a little money, but with what’s being done downtown, it shows the city has an investment in trying to get people to come to town and visit our businesses.”

Mayor Kiewiet suggested an idea for a new sign that would feature an electronic billboard screen that could be used to promote city events and other activities.

The council did not vote on anything, but agreed to put the new welcome sign discussion on the agenda for the next meeting while council members work to narrow down options and get prices on different options.

Council

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some work to make crossing more efficient.

“People we’ve talked to got really excited about crossing streets safely section of the study,” Petersen said. “As a Wellness Committee we really want to get behind some of these initiatives. Walking is cheap, walking is an easy prescription, and it’s something we’re learning through our classes, clinics and schools, that people are wanting to do more of.”

Harken and Petersen offered the support of the Wellness Committee, and their funds, to tackle some of these projects; including creating more visible crosswalk areas at the crossing by the pool, the library, the theatre, and by the central Casey’s.

“We would love as a committee to set initiatives over the next year to enhance walkability in Grundy Center and be supportive of that financially,” Petersen said. “We could supply money for paint, and we could coordinate with the public works department for the painting and other work.”

Council member Dave Steff noted that the city may have to work with the DOT on the project since two of the main crosswalks would be on the highway. Though no formal agreements were made with the Wellness Committee, the council was receptive to the idea and agreed that certain efforts to make Grundy Center more walkable would be beneficial.

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Tentative Agenda Conrad City Council City Hall / Council Chamber Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:00 PM

Opening / Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Business
1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Consent Agenda -All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion
a. Minutes from April 12, 2018
b. Clerk's Reports - April

2018
c. Claims for payment
d. Building permits - April 2018
e. Approve parade route for Black Dirt Days
f. Approve transferring liquor license from RJ's Lounge from back to front for Black Dirt Days
3. Citizens Forum - Citizens who would like to address the council should contact the Mayor prior to the meeting
Motions
4. Motion to approve B-Cert

& Fire Department to purchase two new portable radio to replace old 800 MHZ. Approximate cost \$4,000
Resolutions
5. Resolution #2108-07 Approving Contract with Grundy County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.
6. Resolution #2108-08 Approving Pay for Pool Personnel and Library for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.
Motion to Adjourn

Grassley Q & A: Opportunity zones

Question: What are Opportunity Zones?

Answer: The new federal tax law enacted in December did much more than cut federal income taxes for hard-working Americans. It also includes incentives to attract private investment in low-income areas of the country designated as Opportunity Zones by the U.S. Department of Treasury. As former chairman and current senior member on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, I have worked to secure tax policies to help spur entrepreneurship, competition and innovation. Access to affordable capital is a vital key to success for start-ups, farming operations and business expansion. Unleashing private capital into lower-income communities will help drive economic growth and job creation in areas struggling to prosper, from small towns dotting Iowa's rural landscape to urban centers anchoring our metropolitan corridors. According to Federal Reserve data, it is estimated more than \$6 trillion in untapped capital gains wealth is available for investment. Tapping into this stockpile with a tax-advantaged vehicle will attract a much-needed pipeline of investment for cash-strapped areas. The Opportunity Zones offer investors a tax benefit to put their capital to good use and increase their investment along the way. These designated zones give flexibility to state and local government to identify

the specific needs of individual communities. Opportunity Zones will give struggling areas a needed financial boost to sow seeds of prosperity and restore vitality to their neighborhoods by filling in their missing pieces of the puzzle. That missing piece may be crumbling infrastructure, affordable housing, workforce development or commercial real estate. Opportunity Zones will offer these communities a fresh start to attract economic development and entrepreneurship that create jobs. By delivering the capital that start-ups need to open up shop, survive and thrive, these designated neighborhoods have an opportunity to make good things happen.

Question: Are Iowa communities eligible to receive designation as an Opportunity Zone?

Answer: Yes. The Opportunity Zones are administered at the federal level by the U.S. Treasury Department. However, the success of this economic development program rests squarely on the shoulders of local decision-makers, where the rubber meets the road. It deliberately puts state and local government in the driver's seat to identify needs and implement the program once the Treasury Department certifies an area for this designation. To be eligible, the zones must be located in low-income areas, specifically, U.S. Census tracts

where the poverty rate is 20 percent or greater and/or family income is less than 80 percent of the area's median income. Each state is allowed to designate up to one-fourth of eligible areas as Opportunity Zones. Iowa has 247 areas ranked as low-income community census tracts. Earlier this year, 108 localities across Iowa submitted applications to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced in April that 62 of these advanced for final review and consideration to the U.S. Treasury Department. As a taxpayer watchdog, I will be keeping close tabs on the program to make sure it works as Congress intended and is accountable to taxpayers. Leveraging private dollars to equip disadvantaged areas with financial resources to grow and prosper unleashes the power of free enterprise to lift families out of poverty. Used wisely, these dollars will provide the catalyst for economic vitality in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Once certified, these Opportunity Zones will keep their designation for ten years. Like Iowa farmers who sow seeds into the soil each spring, it takes vision, hard work and a leap of faith to turn opportunity into prosperity. I applaud the cities, counties and communities across Iowa who are making the effort to make Iowa an even better place to call home. See the list of Iowa communities nominated for consideration here.

School Board Appreciation Week

BCLUW school board members volunteer hundreds of hours of personal time and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our school is providing the best education possible for the children of our community. School board members' decisions affect our children. They make decisions about the direction the school system is heading. They tackle hard decisions about budgetary matters that also affect the community. They develop the vision of the

school system and set policies that provide the framework for operations. As a board, these men and women represent the total community. They attend numerous, often lengthy meetings that are sometimes fulfilling and sometimes deeply involved. Conrad American Legion Auxiliary is observing May 21-25, 2018, as a time to show the BCLUW school board our appreciation. Too often, we forget these men and women are

our neighbors and community members. Most school board members have full time jobs outside of being a school board member. This week, we are asking the BCLUW community to take a moment and say "Thank you" to our school board members: Adam Probasco, Todd Peckarek, Eric Engle, Brian Feldpausch, Lynne Kock, LJ Kopsa and Mary Beth Neff, as well as secretary/treasurer Paula Benson.



BCLUW MS hosts career day

By GRANT PARKER and LINDSAY BEEGHLY

On April 25, the BCLUW Middle School hosted a Community Career Day. We had people come from all different jobs to speak with us. The careers that the students heard about were Nurse, Stockbroker, Coach, Restaurant Owner, Musician, Firefighter, Hairstylist,

Lawyer, Engineer, Veterinarian, and Advanced Manufacturing. The day was filled with fun and learning. The Community Career Day Committee planned this event out. The students ate lunch outside and then came inside to play in a dodgeball tournament. Brandon Mathern, Carson Wayman, Owen Myers, Virginia Kaisand, Allison Ward,

Erica Morgan, James Bricker, Grant Parker, Lindsay Beehly, Olivia Kitzman, Dakota Krieger, Draven Fleming, Emma Averill, Corinn Swanson, Chloe Walters, Tatum Ridout, Kenna Paxson, Katie Hill, Aiden Farnsworth, and Allison Engle all helped to plan the day.

Moeller looks back fondly on time at BCLUW

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register

CONRAD- Call it a midlife crisis, or call it rediscovering a past love. After nearly 20 years spent outside of the educational realm, retiring BCLUW business teacher Jim Moeller decided that it was time to give the profession he went to college for another try. To this day, he hasn't regretted it.

Moeller, who grew up on a farm near Holland where he still lives today and graduated from Grundy Center High School, is a Grundy County boy through and through: save for four years at Ellsworth Community College and UNI and a short teaching stint in State Center, he's been here all of his life. He credits his business teacher, Rick Briggs, for inspiring him to pursue the field, but the family farm and a job at Phelps Implement in Grundy Center called him back to the area and derailed those plans—temporarily, at least.

After eight years at Phelps, Moeller shifted his focus back to farming and won a seat on the Grundy Center Board of Education, a position that reignited his interest in teaching. When an opening presented itself at BCLUW, he made the short drive to Conrad for an interview, and 17 years later—including 15 years as basketball announcer and yearbook adviser—he's calling it a career.

As an instructor, Moeller has sought to emphasize some of the more technical aspects of business along with basic principles: show up to work, be



Retiring BCLUW business teacher Jim Moeller (pictured) has worked at the district for the last 17 years. He also served as the yearbook adviser and basketball announcer. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

in time, be a good citizen and don't make excuses. Financial literacy has also become a key tenet of the curriculum, and that includes teaching students that a four-year college degree isn't always necessary to obtain a high-paying job.

"I've taught students to step up and serve the community," he said.

And seeing former students like Jordan (Schossow) Hobson, Lauren (King) Marts and Casey (along with his wife Stephanie) Stolzman operating businesses

in downtown Conrad brings a certain sense of pride to Moeller. "Finding their niche, getting that business started and continuing and making it successful (are all important)," Moeller said.

In retirement, Moeller plans to stay involved as a substitute teacher while devoting more of his energy to the farm and serving as the treasurer at his church. Although he graduated from Grundy Center and served as a board member there, he'll always enjoy dual citizenship as a Spartan and a Comet.

"I've had a lot of fun," he said.

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Memory Lane

A look back through The Grundy Register
Compiled by Michaela Kendall

10 Years Ago This Week - 2008

Governor Chet Culver has added Grundy County, along with Clayton, Fayette, Humboldt and Webster counties to the list of declared disaster areas in Iowa. Earlier, Governor Culver had previously declared Black Hawk, Bremer, Jones, and Louisa counties as disaster areas following recent heavy rains, which pushed rivers and streams over their banks. This action activates Iowa's individual assistance program for those affected by flooding in these five counties. "These flood waters have affected thousands of Iowans in recent days," said Governor Culver. "With this action, we are making it easier for low-income Iowans to receive assistance to aid in their recovery. I continue to monitor the situation, and stand ready to do whatever necessary to help those in need as the flood waters recede." Iowa was hit by several severe storms that brought damaging winds and heavy rain, causing flooding to many communities throughout Eastern Iowa. Areas of Grundy County were hit with between four and seven and a half inches of rain Thursday, April 24, according to Grundy County Disaster Coordinator Chris Heerkes. Flooding occurred after a record snowfall this winter and over 11 inches of rain in less than a month left the ground too saturated to absorb the rainwater. Grundy Center received 4.43 inches that night, causing severe flooding in areas that left a large portion of its residents with a mess in their basements. About a dozen roads under water were also closed for several days.

Grundy County could be in the running for a new corn production facility. After the county was in serious contention for a Monsanto plant (which is being built in Independence), Syngenta Seeds Inc. is now considering Grundy County for a corn production facility. However, a spokesperson with Syngenta said they are in the very early stages of their timeline, and they have not begun to narrow their search yet. The spokesperson said they anticipate being able to announce a location in mid-2009, with a facility completion date in 2010. Although many community members are eager for Syngenta to choose Grundy County, Melanie Kirkpatrick, Director of the Grundy County Development Alliance, said they realize nothing is definite, and said Syngenta is looking at other states as well as other counties. Kirkpatrick said before Grundy County is chosen, Syngenta would have to find a location that met their requirements and have a willing seller. Kirkpatrick said it would have to be near major roadways (like Highway 20) and meet their utility requirements. Then, they would have to get proper permitting and zoning clearance, and they would then seek incentives from the state.

25 Years Ago This Week - 1993
The Grundy Center City Council met Monday evening and heard a request from a local doctor to eventually outlaw the sale of cigarettes in Grundy Center. Dr. Frank Lamp, a physician at the Family Health Center in Grundy Center, went before the council to express his concern on cigarette displays located in front of cash register counters and within easy reach of minors. "Cigarettes placed on display like this only encourage the youth to try smoking, and make it very easy for the cigarettes to be taken on the sly," said Lamp. "Ultimately, I would like to see this council place a ban on cigarette sales in Grundy Center. Hopefully that ban would spread throughout the county, and then the state," said Lamp.

Two Grundy Center High School Juniors will be attending Boys State at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, June 11 through June 17. Justin Schaack and Chad Bixby have been selected to attend the camp this year. This is an all expense paid week of Government functions as well as fun, recreation, and adventure in mock city, rural, and state business.

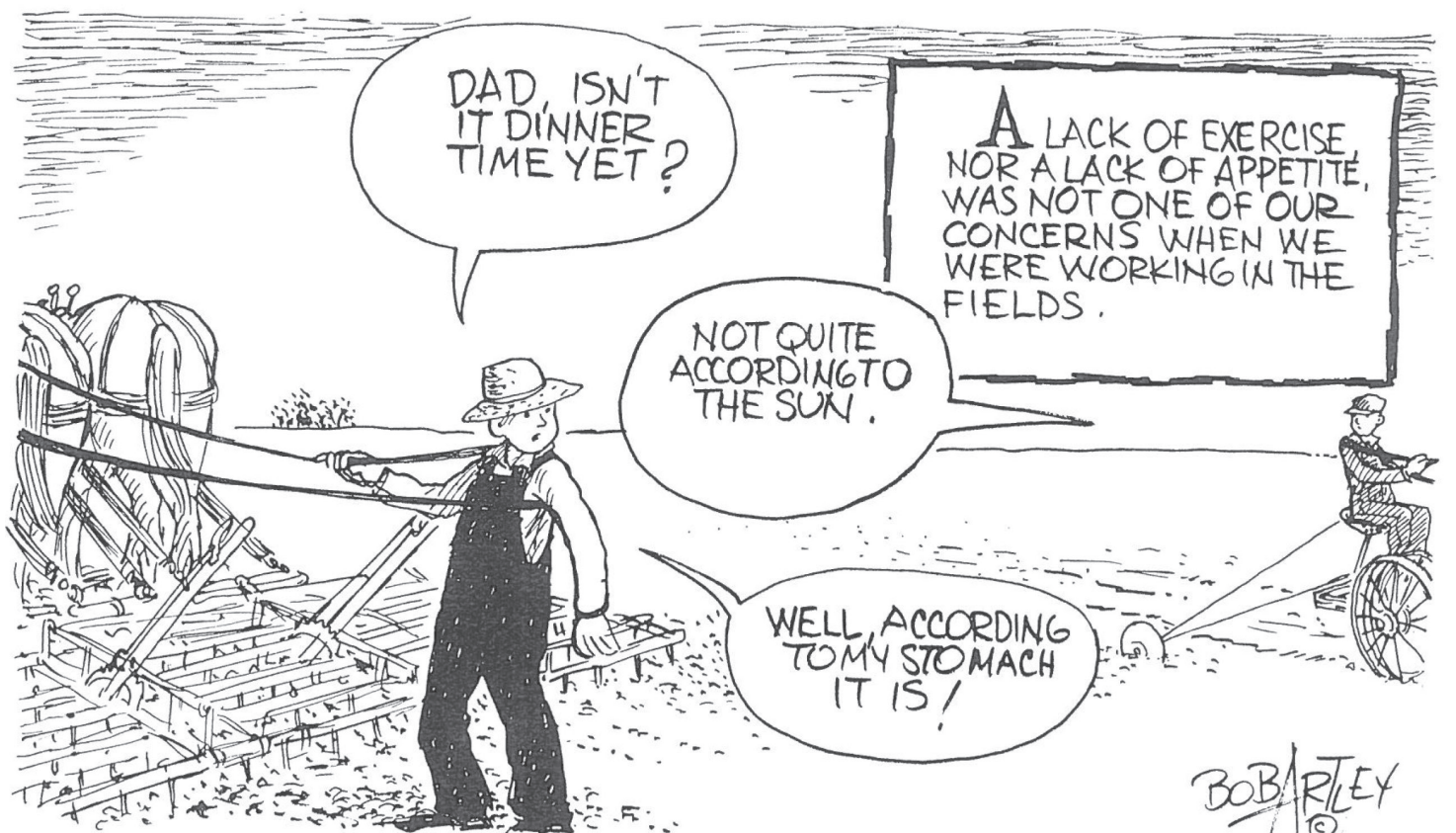
50 Years Ago This Week - 1968
A 17-year-old Indiana youth is being held in Grundy County Jail on charges of grand larceny and issuing fraudulent checks in connection with the purchase of a used car and new automotive equipment last Thursday at Grundy Center. He is Leroy Konkle of Warsaw, Indiana, who had been employed the last three weeks as a hired man by a Palermo Township farmer.

A 20-year-old Marine from Beaman, Private First Class Dale F. Thurman has become Grundy County's latest casualty of the war in Vietnam. Pfc. Thurman suffered partial loss of hearing in both ears last week when bombs exploded simultaneously on either side of him. Details surrounding the explosion were not immediately clear but it is known no other youth received no injuries.

75 Years Ago This Week - 1943
Billy Ditch, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ditch of Grundy Center, is a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippine Islands. Definite information to this effect was received by the family in Grundy Center Friday from the Navy Department in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Ditch hadn't heard from their son for about 18 months. He was a hospital apprentice on Cavite Island in the Philippines when the Japs started the war on Dec. 7, 1941, and his family have had no direct word from him since. The Japs took over American possessions in the Philippines on May 8th of last year. Billy Ditch was on the American hospital staff in the American hospital on Cavite and it is possible that after the hospital was taken over by the Japs that the American staff may have been kept at their former post as prisoners.

A train of 16 bomb loading trucks passed through Grundy Center Monday and the troop stopped here for dinner. They were going east and their destination was not made known. They were manned by men in the army air forces.

The Grundy council has not yet been able to get help enough to manage the swimming pool during the summer. The pool usually opens on June 1st. This year the opening will be at least two weeks later and the season will probably be limited to two months.



Memories Of A Former Kid

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My Three Cents Worth I missed you, Norm

Some people live to be praised and admired, and others can't wait to be scolded.

As the snow birds return from their winter nests (and remind me that I'll probably never be able to afford a winter nest or even retire), plenty of familiar faces are resurfacing around the area, and perhaps none more so—for me, anyway—than Norm Kruse, who's always good for a comment, a laugh and a great conversation even if we disagree about everything we're discussing.



By ROB MAHARRY

Norm made his way to the office this week, and he didn't waste any time letting me have it. He'd almost cancelled his subscription while in Florida, and Trump is doing a great job. He's got his opinions; I've got mine.

But before we part ways, we can usually seem to find something we can agree on: in the most recent case, it was how dangerous the trade war with China could end up being, and a retired farmer can certainly sympathize with the young guys trying to navigate muddy waters going forward all while attempting to get seeds in the ground and animals fed.

It's common in this day and age to hate anyone who disagrees with you, and as I said last week, it's rare to hear people sitting down, debating issues in a civil manner and bringing intelligent theories on both sides of the matter. We're a talking point nation: if you're on the left, you probably get yours from Rachel Maddow or the New York Times, and on the right, you regurgitate whatever Sean Hannity or Breitbart put out the night before.

No matter what Norm comes in and says to me, however (and I'm sure he'll have plenty of thoughts about this column), I feel better every time I talk to him. As politicians and celebrities have constantly reminded us, the more you're told that everything you're doing is perfect and great, the more likely you are to become trapped in an echo chamber and squash any and all dissent. Freedom of speech and freedom of thought are still ideas worth fighting for, and they don't stop when the viewpoints expressed don't agree with us.

I'd also like to say thanks to Deane Adams for writing in this week and all of the others who have done the same. There was a time and a place when the opinion page of the local newspaper was a public forum, a sounding board for the issues of the day, but as you may have heard, Facebook replaced us. And as an editorial that I reprinted a few weeks ago so eloquently puts it, an editorial that arouses strong emotions is an editorial that is read.

I'm still concerned about a lot of the things the Iowa Legislature did during the last session, and I still wonder which Trump we're going to get with each new day. But regardless of all that, as Ronnie Dunn, one of my favorite country singers, once put it, we all bleed red. We all wake up and do our best to survive and put food on the table (in my case, I need to start putting less food on the table, but that's a separate topic). We all have dreams, goals and passions, and a lot of them overlap regardless of ideology, religion or party affiliation.

So let's keep on yapping and ribbing each other until all of the world's problems are solved. In the meantime, let's have some fun solving them.

"Writing turns you into somebody who's always wrong. The illusion that you may get it right someday is the perversity that draws you on." - Philip Roth

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Letters to the editor

How to Become a Genius

It never ceases to amaze me how brilliant our politicians like Representatives Pat Grassley, Sandy Salmon, Walt Rogers, and Linda Upmeyer think they become once they are elected to the State Legislature and go down to Des Moines.

They know the way to build a skilled work force is to cut money for Community Colleges.

They know utility energy efficient programs that save consumers money are a waste.

They know how to cut state income until the state is rich.

They know that tax gifts to the rich stimulate growth and the middle class loves to be trickled on.

They know the way to incentivize the rich is to give them more money, and the way to incentivize the poor is to take it away.

They know cutting access to birth control reduces abortion.

They know more than philosophers, theologians and microbiologists when life begins.

They know the exact moment when an egg becomes a chicken and an acorn becomes an oak tree.

They know more than teachers about testing kids and more than doctors about treating patients.

They know voter impersonation is the real threat, not Russian hacking.

They know abused public employees will work harder.

They know better than the Supreme Court whether laws are Constitutional.

They know Iowans want reduced patient care and big corporate profits from privatized Medicaid.

They know just what kind of eggs should be in my grocery.

They know public money from all should pay for private school for some.

They know climate change is a hoax and professional wrestling is real.

I wish I were a legislator, then I'd become a genius too. With the thoughts I'd be thinkin', I could be another Lincoln.

David Mansheim
Parkersburg

Rob, I can't believe you wrote an editorial that says "Does anyone care?"

You are living in the number one state in our great country, and you wonder if anyone cares. I'm really sorry about that. We have so many good things going on and so many great people doing so much. I farmed for many years but also worked as treasurer in Marshall County for 24 years and supervisor for four years. There are many good people in government. I ran as a Republican and worked with many on the state level, and there are many good people on both sides of the aisle. They are just like our communities that they all come from. There are no perfect ones but many good ones.

I worked with our governor when she treasurer in Clarke County. She was an excellent treasurer and great leader, as she is now. If you like paying your taxes online, then you like the forward thinking that she does. She was part of the committee that put that together. She loves Iowa and the people in our state. I care, and I'm very proud of our state. I hope you are too.

Deane Adams
Conrad

W E A T H E R	Daily high and low temperature readings and precipitation amounts at the National Weather Service Station in Grundy Center for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. on the following dates:			
		High	Low	Rain
	May 1	74	55	0.58
	May 2	68	55	0.14
	May 3	68	52	0.83
	May 4	74	52	0.00
	May 5	82	54	0.00
	May 6	79	45	0.00
	May 7	81	52	0.00

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We would like to thank all our family and friends who took time to wish us a Happy 60th Anniversary. We received so many cards and well wishes, we so appreciate all of you for making this an extra special Anniversary.

James and Sharon Johnson

Nutrition site menu

Friday, May 11: Mother's Day Meal — Glazed Ham, Hash brown Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coconut Cake, Milk, Margarine
 Monday, May 14 — Potato Crusted Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit, Milk, Tartar Sauce
 Tuesday, May 15 — Beef Chili with Beans, Baked Potato, Cornbread, Hot Spiced Pears, Milk, Margarine, Sour Cream, Salad Dressing
 Wednesday, May 16 — Oven Fried Chicken, Whipped Redskin Potatoes with Gravy, Corn O'Brien, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
 Thursday, May 17 — Swedish Meatballs, Bow Tie Pasta, Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
 For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Grundy Center Senior Center at (319) 824-3843.



New arrival

Aubrey and Douglas and Big brother, Brooks Hess welcome a baby girl. Charlotte Grace Hess was born April 5, 2018. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 1/2" long.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Cindy Gerhard of Grundy Center and paternal grandparents are Keith and Karen Hess of Fargo, N.D.

News from Ivester

FORMER PASTOR

We received word of the recent death of Pastor Dennis Brown on May 3rd in Virginia. He had been diagnosed with cancer and had stopped treatments. Funeral will be held May 20 in Harrisonburg, VA.

HWY CLEAN UP

HWY 175 and E Ave still requires our attention east of E Ave. Vests and bags are in the east closet. Please give notification when completed.

QUILTING

Quilting will continue every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Bring your own lunch. We have moved to 2nd floor.

LYME DISEASE

Join us for music and food on May 10 at 310 Columbus Dr, Marshalltown from 6-7:30 pm for a come and go event.

NIGERIA

Please join us at Ivester Church for a meal on Friday, May 11 at 6 pm, followed by a program on the project in Nigeria to rebuild and continue education for girls and boys in the community by Paul and Beckie Gadzama.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Friday May 11 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
 Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Legion Room
 Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Saturday May 12 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Van Hauen, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Legion Room
- Monday May 14 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
 Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Wilts Room
 Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Tuesday May 15 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
 Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m., Legion Room
- Wednesday May 16 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – GNB Senior Breakfast, 7 - 9 a.m., Wilts Room
 Walking, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
 Exercise, 8:30 a.m., Legion Room
 Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room
- Thursday May 17 • **Grundy Comm. Center** – Walking, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wilts Room
 Congregate Meals, 11:30 a.m. Legion Room

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Female oriole feeding at the orange placed on the author's backyard feeder. Photo by Kevin Williams

They're back

By KEVIN WILLIAMS
 Grundy County Conservation Director

My oldest son, Seth, texted me last Wednesday that my granddaughter, Sydney, had spotted an oriole on the deck that morning. His instructions to her was to cut an orange and put it out on the table to hopefully keep it around or at least to enjoy for a few days before it moved on.

I hadn't seen an oriole in our yard yet this spring but did cut an orange and place it out on our oriole feeder the next morning. It was only two days later, on Saturday, when I walked around the corner of the house that I was greeted with a flash of a black and orange male flying from the feeder. Our orioles were back.

I wait for the sound of a male oriole each and every spring. The beautiful orange and black Northern Oriole had returned again to our yard. I listened to him several times that afternoon. He was singing his heart out. As it turns out, the female was already around, as well because they both were at the feeder Sunday morning.

We have had a Northern Oriole pair nest somewhere in our yard almost every year for the 34 years that we have lived there. If memory serves me correctly, we have had only two years where orioles did not nest in our yard somewhere in the trees. Sometimes I don't locate the hanging basket of a nest until the leaves fall from the trees in the fall though. They weave a wonderful

basket from plant fibers, horse hair, etc. One fall, after the leaves left I was treated to a blue tinted nest. It turned out that the parents had located an old blue poly tarp that was disintegrating and had used some strips from that. Now that was a tough nest!

I am not going to say that it has been the same pair that has nested all of those years. In fact, I can say with almost certainty that it is not. The first year that I did not have a nesting pair in my yard was the year that the male sang and sang his heart out for several days and I never saw a female around. After a few days of that, I even came home to observe him flying down to my truck side door mirror and fluttering in front of his reflection for a few moments and then returning to his branch. A few more days and then he was gone. The yard felt a little bit vacant that summer.

Thirty-four years in the wild would be an awfully old pair of orioles. A lot can happen to you if you're an oriole living in an Iowa backyard. Couple that with the fact that they travel to Central American rainforests for the winter and making one return trip seems pretty incredible. An amazing 333 bird species are like this – they are called neotropical migrants.

But happily, I can look forward to the song of the Northern Oriole again this summer as I work in the garden or sit on the deck as they go about the process of rearing another brood of young. Young, that if they are as lucky as their parents will have a trip to Central America to make this fall.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



OK, here is the next mystery picture. Can anyone tell us anything about this photo? Maybe when and where it were taken? What was the occasion? If you have any answers send an email with 'From the Archives' in the subject line to grundyeditor@midamerica.com

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

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

Several people called in the following information about the photo that ran in last week's paper.

The man on the left side is Chuck Goodman. The gentleman on the right in the dark suit is Mike Ralston. He is taking the oath of office for mayor. He was 18 years old at the time and the youngest Mayor in the country when this picture was taken. The picture was taken around 1977.



Relay For Life set for June 8

The Relay for Life of Grundy County would like to honor and remember your loved ones and all who have been affected by cancer. At our Luminaria Ceremony we light luminaria and place them on Main Street, Downtown Reinbeck—each luminaria represents a loved one who is currently fighting cancer, fought cancer and won their battle, or who has been lost to

cancer. During our ceremony, we will honor of and in memory of our loved ones. Caregiver bags are available to honor the caregivers.

Relay for Life of Grundy County will be on Friday, June 8, from 5-11 p.m. in downtown Reinbeck. The Luminaria will be lit at dusk. To purchase one or more luminaria in advance, please fill out the attached form

or contact our Luminaria Lead, Danielle Latwesen at 319-230-1797 or danielle@roeignerbuilders.com. For more information on the Grundy County Relay for Life please go to www.relayforlife.org/grundycountyia or contact Becki Jo Shuey at 319-231-3523 or Pam Wical at 319-830-9153 with questions or for more information.

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CENTER THEATRE'S Reel-to-Reel

Beginning at the Center Theatre on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m. will be the comedy *I Feel Pretty*, Starring Amy Schumer. This movie is rated PG-13 for language, running approximately 110 minutes in length. At 7:30 will be the animated/family/comedy *Sherlock Gnomes*, featuring voices of James McAvoy, Emily Blunt and Johnny Depp. This movie is rated PG, running approximately 90 minutes in length.

clue: *Avengers Infinity War*, *Life Of The Party*, *Book Club*, *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, *Ocean's 8* and many more!

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

In the comedy *I Feel Pretty*, an ordinary woman who struggles with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy on a daily basis wakes from a fall believing she is

suddenly the most beautiful and capable woman on the planet. With this newfound confidence she is empowered to live her life fearlessly and flawlessly, but what will happen when she realizes her appearance never changed? *I Feel Pretty*, one of the top movies in the nation, will keep you laughing, but also has a genuinely positive message about loving one's self and appearance and not letting society influence how we perceive ourselves.

In the animated family comedy *Sherlock Gnomes*, Gnomeo (James McAvoy) and Juliet (Emily Blunt), the adorable title characters and their garden ornament friends, embark on new adventures featuring the legendary Sherlock Gnomes. When Gnomeo and Juliet first arrive in London with their friends and family, their biggest concern is getting a new garden ready for spring. But when gnomes begin disappearing from gardens suddenly, there's only one gnome to call – Sherlock Gnomes. The famous detective and sworn protector of the city shows up with his sidekick Watson to investigate the case. The gnomes on led a rollicking adventure as they meet all-new ornaments and explore an undiscovered side of London to discover what is behind the mystery. The colorfully animated family adventure is full of fun and wacky humor, but also illustrates an important lesson of treating those around us with kindness and respect. Don't miss *Sherlock Gnomes* at the Center Theatre this week!

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

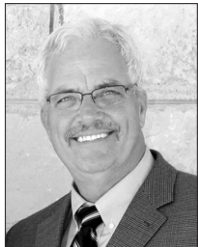


Shown at top, Logan Strickler (left) and Emerson Kracht (right) cleaned up around the high school patio area. Middle, Jackson Waltner (left) and Lawson Ash (right) mulch and pull weeds near the school entrance. Bottom, Keagan Davis (left) and Chase Appel (right) pull weeds and clean up lots at the Community Garden. (Photos by Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register)

Obituaries

Dean A. Beninga

Dean A. Beninga, 61, of Ankeny, formerly of Dike, died May 4, 2018, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines. Friends may visit the family on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at City Hall in Dike from 5:00-7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, Iowa.



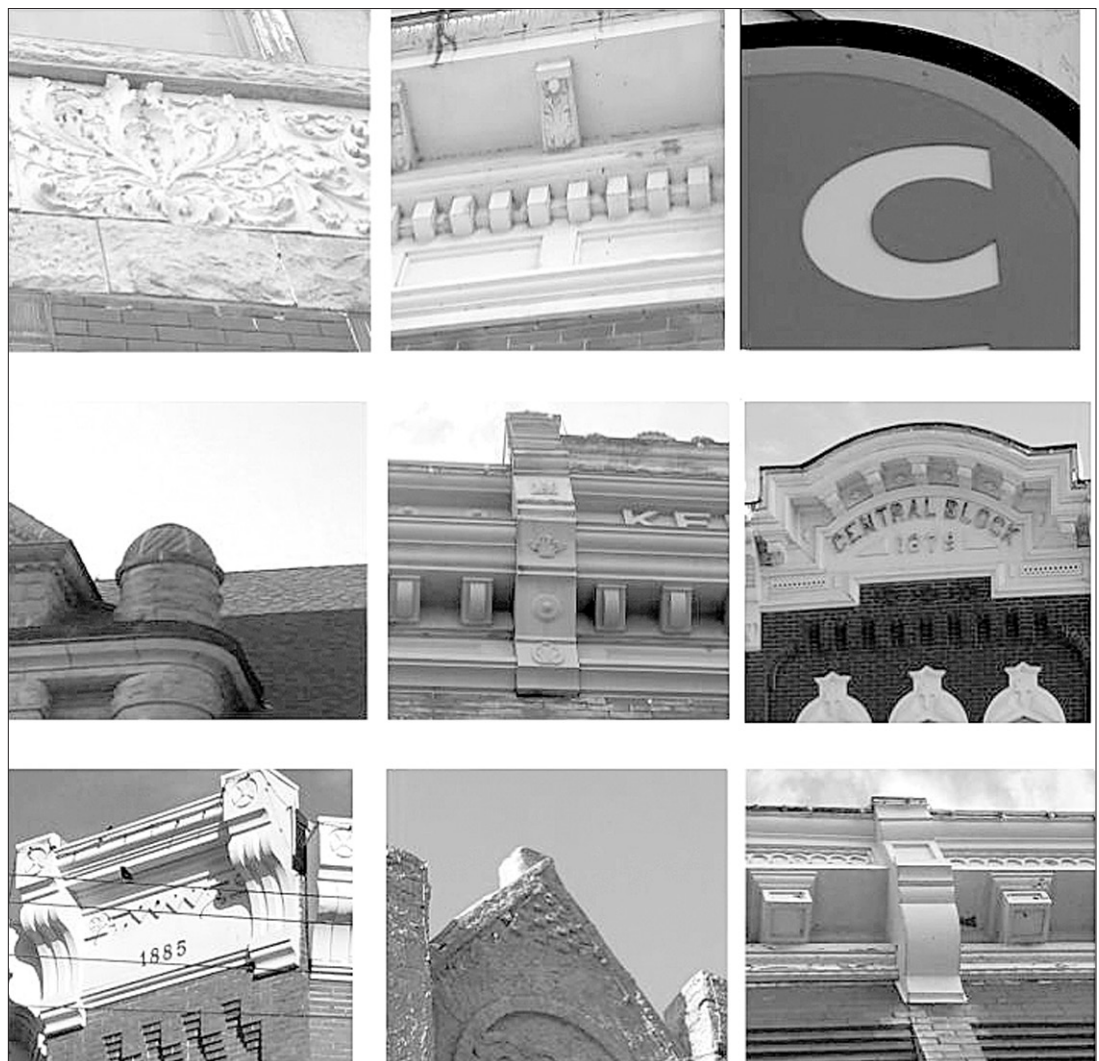
Dean was born on May 23, 1956, in Cedar Falls, son of Bernard and Betty (Webrand) Beninga. He graduated from Dike High School in 1974.

Dean owned The Skyway restaurant in Reinbeck for many years before owning the Lincoln Inn and the Skyway Steakout in Cedar Falls. Dean sold cars for John Deery in Cedar Falls and in Pleasant Hill. He had a smile and a voice that was recognized by many. Everywhere he went, a conversation followed! Dean's last year was spent as an Uber driver in the Des Moines area. He loved meeting new people and telling tales from his trips.

Dean loved Christian music, dinners out with family and his cat; but most of all, he loved to show off his grandkids. He attended dance competitions and recitals and told every person he met how talented, smart and beautiful they were!

Dean is survived by his daughter, Brooke (Bill) Knudten; 3 granddaughters, Kylie, Caitlin and Isabella; sisters Eileen (Diane Ernst) Beninga and Jean (Leon) Meester; and brothers Les Beninga and Byron (Patty) Beninga.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister Sonia Derick.



Can you identify which nine Grundy Center buildings these are? Main Street Grundy Center challenges citizens to take part in a fun, architectural scavenger hunt to identify these historic buildings, and turn in their answers for a chance to win \$50.

Have you seen this building?

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER - Along with their "This Place Matters" social media campaign, Main Street Grundy Center is celebrating National Historic Preservation Month with another fun, interactive activity: an architectural scavenger hunt.

Cornices, gables, corbels and more, citizens of Grundy Center are challenged to find these unique architectural elements in buildings around town, and then identify the building featuring these elements on a worksheet being handed out at the Kling

Memorial Library, City Hall, or online through the Main Street Grundy Center website and Facebook page.

A total of nine mystery buildings are included on the worksheet (and shown in the photo above) for scavengers to identify. Anyone who correctly names each building on the worksheet will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks.

MSGC Executive Director Lisa Bienfang says it's a fun way to get people involved and thinking about preservation in town, while challenging citizens

to look at Grundy Center from a different point of view.

"So many of us just zip on by without ever looking at this stuff, but this will help people actually look up and appreciate the historic architecture in town," Bienfang said.

All completed worksheets must be turned in to Grundy Center City Hall by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st. A winner will be drawn on June 4, 2018.

For more information, visit the Main Street Grundy Center Facebook page or go to www.MainStreetGrundyCenter.com

Service learning day at GCHS

Students at Grundy Center High School spent last Friday giving back to the community through their annual Service Learning Day. Groups located around town cleaned up and did chores around private and public lots, including the Community Garden, the hospital, Arlington Place, the George Wilhelm Sports Complex, the school grounds and fields, the golf course, the police station, and more.

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Students at the New Hartford Junior High School celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up around town, including weeding, mulching, trimming and planting in the various parks around New Hartford. (Photos courtesy of Sandy Becker)



About town

The parking lot at Slice is getting a face lift. Big equipment arrived the morning of April 30 and by the end of the day the old was gone and ready for a new look. The finished look will be ready next week.

Celebrating Mother Nature

D-NH students clean up New Hartford gardens for Earth Day

By MICHAELA KENDALL
Parkersburg Eclipse

NEW HARTFORD – Not afraid of getting a little dirt under their nails, students at the New Hartford Junior High School spent the Friday before last cleaning, digging, pruning, weeding and mulching in the various gardens around New Hartford.

Each year in honor of Earth Day, teachers at the junior high school take students out to different spots around town for a cleanup day, and this year, the gardens around town got some extra attention.

Sandy Becker, an interventionist at the junior high school, says this year the school had 194 students in 6th through 8th grade take part in the cleanup day.

“We’ve done this [cleanup day] for several years,” Becker said. “We try to get kids out and about town to appreciate the things that are done in the community and instill a little community pride in them.”

In a matter of just a few hours, the students had swept through most of town, picking up trash and sticks where they found them, and doing plenty of



Educators hope the annual cleanup day helps instill community pride in students.

work in the gardens.

“It’s important to give students this kind of hands-on learning opportunity,” Becker said. “It really does make them learn to appreciate the town more and they get to learn what

kind of hard work it is to keep everything looking nice, so our hope is they’ll make better decisions and think about it more; we hope it really inspires them to do better in their own community.”

Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day will be celebrated. More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the Year. Flowers and cards in the mail make up for busy times for green houses and Postmasters.

Are you the mother making dinner for the kids or do you enjoy a day for dinner out with family? Any and all ways spent with kids is good. Happy Mother's Day!



Birthdays

- Friday, May 11: Cindy Paige, Dana Dunkelberger
- Saturday, May 12: Alex Bersner, Bruce Dall, Ellen Amjadi, Glen Stumberg, Mark Graves
- Sunday, May 13: Ron Simpson
- Monday, May 14: Catherine Petersen
- Tuesday, May 15: Trenton Myers, Allie Lotts, Ted Roberts, Nicole VanGundy
- Wednesday, May 16: Donna Joslin, Deb Lizer
- Thursday, May 17: Brenda Petersen

Dates for Dike

- Thursday, May 10
Girl track Regional Meet
Track District Meet
- Friday, May 11
Boys Golf sectionals
- Saturday, May 12
Girls Tennis Team regionals
- Sunday, May 13
Mother's Day
- Monday, May 14
Golf girls regionals
Girls tennis Byrnes Park
6:30 3 and 4 concert
7 pm Board meeting
7 gr Heery Woods
8 gr Lanesboro Trip
- Tuesday, May 15
DFS Senior Awards night
8gr Lanesboro Trip
- Wednesday, May 16
Seniors awards Day
7 pm Baccalaureate
- Thursday, May 17
Girls tennis individual regional

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at the Dike United Methodist Church. All graduating seniors, parents, guardians, relatives, friends and community members are invited to attend. Seniors should gather in the church fellowship hall prior to the service. Congratulations Seniors.



Happy May Day

I enjoy the happy feeling one gets knowing there is a chance to make someone's May 1 May Day as memorable as mine. May 1, 2009, was my day of retirement from the United States Postal Service as Dike Postmaster. Thirty-one years of service to our community was wonderful. May 1, 2018, I made two May Day baskets that brought smiles. A leader in faith, Val and another for a long

time friend, Craig. Valerie Ridnour, top, got to her door just before my delivery helper, Suzan, could sneak away. I sent Suzan to the door where there might be a dog involved. Smiles all the way!! Then the big smile from Craig Hansen, bottom. Craig puts on coffee every Saturday for long time friends and relatives. Happy May Day friends.

About Town

No calls with news from about town so, GONE FISHING!! Call and leave a message and I will report your news as soon as I land the big one!!

Punt, Pass, Kick Competition

This event is open to all students 2nd grade thru 8th grade. Each participant will do 3 punts, 3 passes and 3 kicks (kickoffs). This will take place at the Kruger-Hemmen Sports Complex Grand Opening
8th grade at 11:00am
7th grade at 12:20
6th grade at 11:40
5th grade at 12:40
4th grade at 1:00
3rd grade at 1:20
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Grundy County Fair Board announces Grandstand entertainment

GRUNDY CENTER—The Grundy County Fair Board has announced entertainment including two new bands performing at the 2018 Grundy County Fair and an extra Figure 8/Small Car Race.

Kicking off the entertainment for the weekend is a new event to the Grundy County Fair, Karaoke at the Grandstands Bar, Thursday, July 19, 2018. State Line Drive, a young energetic country band from Kansas City, will follow the Old School Figure 8 Races Friday, July 20. Figure 8 Races begin at 6:30 pm in the Grandstands with State Line Drive starting around 9pm. They will play through 1:30am in the Grand-

stands Bar area. Grundy County Fair newcomer Casey Muessigmann will close the entertainment after a full day of events Saturday, July 21, at 9pm following the fireworks. Casey Muessigmann was a member of Blake Shelton's team on season 3 of the Voice playing country and rock. He will perform through 1:00am in the Grandstands area. Saturday entertainment consists of the Prairieland Pullers

at 10am, followed by the Farm Bureau State Fair BBQ Cook-Off at 1pm, the Dirty Open Mud Volleyball Tournament at 1pm, Small Town Throw Down Bean Bag Tourney at 1pm, followed by the Belt Sander Races from 3-6pm, and the Trailer Races & Demo Derby at 7pm followed by the fair's famous fireworks at dark and Casey Muessigmann rocking the Grandstands Bar.



Green Belt Bank makes donation


Grundy Center Police Department Officer, Alissa Loew, accepts a check from Green Belt Bank & Trust Representative John Schuller. The funds are to help Officer Loew attend additional training as a part of her commitment to the School Resource Officer position that was recently created with the Grundy Center Community School District. Officer Loew

is focused on fostering relationships with students as well as working with the district on any safety issues that may arise. Green Belt Bank & Trust is excited to partner with the school and the police department to help continue safer living in our community. If you would be interested in making a donation please contact the GC School District. Officer Loew



Annual Tree Program

Green Belt Bank & Trust partnered with Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation to plant a Red Oak tree on the grounds of the Grundy Center Elementary School. In celebration of Earth and Arbor Day, over 60 students were given a presentation on how to plant a tree and why we need trees on earth. Each student was given a Bur Oak seedling to take home and plant as well. Pictured are the 4th grade classes and Peggy Daniels presenting.



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8:30 a.m. Worship Service

APLINGTON

Bethel Reformed Church
319-347-6219
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Sunday School

BANGOR

Bangor Liberty Friends Church
Matt Bishop, Pastor
office@blfchurch.org
Sundays
8:30 a.m. Prayer Group
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning worship

BEAMAN

United Methodist Church
641-366-2142
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

CONRAD

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

Blue Collar Community Church
109 West Center Street
Conrad, IA
9: a.m., Sunday Worship

First Presbyterian Church
Kerry Carson, Pastor
641-366-2342
Sundays
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Fellowship

United Methodist Church
The Rev. Gene Kubli
641-366-2325
8:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m., Worship

DIKE

Fredsville Lutheran Church
The Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
319-989-2065
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC)
705 1st Street
319-989-2141
Sundays
9 a.m. Morning Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
6 p.m. Evening Praise Service

Untied Methodist Church
Dan Ridnauer, Pastor
319-989-2535
Sundays
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mark Decker, Pastor
319-988-3967
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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Sundays
8:45 a.m. Worship service
10:30 a.m. Worship service

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Al Polito, Pastor
319-824-5471
Sundays
10 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m. Fellowship Time
Wednesdays
4:15 p.m., J.A.M. Youth program with meal

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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

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6:30-7 p.m., Children's Worship

HOLLAND

Colfax Center Presbyterian
Robbie Grames, Pastor
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Sundays
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10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service
Pleasant Valley Reformed Church

Rev. Rick Vollema
319-346-1090
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Children's worship available)
10:45 a.m. Adult Discussion Group

IVESTER

Ivester Church of the Brethren
Paul Shaver, Pastor
641-858-3879
Sundays
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Noon Potluck

LINCOLN

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

LISCOMB

Bethel Grove Church
Scott Hand, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship

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Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

MARSHALLTOWN

Elim Lutheran Church - ECLA
Sundays
8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School /Adult Forum

Evangelical Free church
Bob Kosbau, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:15 a.m. Worship

New Hope Christian Church
Saturdays
5:30 p.m. Worship Service
Sundays
9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sundays
9 a.m. Divine Service
10 a.m. Visitation
10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

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

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
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The Rev. David Kucera
319-345-2006
Saturdays
5:30 p.m. Mass

Reformed Church of Stout
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319-346-1487
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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319-345-2006
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Mass

UNION

Calvary Baptist Church
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Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Church Service
6:45 p.m. AWANA
6:45 p.m. Pro-Teens

Church of Christ
The Rev. Rick Schill
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunda School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Union Community Church
The Rev. Rick Schill
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship

WELLSBURG

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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Sundays
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Reformed Church
Sundays
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study

St. John Lutheran Church
Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Bible Class

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Victoria Shepherd, Pastor
641-869-3992
Sundays
8:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

St. Peter's Country Church
The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor
563-581-2866
Sundays
8 a.m. Morning Worship

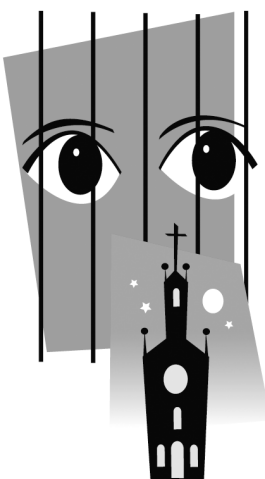
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Sundays

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service
10 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S.
11 a.m. Contemporary Service

United Reformed Church
Pastor Joel Worries
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Sundays
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
7 p.m. Evening Worship

WHITTEN
Whitten Community Church
Jim Hartman, Pastor
Sundays
9 a.m. Worship, Children Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Guarding the Gates of the Senses



"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."
—Habakkuk 2:20 NIV

St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, advised the following for novices seeking to enter his order: "All should take the most diligent care to guard the gates of the senses—particularly the eyes, ears, and tongue." Guarding the senses and not allowing them free rein is good advice for all of us, not just novices embarking on holy orders. One way that we can do this is to maintain "custody of the eyes," meaning that we should not allow our eyes to look anywhere we please, giving idle curiosity the power to direct our gaze. There are many things that it would be better not to see. We simply cannot un-see things once we have seen them, and some things get burned into our souls, as it were. Parents do well to teach their children restraint of the eyes. As a former teacher of teachers used to say, you must first get control of your students' eyes. But not just the eyes, for what we hear and touch and what goes into and out of our mouths also leaves its imprint on our souls. There is a silence of the eyes as well as of the ears, and even a silence of the heart and soul. We do well to remember that God often speaks in a whisper, and if we are surrounded by noise and distractions we might never hear, see or taste the goodness of the Lord.
—Christopher Simon

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The City of Grundy Center strives to provide you with a safe, dependable supply of drinking water that is in compliance with the guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The City of Grundy Center currently purchases its water through a bulk connection with Iowa Regional Utilities Association (IRUA). The Marshalltown Water Works supplies the water which is pumped from nine deep wells located on the north side of the Iowa River drawing from the Mississippian and Pleistocene Aquifers. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

Contaminant	MCL (MCLG)	Compliance		Year Tested	Violation	Source
		Type	Result (Range)			
City of Grundy Center Distribution System						
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90 th	0.033 (ND - 0.0486)	2015	No	Corrosion of plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90 th	1.60 (ND - 3.0)	2015	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.24 (2.13 - 2.33)	2017	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Water Supplied by Marshalltown Water Works						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	RAA	0.7 (0.3 - 1.0)	2017	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	14	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during the treatment process.
Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Results (UCMR3)						
Our utility is committed to protecting public health and meets or surpasses all state and federal health standards for tap water. To help advance the science of drinking water, we have been collecting data for the EPA since the rule was enacted in January 2013. Collecting information about the occurrence of these compounds in water supplies is the first step in the EPA's efforts to determine whether they should be regulated. The presence of a compound does not necessarily equate to a health risk; the concentration of a compound is a far more important factor in determining whether there are health implications. We will closely monitor both the concentrations of these compounds and the EPA's health studies and will keep you informed of any developments. Should the EPA ultimately determine that regulation is warranted, we will take whatever steps are necessary to protect the health of our customers. Additional information about the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule can be found at DrinkTap.org .						
Contaminant	Value	Range	Contaminant	Value	Range	
Chlorate (ppb)	214	71-214	Strontium (ppb)	145	80.5-145	
Chromium-6 (ppb)	0.299	0.102-0.299	Chromium (ppb)	0.300	ND-0.300	
Molybdenum (ppb)	1.30	ND-1.30	1,4-DioNDane (ppb)	0.116	ND-0.116	

The EPA requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those listed above are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water. For questions regarding this information, please contact Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director at (319) 825-6118. Decisions regarding the water system are made at the Grundy Center Council meetings, which are held on the first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Grundy Center City Hall Council Chambers; 703 F Avenue, Suite 2; Grundy Center, Iowa and are open to the public.

DEFINITIONS
 • Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
 • Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 • ppb - parts per billion.
 • ppm - parts per million.
 • N/A - Not applicable.
 • ND - Not detected.
 • RAA - Running Annual Average.
 • Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
 • Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
 • Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
 • RTRC - Revised Total Coliform Rule
 • SGL - Single Sample Result
 • Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
GENERAL INFORMATION
 In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Your water supply is monitored on a regular basis to assure the water is a safe, dependable supply. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The

presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Grundy Center is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The most common drinking water treatment is disinfection. Disinfection is considered to be the primary mechanism to kill bacteria and other germs to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases. Chlorine is the most widely used disinfectant. Disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfectant by-products. EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and disinfectant by-products in drinking water. SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION
 The Marshalltown Water Works obtains its source water from the Mississippian and Pleistocene aquifers. The Mississippian and Pleistocene aquifers were determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifers and overlying materials allow contaminants to move through the aquifers fairly quickly. The wells will be susceptible to activities such as leaking underground storage tanks, underground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generators. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from Iowa Regional Utilities Association at (641) 792-7011.
OTHER INFORMATION
 The City of Grundy Center is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near any part of the water system, please contact us at (319) 825-6118 or the local police/sheriff department. We appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

GRUNDY COUNTY Sheriff's Department

JACOB SCHWAB, age 23, Cedar Falls, and JESSE MURRAY, age 21, Cedar Falls, were arrested April 22, 2018 at Cedar Falls PD and charged with OPERATING WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. Released on a promise to appear. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

JAREMIE JONES, age 38, Grundy Center, was arrested April 23, 2018, at his home in Grundy Center on a Bremer County warrant charging him with PROBATION VIOLATION. Released to Bremer County authorities. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A two vehicle accident occurred April 24 at 3:20 PM on Hwy 57 at Westbrook. AISLYNN KORF, age 24, Cedar Falls, was northbound and stopped in the road waiting to turn west onto Westbrook. ASHLEY SKORNIA, age 16, New Hartford, was also northbound. Skornia said she looked down to adjust a dial and did not see that Korf was slowing until it was too late. Skornia rear-ended Korf's vehicle. Korf's 2012 Nissan received an estimated \$10,000 damage. Skornia's 2003 Chevrolet received an estimated \$3,000 damage. SKORNIA was issued a citation for FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL. No injury. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

A one vehicle accident occurred April 25 on Hwy 20 at the 216 mile marker. ANGELA BISHOP, age 26, Dubuque, was eastbound when vehicle dropped off onto the shoulder. The driver over corrected, lost control and vehicle entered the south ditch where it rolled and came to rest on its side. Bishop's Chevrolet received an estimated \$2,500 damage. Minor injuries. No summons. Investigated by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

RONALD SMITH, age 53, Dike, was arrested April 25 at 11:56 PM on Hwy 20 at the 214 mile marker and charged with OWI 1st. Released on a promise to appear. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

TRESSA PETTY, age 32, Mason City, was arrested April 27, at 8:03 PM in Grundy Center on a Cerro Gordo warrant charging her with CONTEMPT OF COURT. Petty was taken to Hardin County to await pickup from Cerro Gordo authorities. Arrested by GRUNDY CENTER PD.

NICOLE TAMMINGA, age 29, Eldora, was arrested May 1 at 9:33 PM in Conrad. ZACHARY ANDERSON, age 30, Reinbeck, was arrested May 1 at 10:35 PM at the Sheriff's Office. Both were charged with VIOLATION OF A NO CONTACT ORDER. Both have been released. Arrested by GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

LUCAS HOBBS, age 31, Vinton, was arrested May 3 by Benton County authorities on a Grundy County warrant charging him with THEFT 3rd. Posted bond and released.

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Don't mow your ditch. Pheasants might need it.



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Spring seems to have finally arrived, and Iowans across the state are eager to get outside and clean up the mess left over from winter.

But while the sight of a freshly mowed acreage may make it feel like springtime, there are some places where the mowing should be delayed.

Iowa's rural roadside ditches are among the few grassy environments suitable for certain ground-nesting birds, such as pheasants, quail, and sparrows. While not the most optimal environment, these birds still depend on the grassy coverage to protect their young until they are ready to leave the nest.

Un-mowed ditches are also important to other wildlife. Vegetation that grows in the ditches is used by pollinating insects for nectar, and milkweed is critical part of development for monarch caterpillars. Mowing down that food supply has a negative effect on the monarch.



butterfly population.

Keeping the ditches unmowed isn't just a nice gesture for Iowa's ecosystem though. In many cases it is also the law. From March 15 to July 15, Iowa law prohibits mowing in roadside ditches to protect ground nesting birds. Violations of this law should be reported to the Department of Transportation or the local county officials, depending on whether it's a state road or county road.

There are several exceptions to the law. Ditches that are within 200 yards of an inhabited dwelling are exempt, as are ditches around rest areas, parks, weigh stations, and right-of-ways within one mile of an incorporated city limit. Exceptions are also made when it's necessary for controlling damaging weeds and insects, providing access to a mailbox, or for general visibility or safety reasons.

Previously this law only applied to state and federal highways, but has since been expanded to county roads as well. The allowable start date has also been expanded in recent years. When first en-

acted, the start date for legal roadside ditch mowing was July 1; however the legislature extended that period to July 15 in 2010 after it was reported that the pheasant population was in decline.

Between lost habitats and poor weather, the pheasant population was starting to suffer. Giving pheasants an extra two weeks to nest has made a significant difference.

"We've certainly seen an uptick in pheasant number," said Todd Bogenschitz, Upland Game Biologist for the Iowa DNR. "Since about 2012 our roadside count has improved."

Every August the DNR spends two weeks driving a 30 mile route in every county in Iowa, making a rough count of the pheasant population. Early August mornings are the best time to count pheasants because the young birds are generally large enough to get away from the nest and let the morning dew dry off of them by the side of the road. The DNR simply drives a set route and counts the pheasants

they see along the way.

"That's our basic population survey state wide," said Bogenschitz. "It gives us a real good index to what the population is doing."

With the late winter finally winding down, those extra two weeks will be even more important for the pheasant population. It's not just farmers that have had their schedules delayed thanks to April snowfall. Wildlife populations have also had to put their routines on hold.

"I'd say it's probably not super favorable to pheasants right now," said Bogenschitz. "We may have a bunch of re-nesting this year, which would make those extra weeks handy."

While it may be legal to mow after July 15, Bogenschitz says that voluntarily leaving ditches un-mowed until August would be even better for the pheasant population.

"If landowners are worried about wildlife, if they can wait until August that's definitely beneficial," said Bogenschitz.

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Cougar girls, GC boys lead locals at West meet

GRUNDY CENTER – The AGWSR girls track and field team narrowly snatched the runner-up spot at the NICL West Championships in Grundy Center on Monday, May 7.

The Cougars scored 103 points to edge Grundy Center by two points for the second spot, trailing team champion West Marshall (155 points). BCLUW was fifth in the team standings with 59 points and Gladbrook-Reinbeck scored 24 team points.

AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher was named the girls' MVP of the meet, winning gold in the 800 in 2:32.45, the 1,500 in 5:24.99 and the 3,000 in 11:57.07. She also anchored the winning 4x800 relay team in 10:38.19 with teammates Mandy Willems, Ali Gerbracht and Haley Bakker.

The Spartans also had a pair of athletes earn four wins—Hailey Wallis won the 100, 400 and was the anchor on the winning 4x400 and sprint medley relay teams, where she joined Landry Lühring, Brooke Flater and Kyah Lühring, the latter of which also won two conference championships in the 200 and long jump.

The Grundy Center boys scored 122 points for the runner-up spot behind East Marshall's 142 team total. BCLUW was third with 97 points, AGWSR took sixth with 50 points and Gladbrook-Reinbeck was seventh with 19 points.

Drew Rathe earned a conference title in the high jump after clearing 6 feet, 2 inches, but the Spartans earned their second-place spot by double scoring in six events and finishing no worse than fourth in Monday's relay events.

BCLUW's Jack Garber was the boys' MVP, winning the 110 (14.96) and 400 hurdle (56.20) events and running on the conference-title winning 4x100 and shuttle hurdle relay teams. Garber's teammates on the 4x100 were Ben Paper, Logan Mann and Troy Dolphin and Coby Willett, Koty Kruse and Connor Thompson in the hurdle relay.

Dolphin was also a conference champion, winning the 400-meter dash in 51.91.

AGWSR was led by the NICL West champions in the distance medley, the quartet of Liam Stubbe, Chase Harms, Luke Starr and Alec Stahl that won the event in 3:46.02. Stubbe and Stahl earned silvers in the 400 hurdles and 800, respectively.

NICL West Championships At Grundy Center

Girls

Team scores—1. West Marshall 155; 2. AGWSR 103; 3. Grundy Center 101; 4. East Marshall 87; 5. BCLUW 59; 6. South Hardin 47; 7. Gladbrook-Reinbeck 24.

Individual results

(Winners and top-6 locals)

100—1. Hailey Wallis (GC) 13.42; 3. MaKenna Kuper (AGWSR) 13.88.

200—1. Kyah Lühring (GC) 26.49; 3. Kuper (AGWSR) 28.70; 4. Ali Gerbracht (AGWSR) 29.06; 5. Olivia Hughes (BCLUW) 29.09.

400—1. Wallis (GC) 1:04.36; 3. Lily Ehlers (G-R) 1:10.20; 4. Haley Bakker (AGWSR) 1:11.01.

800—1. Aubrie Fisher (AGWSR) 2:32.45; 6. Bakker (AGWSR) 2:56.10.

1500—1. Fisher (AGWSR) 5:24.99; 2. Ehlers (G-R) 5:35.76; 5. Bakker (AGWSR) 5:59.20; 6. Shelby Rivera (GC) 6:04.15.

3000—1. Fisher (AGWSR) 11:57.07; 2. Ehlers (G-R) 12:14.73; 3. Rivera (GC) 12:59.18.

100 hurdles—1. Isabelle Gradwell (WM) 16.40; 3. Lizzie Garber (BCLUW) 16.63; 4. Hughes (BCLUW) 16.73.

400 hurdles—1. Gradwell (WM) 1:10.52; 2. Katelyn Pfaltzgraff (AGWSR) 1:12.52; 4. Baylee Potkins (GC) 1:14.93.

Discus—1. Brylie Zeisness (SH) 140.75; 2. Brittany Burroughs (GC) 102.75; 4. Kerrigan Hatch (BCLUW) 99.6.

Shot put—1. Zeisness (SH) 44-3.5; 3. Erin Asche (BCLUW) 33-7.5; 4. Kylie Willis (GC) 31-6; 5. Cate Nason (BCLUW) 31-6.

High jump—1. Gradwell (WM) 5-2; 3. Kiersten Kruse (BCLUW) 4-10; 4. Garber (BCLUW) 4-8; 6. Taryan Barrick (AGWSR) 4-6.

Long jump—1. K. Lühring (GC) 16-4.25; 2. Kruse (BCLUW) 15-1.5; 3. Alyssa Hames (AGWSR) 14-5.5; 4. Mandy Willems (AGWSR) 14-0.5.

4x100—1. WM 52.24; 3. BCLUW (Hughes, Payton Pekarek, Lilly Bracy, Garber) 55.90; 4. GC (Potkins, Brooke Flater, Willis, Sarah Lindeman) 57.13; 6. AGWSR (Taylor



Grundy Center's Derek Ciddio was the 3200 and 1600 meter runner-up at the NICL West Track & Field Meet Monday. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)



BCLUW's Troy Dolphin runs during the early stage of the 400 meters at Monday's NICL West Track & Field Meet. Dolphin won the event in a swift 51.91-seconds. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Sperflage, Ally Finger, Andie Finger, Adri Daniels) 1:01.49.

4x200—1. WM 1:49.99; 2. GC (Potkins, Flater, Landry Lühring, Lindeman) 1:57.13; 5. G-R (Alyssa Morgan, Madison Denny-Weber, Lily Heinzl, Phoenix Wheeland) 2:13.07; 6. BCLUW (Bracy, Asche, Ashlee Halverson, Willow Corse) 2:26.61.

4x400—1. GC (K. Lühring, Flater, L. Lühring, Wallis) 4:21.04; 3. AGWSR (Mandy Willems, Gerbracht, Pfaltzgraff, Kuper) 4:38.63; 6. BCLUW (Skylar Nelson, Bracy, Halverson, Corse) 6:07.07.

4x800—1. AGWSR (Willems, Gerbracht, Bakker, Fisher) 10:38.19.

Shuttle hurdle—1. WM 1:10.96; 2. BCLUW (Kruse, Pekarek, Garber, Hughes) 1:11.05; 4. AGWSR (Hames, Sperflage, Daniels, Pfaltzgraff) 1:23.57.

Sprint medley—1. GC (L. Lühring, Flater, K. Lühring, Wallis) 1:55.25; 5. AGWSR (Hames, Barrick, Sperflage, Ally Finger) 2:12.25; 6. BCLUW (Pekarek, Halverson, Bracy, Nelson) 2:16.47.

Distance medley—1. WM

4:34.93; 2. AGWSR (Willems, Kuper, Gerbracht, Pfaltzgraff) 4:52.55; 3. GC (Potkins, Willis, Lindeman, Rivera) 5:09.01.

Boys

Team scores—1. East Marshall 142; 2. Grundy Center 122; 3. BCLUW 97; 4. West Marshall 90; 5. South Hardin 69; 6. AGWSR 50; 7. Gladbrook-Reinbeck 19.

Individual results

(Winners and top-6 locals)

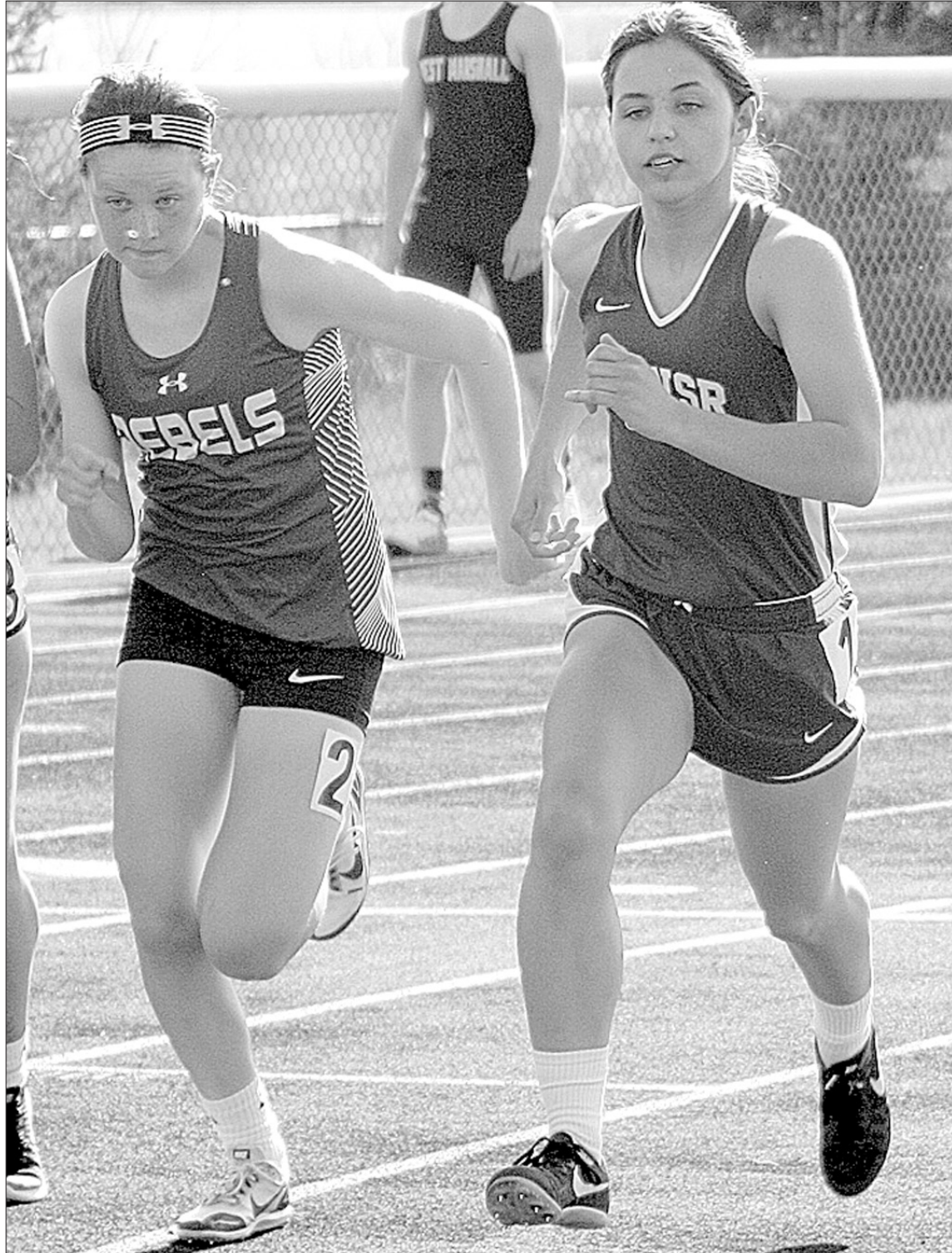
100—1. Austin Elliot (EM) 11.56;

2. Troy Dolphin (BCLUW) 11.64; 3. Ben Paper (BCLUW) 11.89; 4. Austin Knaack (GC) 12.07; 5. Josh Peterson (G-R) 12.08.

200—1. Beau Coberley (WM) 22.80; 2. Will Grames (GC) 23.06; 3. Dolphin (BCLUW) 23.25; 5. Logan Mann (BCLUW) 24.10.

400—1. Dolphin (BCLUW) 51.91; 3. Caleb Kuiper (GC) 52.76; 4. Sawyer Heitland (AGWSR) 55.50; 5. Ben Macy (AGWSR) 56.79.

800—1. Ron Maxey (WM) 2:07.25; 2. Alec Stahl (AGWSR)



AGWSR's Aubrie Fisher (right) and Lily Ehlers of Gladbrook-Reinbeck (left) run stride for stride during the 3000 meter run at the NICL West Track & Field Meet Monday. Fisher finished first and Ehlers second in the 3000 and 1500 opens. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)



The Spartans' Baylee Potkins (right) exchanges the baton with Brooke Flater (left) during the 4x200 relay at the NICL West Track & Field Meet Monday (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

2:07.48.

1600—1. Zakee Newman (SH) 4:52.67; 2. Derek Ciddio (GC) 4:55.28; 6. Caleb Silver (BCLUW) 5:05.97.

3200—1. Newman (SH) 10:24.21; 2. Ciddio (GC) 10:26.05; 6. Kenny Day (GC) 11:10.63.

110 hurdles—1. Jack Garber (BCLUW) 14.96; 4. Connor Thompson (BCLUW) 16.76; 5. Colton Sandell (GC) 17.22; 6. Jesse Mackie (GC) 18.10.

400 hurdles—1. Garber (BCLUW) 56.20; 2. Liam Stubbe (AGWSR) 56.94; 3. Neifer Ralston (BCLUW) 59.20; 4. Drew Rathe (GC) 59.45; 6. Colton Sandell (GC) 1:02.89.

Discus—1. Justin Ridout (EM) 143-3.5; 3. Cade Rohler (GC) 127-1; 4. Zach Grant (GC) 110-8.5.

Shot put—1. Ridout (EM) 53-8; 2. Jordan Hook (GC) 50-10; 4. Josh Kuiper (GC) 45-0; 5. Heitland (AGWSR) 42-2.5.

High jump—1. Rathe (GC) 6-2; 2. Sawyer Bowen (GC) 6-0; 3. Josh

Bartling (AGWSR) 5-10; 5. Dalton June (AGWSR) 5-8.

Long jump—1. Beau Coberley (WM) 21-0; 3. Matt Johannsen (G-R) 19-6.5; 6. Nick Ascher (GC) 18-6.5.

4x100—1. BCLUW (Paper, Garber, Mann, Dolphin) 45.05; 4. GC (Tanner Phillips, Knaack, Logan Strickler, J. Kuiper) 47.72; 5. G-R (Johannsen, Aiden Wyatt, Cael Wyatt, Peterson) 48.12.

4x200—1. WM 1:32.82; 3. G-R (Johannsen, Hunter Lott, C. Wyatt, Peterson) 1:37.78; 4. GC (C. Kuiper, Rathe, Adam Kaufman, Grames) 1:38.76; 5. BCLUW (Paper, Greg Schmitt, Coby Willett, Noah Gallentine) 1:39.46; 6. AGWSR (Brody Roder, Bartling, Titan Opperman, Trey Lashbrook) 1:42.66.

4x400—1. WM 3:34.87; 3. GC (Kaufman, Bowen, Jensen Clapp, C. Kuiper) 3:40.34; 4. BCLUW (Thompson, Schmitt, Willett, Gallentine) 3:46.36; 6. AGWSR (Stahl, Luke Starr, Chase Harms, Stubbe) 3:50.02.

4x800—1. EM 8:47.27; 3.

GC (Clapp, Strickler, Cale Hendricks, Mitchell Munson) 9:03.57; 5. BCLUW (Nick Curl, Javon Darden, Colton Keller, Sev Gonzales) 9:49.18; 6. G-R (Colton Clark, Dylan Riffey, Sam Schildroth, Max Schweppe) 9:55.27.

Shuttle hurdle—1. BCLUW (Willett, Koty Kruse, Thompson, Garber) 1:00.90; 2. GC (Sandell, Ascher, Mackie, Rathe) 1:03.67; 3. AGWSR (Harms, Stubbe, Jaden Johnson, Lashbrook) 1:04.68.

Sprint medley—1. WM 1:36.49; 3. GC (Kaufman, Knaack, Grames, C. Kuiper) 1:38.27; 4. BCLUW (Paper, Schmitt, Thompson, Mann) 1:39.68; 5. G-R (Lott, C. Wyatt, Peterson, Johannsen) 1:43.04.

Distance medley—1. AGWSR (Stubbe, Harms, Starr, Stahl) 3:46.02; 4. GC (Ascher, Knaack, Clapp, Ciddio) 3:57.75; 5. BCLUW (Willett, Gallentine, Ralston, Caleb Silver) 3:59.08.

Comet girls win home invite

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

UNION – The BCLUW girls golf team won its home invite at South Hardin Recreation Area in Union on Monday.

The Comets shot 201 to claim the team title, 17 strokes ahead of runner-up West Marshall. North Tama was third with a 219 team score. AGWSR finished 7th in the team race with a 237.

Lauren Anderson led the Comets with a 48. Madison Trinkle, Bailey Ashton and Mackenzie Trinkle all shot 51. Lili Wilson carded a 52 and Kate Garber added a 54.

Mollie Abkes led AGWSR with a 52. Hannah Homeyer shot 54, Kenzie Kielty holed out at 62 and Alayna Hunt closed out the Cougars' scoring golfers with a 69. Morgan Roelfs contributed a 72 as the fifth AGWSR golfer.

"Battling this level of wind usually adds a few strokes to

your score," AGWSR coach Stacy Drake said. "Most girls dealt with the battle pretty good tonight, though. They just need to keep telling themselves they are good. ... The more they believe it, the more they will show everyone just how good they really are."

Comet Invite

At South Hardin Rec Area, Union

Team scores—1. BCLUW 201; 2. West Marshall 218; 3. North Tama 219; 4. East Marshall 220; 5. Hudson 227; 6. South Hardin 232; 7. AGWSR 237; 8. Union 244; 9. GMG 412.

Medalist—Claire Schafer, NT, 41. **Runner-up**—Tylyn Eicher, EM, 44.

BCLUW (201)—Lauren Anderson 48, Madison Trinkle 51, Bailey Ashton 51, Mackenzie Trinkle 51, Lili Wilson 52, Kate Garber 54.

AGWSR (237)—Mollie Abkes 52, Hannah Homeyer 54, Kenzie Kielty 62, Alayna Hunt 69, Morgan Roelfs 72.

BCLUW boys 2nd at home invite

CONRAD – The BCLUW boys golf team finished as runner-up at the Comets' home invite at Oakwood Golf Course in Conrad on Monday, April 30.

BCLUW scored 189, two strokes shy of team champion West Marshall. GMG and Union tied for third with a 191 team score. AGWSR was fifth in the team race with a 200 and Gladbrook-Reinbeck finished ninth with a 229.

Aaron Fleming of GMG earned medalist honors with a 42. BCLUW's Keegan Rhinehart was the runner-up medalist with a 43.

Rhinehart joined Calob Keller and Blake Mann on the all-tournament team, with Keller and Mann each shooting 47. AGWSR's Alex Hames and Keon Huffman also earned all-tournament status with matching rounds of 44.

Lane Stanley, Brad Barkema and Jonny Neff all shot 52 for the Comets.

Riley Sicard (52) and Tanner Weichers (60) rounded out the scoring for AGWSR.

Mason Skovgard had G-R's low round of the day at 51.

Matt Johannsen shot 52, Tyson Creswell carded a 62 and Kyle Koppen shot 64.

Comet Invite

At Oakwood GC, Conrad

Team scores—1. West Marshall 187; 2. BCLUW 189; 3. GMG 191; 3. Union 191; 5. AGWSR 200; 6. East Marshall 202; 7. North Tama 207; 8. Hudson 211; 9. Gladbrook-Reinbeck 229.

Medalist—Aaron Fleming, GMG, 42. **Runner-up**—Keegan Rhinehart, BCLUW, 43.

All-tournament team—Fleming, GMG, 42; Rhinehart, BCLUW, 43; Alex Hames, AGWSR, 44; Keon Huffman, AGWSR, 44; Eric Ommen, EM, 45; Kolton Gill, GMG, 45; Calob Keller, BCLUW, 47; Blake Mann, BCLUW, 47; Evan Espenscheid, EM, 47; Devin Reel, Union, 47; Kyle Cowell, Union, 48; Caleb Reel, Union, 48.

BCLUW (189)—Rhinehart 43, Keller 47, Mann 47, Lane Stanley 52, Brad Barkema 52, Jonny Neff 52.

AGWSR (200)—Hames 44, Huffman 44, Riley Sicard 52, Tanner Weichers 60.

G-R (229)—Mason Skovgard 51, Matt Johannsen 52, Tyson Creswell 62, Kyle Koppen 64.

and 45, respectively. Andy Cox added a 46 and Travis Kuester shot a 53.

"Posting four scores of 45 or under on a tough Grundy Center course is a step in the right direction at this point in the season," Grundy coach Dennis Dirks said.

BCLUW's Lane Stanley was one shot off the leaders with a 43 as the low round for the Comets. Brad Barkema and Blake Mann each shot 46 and Keegan Rhinehart rounded out the top four for BCLUW with a 49. Calob Keller and Jonny Neff contributed rounds of 52 and 54.



Lauren Anderson of BCLUW strokes a putt during Monday's NACL West Conference Golf Meet. Anderson earned conference medalist, firing an 18-hole 92. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

BCLUW's Anderson leads conference champion Comets

REINBECK – BCLUW's Lauren Anderson shot a 92 to lead the Comet girls golf team to the team title at the NACL West meet at Oak Leaf Country Club in Reinbeck on Monday, May 7.

BCLUW finished with a 406 team score, 17 strokes better than runner-up Grundy Center. West Marshall was third with a 428. AGWSR finished sixth overall with a 489 and Gladbrook-Reinbeck scored 514 for seventh.

Anderson's low round was nine strokes better than runner-up Tylyn Eicher of East Marshall. Comet teammate Madison Trinkle was third with a 102 and Bailey Ashton finished ninth with a 105. Lili Wilson was 10th with a 107 and Mackenzie Trinkle and Katie Garber contributed a 116 and 117, respectively.

Josie Holke-Farnam and Claire Verly led the Spartans with matching 103 scores and Frannie Brown contributed a 104 to finish in eighth. Claire Verly finished off the Spartans' scoring with a 103 and Lauren Buhrow added a 113.

AGWSR was led by Mollie Abkes' 111. Hannah Homeyer shot a 123 and Kenzie Kielty (126) and Morgan Roelfs (129) rounded out the Cougars' top four.

Reagan Skovgard led G-R with a 116, followed by Maia McLean with a 128, Ella Murphy shooting 132 and Chloe Ritchey carding a 138.

NACL West Girls Meet
At Oak Leaf CC, Reinbeck



Grundy Center's Josie Holke-Farnam prepares to take a shot at the NACL West golf meet in Reinbeck. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Par 36

Team scores—1. BCLUW 406; 2. Grundy Center 423; 3. West Marshall 428; 4. East Marshall 443; 5. South Hardin 465; 6. AGWSR 489; 7. Gladbrook-Reinbeck 514.

Individual results—1. Lauren An-

derson, BCLUW, 92; 2. Tylyn Eicher, EM, 101; 3. Madison Trinkle, BCLUW, 102; 4. Josie Holke-Farnam, GC, 103; 5. Claire Verly, GC, 103; 6. Whitney Edler, WM, 103; 7. Brooke Snider, WM, 103; 8. Frannie Brown, GC, 104; 9. Bailey Ashton, BCLUW, 105; 10. Lili Wilson, BCLUW, 107.

Grundy Center boys golf roundup

By JAKE RYDER
The Grundy Register

Spartans win in Parkersburg

Grundy Center won a close battle with Aplington-Parkersburg and Iowa Falls-Alden at Legend Trail Golf Course in Parkersburg on Monday, April 30.

The Spartans scored 191 to edge A-P (193) and the Cadets (200) in a windy day in Parkersburg. Matthew Sternhagen earned medalist honors for Grundy Center with a 45 and Coby Hoff of A-P was runner-up with a 46.

"The conditions of the day were the ultimate winner," Grundy Center coach Dennis Dirks said. "...[B]ut with the shortened spring season the way it is and the sun shining, we played on."

The rest of the top four for Grundy Center were Andy Cox with a 48 and Jake Bangasser and Tanner Appel with 49s. Nolan Freeman added a 51 and Wesley Willis shot 65.

Spartan quartet earns all-tournament in Tama

Benton Community won a fifth-golfer tiebreaker over Grundy Center to claim the team title at the South Tama Invite on Saturday.

Both teams shot 329, with Grinnell's Lucas Scherf, a Drake signee, winning medalist with a 68. Grundy Center's Jake Bangasser was the runner-up with a 76.

Bangasser joined Spartan teammates Matthew Sternhagen (83), Nolan Freeman (85) and Andy Cox (85) on the all-tournament team. Tanner Appel and Payton McMartin added a 91 and 108, respectively.

"We've now had back-to-back weeks proving how valuable each and every stroke is," Dirks said, referencing the previous Saturday's third-place team finish at the Columbus Invite in Waterloo decided by a tiebreaker, but added: "With a field of teams made up of mainly 3A schools, we actually held our own."

D-NH boys win two home duals

The Dike-New Hartford boys golf team won two home NACL duals against Jesup and Summer-Fredericksburg on Monday and Tuesday of last week, respectively.

Colton Harberts won a fourth-hole cardback with teammates Bo Weissenfluh and Ben Freese to earn medalist honors in the Wolverines' win against the J-Hawks, with all three golfers shooting low at 39. Weissenfluh was the runner-up. Chase Wilson rounded out the team total with a 43. Kaleb Kinsky added a 47 and Isaac Jorgensen shot 51 for the Wolverines.

Harberts was the medalist again against the Cougars in a 164-188 dual victory for the Wolverines, shooting 36. Weissenfluh added a 40 and Kinsky and Freese shot rounds of 44 each. Chase Wilson shot 47 and Nathan Kriegermeier holed out with a 58.

Rebels runner-up in Conrad

CONRAD – The Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys golf team took second in a triangular with GMG and Baxter in Conrad on Friday.

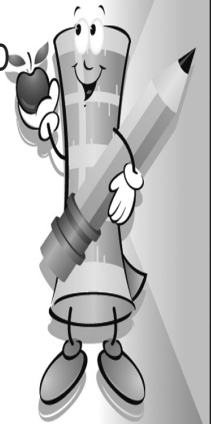
GMG's Aaron Fleming was the medalist with a 40 and Kamrin Chizek was runner-up with a 43. GMG won the event with a 176, followed by G-R with 190 and Baxter with 246.

The Rebels were led by Walker Thede and Bronson Wrage's low rounds of 46. Tyson Creswell added a 48 and Mason Skovgard and Matt Johannsen had matching 50s.

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Spartan girls golf wins two

The Grundy Center girls golf team had two outings at Town & Country Golf Club last week:

Spartans win home triangular

Grundy Center shot a 230 team score, narrowly defeating Iowa Falls-Alden in a triangular at Town & Country Golf Club on Monday, April 30 that also included Aplington-Parkersburg.

IF-A finished with 235 strokes and A-P had 265. A-P's Nora Mann was the medalist with a 51 and Jaycie Ellis was the runner-up shooting a 54.

Frannie Brown and Lauren Dirks led the Spartans with matching scores of 56, Josie Holke-Farnam added a 58 and Lauren Krausman rounded out the top four with a 60. Claire Verly and Lauren Buhrow shot 61 and 68, respectively.

Spartans 201, South Hardin 221

Before storms rolled into the area last Thursday, Grundy Center squeezed in a NACL dual win against the Tigers at Town & Country Golf Club.

Lauren Dirks shot a 48 to lead the Spartans and Frannie Brown, Claire Verly and Josie Holke-Farnam all shot 51 each to contribute to the team's low total.



Dike-New Hartford's Colton Harberts watches his putt roll toward the hole during Monday's NICL East boys golf meet in La Porte City. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

D-NH boys golf 4th in conference meet

LA PORTE CITY – The Dike-New Hartford boys golf team finished fourth in the team standings at the NICL East boys golf meet at La Porte City Golf Course on Monday, May 7.

The Wolverines finished with a 341 team score, one shot short of Waterloo Columbus

and Aplington-Parkersburg. Denver won the team title with a 335.

A-P's Dylan Ellis finished with a 2-under-par 68, repeating as conference medalist.

The Wolverines were led by Colton Harberts with an 81 and Bo Weissenfluh's 84, with both finishing in the top ten

overall. Ben Freese and Kaleb Kinskey contributed matching 88s to round out D-NH's team scoring. Chase Wilson added a 91 and Nathan Kriegermeier shot a 95.

D-NH will compete at a sectional tournament in Parkersburg on Friday.



Alex Hames of AGWSR takes a mighty swing with the driver on a tee-box during Monday's NICL West Conference Golf Meet. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing).



D-NH's Morgan Weber watches her iron shot travel during Monday's NICL East girls golf meet in Waterloo. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

Wolverines win two NICL duals

The Dike-New Hartford girls golf team defeated Jesup and Sumner-Fredericksburg in NICL duals at Fox Ridge Golf Course on Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1.

D-NH 231, Jesup 246

Katie Knock led the Wolverines against the J-Hawks with a low round of 54, followed by runner-up and D-NH teammate Sydney Lage with a 55.

Avery Coulter shot 57, Alysa Fettkether holed out at 65 and Julia Heise shot 74 for the Wolverines.

D-NH 195, S-F 197

Morgan Weber shot 38 for medalist honors, returning to the lineup for D-NH after missing a few rounds on a volleyball trip out of state.

Jaiden Jacobsen of Sumner-Fredericksburg was the runner-up with a 47.

Avery Coulter shot 48, Sydney Lage carded a 53 and Katie Knock holed out with a 56 to round out the team total for the Wolverines. Alysa Fettkether added a 58.

BCLUW girls golf wins WM tourney

STATE CENTER – The BCLUW girls golf team won the West Marshall Tournament on Friday at Lincoln Valley Golf Course in State Center.

BCLUW finished with a 393, 20 strokes better than South Tama County, which won a tiebreaker with East Marshall for second place. West Marshall was fourth with 423 and Grundy Center was fifth with a 429.

Comet golfer Lauren Anderson finished as individual runner-up with an 18-over-par 90, one stroke behind Nevada's Emma Griffin. BCLUW's Bailey Ashton (95) and Mackenzie Trinkle (103) were also in the top 10. Katie Garber shot a 105 to round out the Comets' top four. Briana Teckenburg added a 112.

Grundy Center was led by Josie Holke-Farnam, who finished ninth overall with a 100. Frannie Brown shot 109 and Lauren Dirks and Lauren Buhrow had 110s for the Spartans. Claire Verly and Lauren Krausman finished the scoring for GC with 113 and 124, respectively.



The Spartans' Jake Bangasser eyes the line of his putt during the conference golf meet Monday. Bangasser earned NICL West medalist, shooting an 81. (Scott Bierle/Mid-America Publishing)

Spartan boys golf claims NICL West title

GRUNDY CENTER – The Grundy Center boys golf team had four individuals in the top ten overall as the Spartans won the NICL West boys meet at Town & Country Golf Course in Grundy Center on Monday, May 7.

The Spartans scored a 346, 23 strokes better than runner-up BCLUW. AGWSR was third with a team score of 392 and Gladbrook-Reinbeck finished in a tie for fourth place with 398 strokes.

Jake Bangasser was the individual conference medalist with an 81, followed by teammate Nolan Freeman in second with an 82. Tanner Appel and Andy Cox were eighth and ninth place overall with a 91 and 92, respectively. Matthew Sternhagen contributed a 94 and Travis

Kuester shot 97 for the Spartans.

BCLUW was led by Lane Stanley's 88, good for third place individually. Keegan Rhinehart was seventh overall with a 90 on his scorecard. Brad Barkema (94) and Blake Mann (97) closed out the Comets' top four on the day.

Keon Huffman and Alex Hames both shot 89 for the Cougars, good for fourth place in the individual race. Tanner Weichers shot 105 and Riley Sicard turned in a 109.

Bronson Wrage was G-R's only top-10 finisher of the day, holing out at 93. Walker Thede and Tyson Creswell each chipped in 100s and Matt Johannsen had a 105.

NICL West Boys Meet

At Town & Country, Grundy Center Par 72

Team scores—1. Grundy Center 346; 2. BCLUW 369; 3. AGWSR 392; 4. West Marshall 398; 4. Gladbrook-Reinbeck 398; 6. East Marshall 421; South Hardin no team score.

Individual top 10—1. Jake Bangasser, GC, 81; 2. Nolan Freeman, GC, 82; 3. Lane Stanley, BCLUW, 88; 4. Keon Huffman, AGWSR, 89; 4. Alex Hames, AGWSR, 89; 4. Conley Petermeier, WM, 89; 7. Keegan Rhinehart, BCLUW, 90; 8. Tanner Appel, GC, 91; 9. Andy Cox, GC, 92; 10. Bronson Wrage, G-R, 93.

GC (346)—Bangasser 81, Freeman 82, Appel 91, Cox 92, Matthew Sternhagen 94, Travis Kuester 97.

BCLUW (369)—Stanley 88, Rhinehart 90, Brad Barkema 94, Blake Mann 97, Calob Keller 98, Jonny Neff 99.

AGWSR (392)—Huffman 89, Hames 89, Tanner Weichers 105, Riley Sicard 109.

G-R (398)—Wrage 93, Walker Thede 100, Tyson Creswell 100, Matt Johannsen 105, Mason Skovgard 109, Kyle Koppen 122.

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Spartan girls tennis wins 3 last week

The Grundy Center girls tennis team extended its dual winning streak to seven straight with wins over Union, South Hardin and Hampton-Dumont last week.

Grundy Center 6, Union 0

Only four matches were completed before storms rolled into Grundy Center on Tuesday, with the Spartans winning one singles match and all three doubles matches.

Amber Laube won the only singles match of the night, an 8-3 victor over Chelsea Scott at No. 1 singles. Whitney Laube and Amber Laube won at No. 1 doubles, 8-5. Leslie Homeister/Emily Ehrig and Erika Johnson/Emerson Kracht added doubles victories for the Spartans.

Grundy Center 6, Union 0 Singles

No. 1: Amber Laube def. Chelsea Scott 8-3.

Doubles

No. 1: Whitney Laube/Amber Laube def. Scott/Meghan Klein 8-5. No. 2: Leslie Homeister/Emily Ehrig def. Hannah Gates/Jayden Jolley 8-5. No. 3: Erika Johnson/Emerson Kracht def. Savannah Walvatne/Sophie Selk 8-1.

Grundy Center 6, South Hardin 3

The Spartans completed the season sweep of the NICL West opponent with a win at Grundy Center on Friday.

Leslie Homeister, Erika Johnson, Emerson Kracht and Hannah Stahl won singles matches for the Spartans and the duos of Homeister/Emily Ehrig and Johnson/Kracht were victorious in doubles action.

Grundy Center 6, South Hardin 3 Singles

No. 1: Danae Nelson (SH) def. Amber Laube 8-0. No. 2: Leslie Homeister (GC) def. Meghan Van De Pol 8-3. No. 3: Haley Teske (SH) def. Reagan Zinkula 8-5. No. 4: Erika Johnson (GC) def. Isabelle Sisson 8-5. No. 5: Emerson Kracht (GC) def. Blaze Harms 8-2. No. 6: Hannah Stahl (GC) def. Sarah England 8-3.

Doubles

No. 1: Nelson/Van De Pol (SH) def. Laube/Zinkula 8-2. No. 2: Homeister/Emily Ehrig (GC) def. Harms/Teske 8-2. No.



Grundy Center's Leslie Homeister extends out to return a shot during a doubles match with South Hardin in Grundy Center on Friday. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

3: Johnson/Kracht (GC) def. Sisson/England 8-5.

Grundy Center 8, H-D 1

The Bulldogs only fielded enough competitors for six matches on Saturday, with the Spartans winning five of those and receiving forfeits in the other three.

Winners in singles compe-

dition included Leslie Homeister, Reagan Zinkula and Erika Johnson. Amber Laube/Zinkula and Homeister/Emily Ehrig were the doubles winners in the weekend dual.

Singles

No. 1: Triston Rew (H-D) def. Amber Laube 10-4. No. 2: Leslie Homeister (GC) def. Ja-

din Beyer 10-6. No. 3: Reagan Zinkula (GC) def. Erin Plagge 10-1. No. 4: Erika Johnson (GC) def. Bianca Tielke 10-1.

Doubles

No. 1: Laube/Zinkula (GC) def. Rew/Plagge 10-3. No. 2: Homeister/Emily Ehrig (GC) def. Tielke/Beyer 10-5.



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GC/G-R's Eli Thede fires a shot at Denver's net during a game in Reinbeck last Tuesday, May 1. The game was called off due to storms in the area before the first half was completed. (Jake Ryder/The Grundy Register)

GCGR falls to top-ranked Regals

IOWA CITY – The Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck boys soccer team fell short in a 5-1 loss to Class 1A's top-ranked Iowa City Regina on Monday, April 30.

Eli Thede scored GC/G-R's lone goal on an assist from

Walker Thede. Bryce Schick made 11 saves in net for the Rebels.

The teams were tied 1-1 with 30 minutes left in the game before the Regals scored four unanswered goals.

The loss dropped GCGR to

3-3 overall. A Tuesday home game against Denver was called off with under 10 minutes to go until halftime with GCGR trailing 2-0 and no reschedule date has been set to complete that game.

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