

Grundy Center seniors honored at Awards Night ceremony

By **MICHAELA KENDALL**
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER – Last Wednesday night, family and friends of the GCHS Class of 2018 gathered in the auditorium for the annual Awards Night Ceremony, where this year's seniors were honored for their academic, athletic and extracurricular achievements.

Beth Bockes, Grundy Center's National Honor Society advisor, commended the students for all their hard work, and reminded them to always be proud of the community they grew up in, and the family, school and teachers that taught them to be the people they are today.

"Be proud of where you're from," she said. "When someone asks you where you're from, don't tell them you're from some tiny town near Waterloo; tell them you're from Grundy Center, and say it proudly."

Apart from the regular scholarships awarded that night, six students were awarded National Honor Society Gold cords, and six students were awarded Silver Cords for their community service.

The NHS Gold Cord awardees include: Olivia Opheim, Breanna Hiltibridle, Hannah Stahl, Josh Kuiper, Zac Osgood, and Cameron Steenhoek.

The Silver Cord awardees include: Jake Bangasser, Josh Kuiper, Cameron Steenhoek,

Amber Laube, Hannah Stahl and Zachary Osgood. Cameron Steenhoek was also awarded the Century Club Award for doing over 100 service hours in one year.

The other award winners are listed below:

Dollars for Scholars Scholarships: Mariah Abben, Chloe Anderson, Jake Bangasser, Noah Boquet, Sawyer Bowen, Luke Edgerton, Emily Ehrig, Chasyti Erickson, Zachary Grant, Aaron Havens, Brianna Heltibridle, Adam Kaufman, Emmett Kendrick, Sage Klar, Kaylie Laughlin, Landry Luhring, Nicole McNeil, Brady North, Olivia Opheim, Drew Rathe and Cade Rohler.

300-Year Memorial Scholarship: Cameron Steenhoek

Carroll and Pam Doak Scholarships: Female Leader – Hannah Stahl, Male Leader – Jake Bangasser, Chorus – Amber Laube, Band – Brady North, and Dance – Nicole McNeil.

Lynch Special Achievement Award: Shelby Coy

Kiwanis Club Scholarship: Jake Bangasser

Yankee Robinson/Mary Robinson Johnson Scholarship: Amber Laube

Sam Iverson Scholarship: Cade Rohler

Irene Stout Scholarships: Emily Ehrig, Nolan Freeman, Aaron Havens, Jordan Hook, Hannah Stahl, and Cameron Steenhoek.

Leland Bingham Memorial Scholarship: Megan Klammer, Chloe Pelzer and Garrett Welton

DesMaris Family Scholarship: Joshua Kuiper

Nancy Lebo Memorial Scholarship: Zachary Osgood

Clinton McMartin Memorial Scholarship: Colton Sandell

Grundy Center Class of 1966 Scholarship: Joshua Kuiper

Grundy Center Education Association Scholarship: Colton Sandell

Green Belt Bank & Trust Scholarship: Emmett Kendrick

GNB Bank Leadership Scholarship: Joshua Kuiper

Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union/Iowa Farm Bureau: Landry Luhring and Amber Laube

Grundy County 4-H Scholarship: Zac Osgood

Grundy Center Recreational Golf Scholarships: Matt Creswell, Jake Bangasser, Nolan Freeman, Jordan Hook, Jordan Lehr, Sage Klar, Josh Kuiper, Nicole McNeil, Tjaden Meester, Brady North, Zachary Osgood, Chloe Pelzer, Colton Sandell, Hannah Stahl and Garrett Welton.

Iowa State Bar Association Citizenship Award: Cade Rohler

Bernie Saggau Award: Amber Laube

Heavy Equipment Manufacturing Football Scholarship: Nolan Freeman, Josh Kuiper, Cade Rohler and Jordan Hook.



Shown above are the GCHS Gold Cord Awardees at Wednesday night's Awards Ceremony. From left to right are: Olivia Opheim, Cameron Steenhoek, Josh Kuiper, Zachary Osgood, Hannah Stahl and Breanna Hiltibridle. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)



Shown above are the Heavy Equipment Manufacturing Football Scholarship awardees. From left to right are: Cade Rohler, Josh Kuiper, Nolan Freeman and Jordan Hook. (Michaela Kendall/The Grundy Register photo)

AGWSR Class of 2018 Commencement held



Paris Opperman, left, and Hannah Woerner.



Luca Fiebac, left, and Keon Huffman.



The class of 2018 celebrates graduating by throwing their caps.



Allison Finger, left, and Emily Henning.



Patrick Kuper, left, and Haley Bakker.



BCLUW seniors honored at awards ceremony



Silver Cord honorees (left to right): Conrad C-MS director Krista Grant, Brooke Vry, Brianna Teckenburg, Kristen Selken, Lauren Mosher, Kristian Ferneau, Helen Beyer, Vanessa Drummer, Faith Leonard, Elizabeth Emley, Troy Dolphin, Alexa Callaway and English teacher Brennan Acton.



Alexa Callaway accepts the Mike Koch Memorial Scholarship from Gregg Sharp of Green Products Company.



High school principal Kristyn Kell delivered the opening address and announced several scholarship winners.



Troy Dolphin received a MidwestOne Bank scholarship.



Samantha Snyder accepts an "I Dare You" award from guidance counselor and presenter Les Penick.



Brooke Vry accepts a Hardin County Savings Bank Educational Grant as Lauren Mosher (right), a fellow recipient, looks on.



Blake and Logan Mann received scholarships from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. (All photos by Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register)

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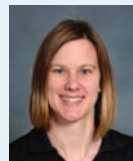





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BCLUW recognizes academic, extracurricular excellence with senior awards

By ROBERT MAHARRY
The Grundy Register
CONRAD- As another crop of newly graduated BCLUW seniors prepares to head off for higher education, the workforce and the armed forces, the district took one last chance to honor their efforts at the Senior Awards night on Tuesday, May 15.

The occasion marked the final awards night for retiring counselor Les Penick, a longtime fixture at the event, and at least 35 seniors walked out with a scholarship or recognition by the time the night was through. Longtime Ritchie Industries owner and local philanthropist Cliff Wilson was inducted into the BCLUW Foundation Hall of Fame, and Lauren Mosher set what will almost certainly be an unbreakable record of 535 service hours for her silver cord.

Award winners are listed alphabetically as follows:

Brooke Aalfs: \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,500.00 Bill & Phyllis Lane (MCC Scholarship).

Lauren Anderson: \$100.00 Oakwood Scholarship, 4x4 Award, \$250.00 Darla Ubben Memorial Scholarship, Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award, Honor Grad, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Brad Barkema: \$250.00 GNB Bank Scholarship, 4x4 Award, \$500.00 Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Des Moines Register Academic All-State, Honor Grad, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Governor's Scholar Recognition Award, \$1,500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award, Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award, Outstanding Attendance Award, Teacher Appreciation Award.

Helen Beyer: \$200.00 3rd District Auxiliary Merit Award, Silver Cord Award, \$500.00 Conrad American Legion Merit Award, Honor Grad, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust

Scholarship, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Alexa Callaway: \$350.00 James H. & Esther D. Plambeck Mem. Scholarship, Silver Cord Award, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award, District VI, Teacher Appreciation Award, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Home Builders Association of Iowa, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Michael Koch Memorial Scholarship, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Full Tuition Mark Pearson FFA Leadership Scholarship.

Cierra Clemons: Honor Grad, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Troy Dolphin: \$250.00 GNB Bank Scholarship, Bernie Saggau Award, \$400.00 MidWestOne Bank of Conrad Scholarship, Silver Cord Award, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award District VIII, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$500.00 Jill Fiscus Memorial Scholarship, \$800.00 Marshalltown Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,000.00 ISU Margaret Wiese Scholarship, \$1,500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$8,000.00 ISU Academic Recognition Award, \$10,000.00 ISU Cardinal Leadership Scholar Award.

Vanessa Drummer: \$250.00 BCLUW Education Association Scholarship, Silver Cord Awards, \$400.00 MidWestOne Bank of Conrad Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Dale & Dorothy Callaway Scholarship, \$750.00 DMACC Foundation Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Kendra Kleespie Scholarship.

Elizabeth Emley: \$200.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$500.00 Dale W. Smith Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Kristian Ferneau: \$500.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, ISBA Citizenship Award,

\$750.00 Jack Moore Memorial Technology Scholarship, Silver Cord Award, Honor Grad, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Alec Giesking: \$250.00 ICCA Scholarship, I Dare You Award, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Dare to Dream Education Grant.

Kaylee Goecke: \$250.00 BCLUW Sports Boosters, \$400.00 MidWestOne Bank of Conrad Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Talon Hala: \$200.00 Beaman Betterment Club Scholarship, \$250.00 Ricky Sanderson Memorial Scholarship, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$500.00 Elevate Advanced Manufacturing Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Courtney Hansen: \$200.00 Whitten Centennial Scholarship, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Jisy Higbee: \$200.00 Whitten Centennial Scholarship, Outstanding Attendance Award, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Calob Keller: \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$500.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Harris Kopsa Honor Grad.

Faithyna Leonard: \$250.00 Garland Mathis Memorial Scholarship, Silver Cord Award, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$3,000.00 Simpson Speech and Debate Scholarship, \$10,000.00 Simpson Theatre Scholarship - Honorary Inductee, Full Tuition, The Simpson Promise Scholarship.

Blacke Mann: \$400.00 MidWestOne Bank of Conrad Scholarship, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$500.00 Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Honor Grad,

\$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$3,000.00 Kirkwood Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship.

Logan Mann: \$500.00 Masonic Lodge Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$3,000.00 Kirkwood Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship.

Riley McDonald: \$200.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, \$450.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Ashley Moore: \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, \$200.00 Whitten Centennial Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$1,500.00 Art & Louise Bine Scholarship.

Lauren Mosher: \$200.00 3rd District Auxiliary Merit Award, Silver Cord Award, \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, Teacher Appreciation Award, Honor Grad, \$250.00 Marshall County Pork Producers, \$300.00 Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award District IV, \$500.00 Jack Pickard Memorial Scholarship, \$600.00 Jim Zehr Memorial Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Central Iowa Fair Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Iowa 4-H Foundation - Goering Communications, \$1,000.00 Marshall County & Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship, \$1,500.00 Art & Louise Bine Scholarship, \$1,500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$1,500.00 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation - Youth Beef Team Scholarship, \$1,800.00 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation - Beef Extravaganza Scholarship, \$2,000.00 National FFA - Rabo AgriFinance Scholarship, \$2,500.00 PEO STAR Scholarship.

Skylar Nelson: \$200.00 Music Booster Scholarship, \$450.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Sydney Oaks: \$500.00 Brittany Mann Memorial Scholarship, \$400.00 Mary Coulter Memorial Scholarship, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Gage Petty: \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,000.00 MCC Future Leader Scholarship.

Keegan Rhinehart: \$100.00 Oakwood Scholarship, 4x4 Award, \$250.00 BCLUW Sports Boosters, Honor Grad, \$400.00 MidWestOne Bank of Conrad Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Full Tuition, Clarke University Athletic/Academic Scholarship.

Eli Runge: \$400.00 Bill Cooper Memorial Scholarship, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Natalia Ryner: \$450.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Samantha Schleisman: \$400.00 Robert Schleisman Memorial Scholarship, \$500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

Gregory Schmitt: Honor Grad, \$1,000.00 Wm. H. Harrison Memorial Scholarship, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$1,400.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Kristen Selken: \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Silver Cord Award, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Don & Ada Vreeland Scholarship.

Melanie Selken: \$200.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000.00 The Original LaJames College Scholarship.

Samantha Snyder: Honor Grad, I Dare You Award.

Briana Teckenburg: \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, Silver

Cord Award, \$300.00 Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award District I, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$2,000.00 Hawkeye Community College Scholarship.

Connor Thompson: Honor Grad, Outstanding Attendance Award.

Mackenzie Trinkle: \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, KWWL Best of Class, \$300.00 Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award, Honor Grad, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award District I, \$500.00 Noel Fiscus Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Iowa Central Academic Valedictorian Housing Scholarship, \$1,500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, Full Tuition Iowa Central Presidential Valedictorian Scholarship.

Madison Trinkle: \$150.00 Robert & Bertha McWilliams Memorial Scholarship, Teacher Appreciation Award, \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, Honor Grad, \$200.00 Iowa Central Pre-Health Science Scholarship, \$300.00 Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award, \$300.00 Iowa Central Student Merit Scholarship, \$400.00 Iowa Central Academic Housing Scholarship, \$500.00 Heart of Iowa Award District I, \$500.00 Masonic Lodge Scholarship, \$800.00 Iowa Central Foundation Academic Scholarship, \$950.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, \$1,500.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Brooke Vry: \$200.00 Hardin County Savings Bank Ed Grant, Silver Cord Award, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship, Honor Grad, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

Bryant Williams: \$450.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

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Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 8:30 a.m. Worship Service	Untied Methodist Church Dan Ridnour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service	HOLLAND	New Hope Christian Church Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service Sundays 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium	Church of Christ The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunda School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	St. John Lutheran Church Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
APLINGTON				Union Community Church The Rev. Rick Schill Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Morning Worship	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Victoria Shepherd, Pastor 641-869-3992 Sundays 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Bethel Reformed Church 319-347-6219 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Mark Decker, Pastor 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	Colfax Center Presbyterian Robbie Grames, Pastor 319-824-5231 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (includes children's sermon, nursery available ages 0-3) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 6 p.m. Come-as-you-are Prayer Service	Redeemer Lutheran Church Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class	WELLSBURG	St. Peter's Country Church The Rev. Michael McLane, Pastor 563-581-2866 Sundays 8 a.m. Morning Worship
BANGOR		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	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	East Friesland Presbyterian Lynn Arends, Supply Pastor 641-847-2896 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship	Steamboat Rock Baptist Church 107 2nd St. Harrison Lippert, Pastor Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S. 11 a.m. Contemporary Service
BEAMAN		IVESTER	St. Mary Catholic Church Father Greg Bahl Saturday Masses 4:30 p.m. in English 6:30 p.m. in Spanish Sunday Masses 9 a.m. in English 11:30 a.m. in Spanish 5:00 p.m., Mass	Faith Presbyterian Church 641-847-3188 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	United Reformed Church Pastor Joel Wories 641-869-3633 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 7 p.m. Evening Worship
United Methodist Church 641-366-2142 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	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		PARKERSBURG	First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Steve Mulder, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	WHITTEN
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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	First Baptist Church (GARBC) Nathan Barkley, Pastor 319-824-3324 www.fbcgrundy.com office@fbcgrundy.com Sundays 9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group 10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., AWANA 7 p.m., Youth Group	LINCOLN	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	Reformed Church of Stout Stephen and Olga Shaffer, Pastors 319-346-1487 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	
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Fans watch as Maddie Poppe arrives at Reading Park in the American Idol limousine. (Chris Barragy/Mid-America Publishing photo)



"We love Maddie," a kid's sign reads. (Chris Barragy photo)



Maddie Poppe signs autographs for students.



Governor Reynolds and Speaker Upmeyer watch Poppe sing. (Chris Barragy photo)

From previous page

Poppe made it to the Top Three on American Idol Sunday evening with her performance of "I Told You So," by Carrie Underwood, and "God Only Knows," performed in tribute to her mother, Tonya.

"I've always been a huge fan of yours; you did it such justice; you're incredible," Judge Katy Perry said of Poppe's rendition of "God Only Knows."

Poppe will return to the stage next Sunday, May 20 for the American Idol finale with fellow Top 3 finishers Caleb Hutchinson and Gabby Barrett to vie for the American Idol crown.

"She is so humble and authentic; how can she not win?" Mary Johnson said of Poppe's chances.

High school principal Bob Saathoff said Poppe's hometown visit was one of the biggest things to ever happen in the community. It has been exciting for everyone.

"It's just unbelievable for a small community and their school, and for Maddie; you know, our hearts just go out to her constantly," Saathoff said. "She makes our hearts throb all the time, and she seems to be demonstrating more and more of her abilities all the time. It's extremely exciting for all of us, and really fun to watch."

For Saathoff, picking out a favorite of Poppe's songs is too difficult. Every time she sings a new song, it becomes a favorite.

"I heard her sing for the first time as a junior high student, and I said, boy, this gal really has a lot of talent. And I kept telling her, 'You're going to go places someday with your voice and your talent.' And I know her father was a big contributing factor there. Her mother being our guidance counselor is just a great person, and great family. I do look for good things for her, and I'm so happy, so overwhelmed that things have worked out for her and her family," Saathoff said.

Governor Reynolds was no less enthusiastic.

"I think she's a great representative of the best that Iowa has to offer, and I think I love how she's humble and kind and just confident, true to herself," Reynolds said. "I love how she really engages in her community. I think that's really positive too, so she's a great role model for young people."

Speaker of the House Linda Upmeyer also attended the event in Allison to recognize Poppe.

"I think she's fabulous," Upmeyer said. "We've been tweeting about her, and I got everybody in the legislature to download the app, so they could vote for her. ... We've been supporting her from the very beginning, and I'm su-

per excited that she made the final three."

At the concert, Poppe sang "Me and Bobby McGee," "Homeward Bound," "Brand New Key," original "Don't Ever Let Your Children Grow Up" and "Landslide," which Poppe chose when producers asked her to choose a song to dedicate to her hometown.

"I thought for a long time, 'What am I going to do?' I want to do something that's really special, and I thought I should sing the first song I ever sang in front of a crowd. And I know a lot of you were here for this first at the fine arts festival in Clarksville in the big gym. My sister asked me to do a duet with her, and I didn't want to, but then she ... brought me up there. I did it anyways, and I've never stopped singing since then..." Poppe said. "I couldn't even play guitar back then. I was singing to the track, and I was so nervous. And so that's why I picked this song to dedicate to you, and it's called Landslide."

Poppe said when she first auditioned for American Idol, she was worried that Idol would make her play songs she didn't want to play—that weren't her style. Instead, the whole nation has decided to love Poppe for who she is, and Poppe is grateful for the opportunity to play the songs she loves.

The performances were met

with thunderous applause.

"Honestly, guys, you put together such an awesome day. This really has been the best day of my life," Poppe said.

She thanked Jeff Kolb for organizing the event, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maifeld (who funded the concert), and her family and the community for their support.

"I love you all very much," Poppe said.

She also thanked the Butler County Fair Board for arranging for her to open for Diamond Rio the last time she was at the grandstand.

"They really believed in me, and I had never done something like that at the county fair, and so just to have that opportunity, even after I had failed in other things—they still believed in me enough to have me here, and so I think that's pretty cool," Poppe said.

Poppe's persistence in continuing with her musical dream after rejection on The Voice is one reason bystanders at the parade in Clarksville said they love Maddie.

"It's really incredible what one girl can do. I think she's an inspiration to a lot of kids. If you follow your dreams and work hard, you know anything can happen. So, I think it's awesome. For a small-town community, small town Iowa, it's huge," said county supervisor Greg Barnett.

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