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: Shelbey 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 Weldon

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DesMarias 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 Weldon.

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.



Thursday,

May 24, 2018

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.



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.

In school or at home, the



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



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



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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 ISBA Citizenship Award,

Scholarship, \$900.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship.

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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, \$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.

Jisv 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: \$ 5 0 0 . 0 0 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$500.00 Hometown Foods Scholarship, \$600.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

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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 Theathre Scholarship Honorary Inductee, Full Tuition, The Simpson Promise Scholarship.

B a k 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.

Ashlev 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.

Sydnie Oaks: \$ 5 0 0 . 0 0 Cord Award, \$300.00 Conrad Brittany Mann Memorial Scholarship, \$400.00 Mary Coulter Memorial Scholarship, \$650.00 BCLUW Foundation Scholarship, \$800.00 Freda B. & Wm. H. Smith Trust Scholarship.

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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 La'James College Scholarship.

Samantha Snyder: Honor Grad, I Dare You Award.

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

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.

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

9 a.m. Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

8:15 a.m. Sunday School

8 a.m. Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

& Bible Class

6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study

St. John Lutheran Church

Bruce Zimmerman, Pastor

Sundays

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Sundays

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Sundays

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Bryce Roskens, Associate Pastor 641-868-2456

Sundays

United Reformed Church

Pastor Joel Wories

641-869-3633

Sundays

Whitten Community Church

Jim Hartman, Pastor

Sundays

9 a.m. Worship, Children Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Fellowship Hour - No S.S.

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

7 p.m. Evening Worship

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11 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Albion United Methodist Church Cheryl Ridenour, Pastor Sundays 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 Ridnouer, 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

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

American Lutheran Church Luther Thoresen, Pastor 319-824-3557 www.alcgc.org

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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

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United Methodist Church

Jerry R. Miller, Pastor . 319-825-5408 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Celebration Wednesdays 5:15 p.m., Worship on Wednesday Meal - Wednesday School-Confirmation

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

HOLLAND

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

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 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 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

Liscomb Church of Christ Ralph Norman, Pastor 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 Czapla Saturdays 5 p.m. Vigil Sundays 8 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. Mass Thursdays 8:45 a.m. School Mass Fridays 7:30 a.m. Mass

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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

East Friesland Presbyterian Lynn Arends, Supply Pastor 641-847-2896 Sundays 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Faith Presbyterian Church 641-847-3188 Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

First Christian Reformed 641-869-3305 Steve Mulder, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Pleasant Valley Untied Methodist Dot Geersema, Pastor 641-869-3637 Sundays 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Reformed Church Sundays 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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American Idol hometown visit brings Maddie Poppe home to crowds



There has never been a day like Tuesday in Clarksville. Ask any long-time resident. Maddie Poppe's American Idol Hometown Visit was something truly out of the ordinary, with thousands descending upon the town and the neighboring community of Allison, which hosted the concert that culminated the day's events.

"Isn't it a great day to be an Iowan?" Governor Kim Reynolds asked from the stage at the Butler County Fairgrounds. "How proud are we to have Maddie representing the great state of Iowa? This is what I love about this state. We stand up, and we support our hometown heroes, and we watch people from all over the state pouring into this community to welcome Maddie home."

Reynolds announced she would sign a proclamation declaring Sunday Maddie Poppe Day statewide to encourage every Iowan to vote for Maddie Poppe.

"Let's all do our part and make sure we take her across the finish

line. She deserves it," Reynolds a little after 10 a.m., she arrived at said. "Just to say how proud we are of her, and I love the fact that she says to young people out there, if you dream big and work hard, anything is possible. And I believe that, and I believe that's the opportunity that exists in Iowa."

With the grandstand filled and thousands on the race track, some say the concert brought the most people the fairground has ever seen at one time.

Clarksville Mayor Val Swinton declared Tuesday Maddie Poppe Day in Clarksville in recognition of Poppe's talent, success and humble and gracious demeanor, which has contributed to community pride in Clarksville and brought the town into the national spotlight.

"They can go to a map and they know where Clarksville's at now. It's the home of Maddie Poppe," said councilman Kenneth Smith. Poppe was delighted by the declaration.

"I've always wanted a holiday!" she said, before attempting to announce a day free from school and work to laughter and applause.

But for Poppe herself, the day was a busy one. It started with a 6 a.m. appearance on television. At Clarksville schools, her alma mater, where she was surprised by her graduating class.

Fifth grade teacher Mary Johnson said students spent two days making signs and preparing for the visit.

"You could just feel the anticipation..." said fourth grade teacher Katelyn Shaver. "Some of my kids told me their hearts were racing so fast they were afraid it was going to stop beating."

At the school, Poppe spent time with the students, and American Idol filmed as students cheered and listened to Poppe sing.

Vocal director Jill Johnson led students in singing the Rainbow Connection for Poppe.

"You're making me cry. That was the most precious thing I've ever seen in my life," Poppe said. She recalled how the first time she sang in front of anyone was in that very gym in sixth grade.

"I couldn't play guitar, and I was just like shaking so badly," Poppe said. "I couldn't look at anybody, and I know Miss Johnson remembers."

Jill Johnson said she never imagined seeing one of her vocal students on American Idol.

"It's pretty amazing. I cry every time she sings," Jill Johnson said. "It's terrible; I can't go to any watching parties."

Judges have been amazed at Poppe's musical versatility for weeks, but band instructor John Sundet has the inside scoop on yet another instrument Poppe knows how to play quite well, but hasn't included in her American Idol repertoire yet.

"She was a great baritone player," Sundet said. "I don't see her playing that baritone anymore now."

It may be an understatement, but Maddie Poppe was never a problem child in music class.

"She's a lot of fun, very personable and very warm, not a problem at all," Sundet said with a smile.

Wednesday, students will enjoy a Maddie Poppe themed event at the Clarksville library, where they will enjoy Poppe's favorite treats: goldfish crackers, Oreos and lemonade.

It's the little things everyone knows about their neighbors in Clarksville that makes celebrating Maddie Poppe more special for everyone in the community.

Visitors love Maddie Poppe. Thousands came to share in the



Maddie Poppe met enthusiastic fans in Clarksville and Allison. (Chris Barragy photo)

celebrations. But the most diehard American Idol fans will never feel the same way about Maddie Poppe and her family as friends and neighbors do.

"I love Maddie. I've known her since she was a baby. I did daycare for her..." said Clarksville school board member Shelley Maiers. "They did so many videos growing up, she was always singing. We knew she would do well."

K-12 Principal Eric Eckerman remembers conversations with

Poppe about what she wanted to do in life.

"All she wanted to do is singwhy not? Follow your dreams..." Eckerman said. "I think she's telling not just the kids at Clarksville, but she's telling anybody, hey, you just got to be who you are. You don't have to be anybody else. You don't have to pretend to take on somebody else's persona. You just got to be yourself, and if you're true to yourself first, good things

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An estimated 8500 to 10,000 people enjoyed the concert. According to local organizer Jeff Kolb, Idol staff said it was the largest crowd for a hometown visit in at least the last nine seasons. (Chris Barragy photo)

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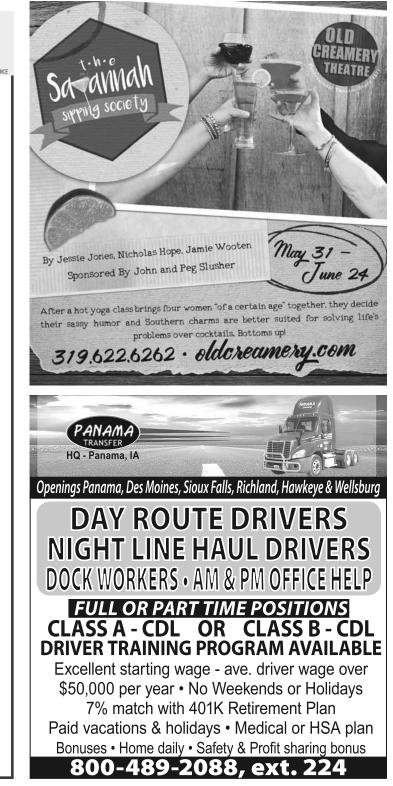
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"We love Maddie," a kid's sign reads. (Chris Barragy photo)

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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.

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.



Maddie Poppe signs autographs for students.

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 au-

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



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

Like Kyle Adams at Lodge Machine, who hung a huge banner from the business on Main Street, many people really like Poppe's humility and genuine, down-toearth personality.

"She's laid-back. She says she's petrified before she sings on stage, but she seems to be really a calm, nice person, but why wouldn't she be-from the little town of Clarksville?" said Betty Monaghan of Waverly.

Monaghan had her spot reserved on Main Street at least four hours before the parade began. The streets of Clarksville were packed with people to watch as the Clarksville marching band, students, emergency services vehicles and Poppe and her family drove the parade route.

At the parade, there were bystanders from Mason City, Cedar Falls, Dyersville, Sheffield, Fort Dodge, Pella, Charles City, Riceville, Manchester, Coggon and from as far away as Missouri and Minnesota

intended as a festival or a party, but as a celebration of the achievements of Clarksville's favorite daughter.

And what would Clarksville most like the world to know about Maddie Poppe?

"Maddie is Maddie. She has her own interests, and her own desires, and you're not going to change that," Principal Bob Saathoff said. "She's very strong minded, and I like that about her. She had a plan, and she followed through; and she never gave up on it. And that's what we encourage young people to do."

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'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."

Speaker of the House Linda Up-

meyer 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-

ditioned 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

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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 smalltown community, small town Iowa, it's huge," said county supervisor Greg Barnett.

"Most towns of any size would love to have something like this happen with one of their own. To have this in a town of 1400 is pretty amazing," local organizer Jeff Kolb said.

Kolb, along with a 22-member committee of dedicated locals, put together the event in about three days. The hometown visit wasn't

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