

## Take a Cruise Down Memory Lane

A look back through The Grundy Register  
Compiled by Amy Cleveland

### 10 Years Ago This Week 2015

• AGWSR senior Clay Meinders became his school's first-ever Drake Relays champion last Thursday with a herculean effort at the state's premier track and field meet. Meinders led throughout the competition and uncorked a career-best 59-foot, 5 1/2-inch effort on his final throw of the competition. Meinders won by more than 4 1/2 feet over Lisbon's Keegan Tritle, the same athlete who beat him in the last two Class 1A state meets.

• Donna Ramundt and Linda Rekward of GNB Bank present week one winner, Heronimus, Schmidt, Allen and Schroeder Law Office, with their coffee break.

• Peoples Savings Bank presented the Dike Elementary with "The ABC's of Saving Money" for Teach Children to Save Day. Tiffany Asche and Karla Meester from Peoples Savings Bank visited with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Luhring's Second-grade classes and taught a lesson to the students about saving for wants versus spending for needs.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "The Longest Ride" and "Home in 3D."

### 25 Years Ago This Week 2000

• Sunshine, temperatures approaching 70 F and ample advance preparation made conditions favorable for farmers throughout Grundy County to work in their fields Monday afternoon, April 24. Shown here is Mark Eilers planting corn in a field near his farm southwest of Holland.

• Emily Hendricks holds the bucket while son Dylan fills it with the chocolate goodies he found during Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt while Grandma Nancy Haren looks on.

• GNB vault teller Kim Lashbrook shows interested sixth graders "behind the scenes" of the teller line.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "Erin Brockovich."

### 50 Years Ago This Week 1975

• Star farmer of tomorrow Tim Haverkamp was awarded the Iowa Farmer Degree at the Iowa FFA leadership Conference in Sioux City last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tim, shown here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Haverkamp of Holland, is president of the Grundy Center FFA chapter. Only two percent of the state FFA membership is selected each year to receive the award.

• Bundled up to ward off the spring chill, City

### Grundy Center needs more places for teens

This is Maddie Oltman, and I think one of Grundy Center's main problems is our lack of spaces for the teens of Grundy Center.

Because if you're in the middle of summer and you want to hang out with your friends, we only have two options - the library and pool and not all kids have money to hang out at the pool, so that's why I think we need a teen hangout

Water Works Department employee Jim Copeman hoses down the interior of the municipal swimming pool in preparation for next month's scheduled opening. The parallel black lines are racing lanes painted on the bottom of the pool.

• The Grundy County Association of libraries met at the Dike Public Library last Monday. Board members, trustees and libraries of the six public libraries of Grundy County were in attendance. The six libraries were Grundy Center, Reinbeck, Wellsville, Beaman, Conrad and Dike.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "Swiss Family Robinson."

### 75 Years Ago This Week 1950

• With Betty Flickinger, county extension home economist, is Mrs. Mildred K. Wellman of Iowa State college, who presented a talk on "Women's Place in the Changing World"; Mrs. Eldon Rosene, of Madrid, who talked on the United Nations; Mrs. John Murdock, County Chairman; Mrs. Forrest Mullenix, County Citizenship Chairman and Miss Louise Murphy, County Nurse.

• A severe wind of twist proportions snapped a large tree in front of the J. Vanderwicken residence at about 6 p.m. Sunday. The tree narrowly missed crushing the house when it fell, damaging only the southeast corner of the residence.

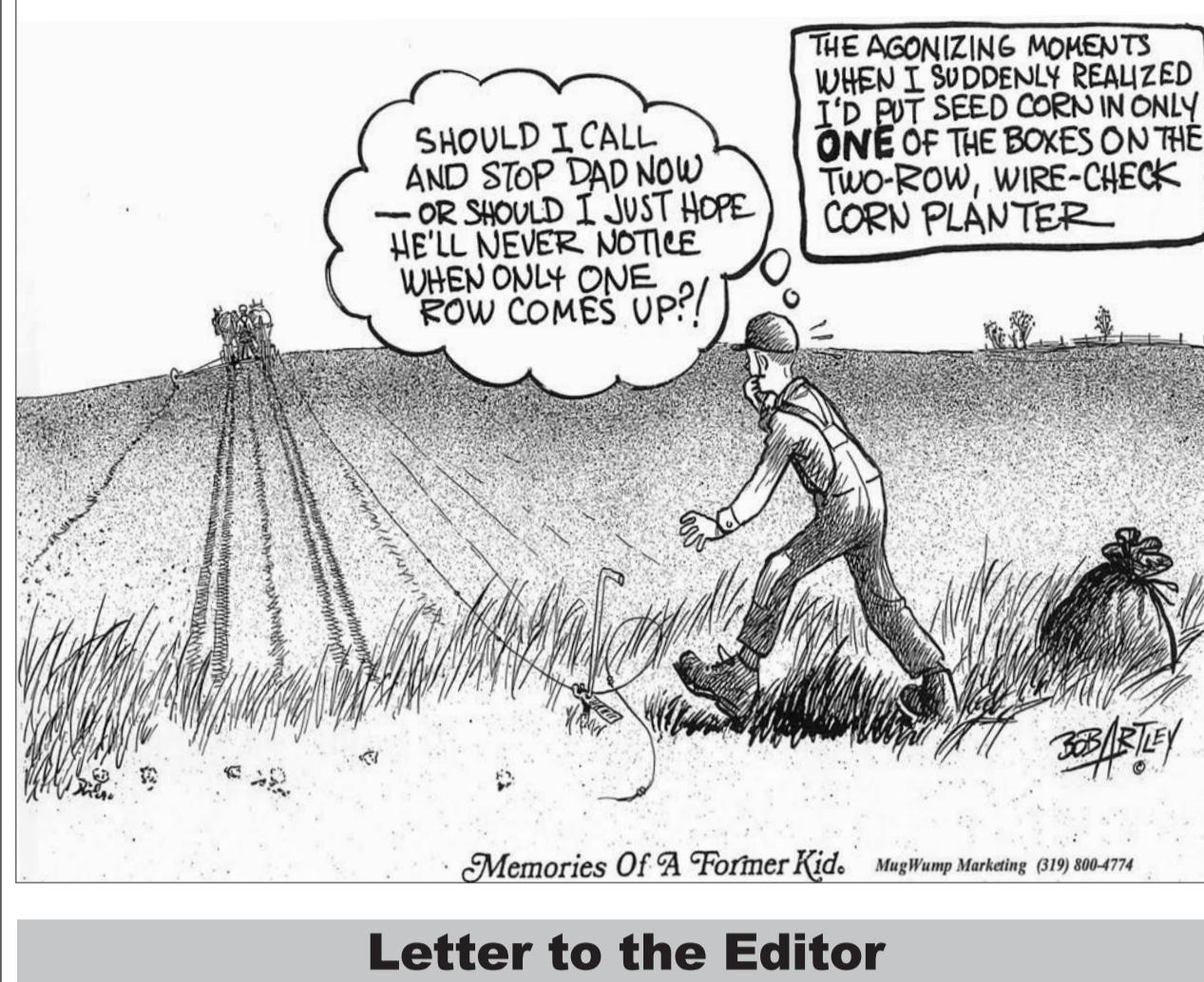
• There were eight bidders for the new bridge that will be constructed near the John Nelson farm north of Morrison. The Low bid for the bridge job was by Amos Melberry, Cedar Rapids. His price is \$21,864 and he was awarded the contract.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "Not Wanted", "Fighting Man of the Plains" and "Cry of the City."

spot. Also, I believe we need this because in the summer if you don't have enough money or your family is not in a position to pay for the pool how do you go there?

In conclusion this is why I think teens need a spot to hang out. Just for a little space or even for a day of fun to take your friends a little get away thank you for reading about my opinion

Maddie Oltman  
Grundy Center Middle School



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## Letter to the Editor

### We must protect SHIP

I am writing to emphasize the crucial role of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) in Grundy County, particularly for our seniors and individuals with disabilities. The significance of SHIP's work cannot be overstated, and we must come together to protect it.

In Iowa, SHIP is called the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). Regardless of the name, its mission remains clear: to empower individuals with the knowledge needed to navigate Medicare. Our community benefits from the essential services provided by SHIP, including educational sessions and personalized Medicare counseling at Grundy

Memorial Hospital. These resources empower our residents to make informed decisions about their Medicare coverage, resulting in improved health outcomes and reduced out-of-pocket costs.

The complexities of Medicare can leave many beneficiaries feeling overwhelmed. SHIP provides unbiased, one-on-one Medicare counseling to help seniors effectively navigate their benefits. By equipping them with the necessary information, SHIP enhances the quality of life and contributes to a healthier community, reducing hospital visits and demand for emergency care.

However, recent proposals to cut federal funding for SHIP pose a serious threat to these vital services. If funding

is reduced, our community risks losing an invaluable resource for those relying on Medicare. We must voice our support for continued SHIP funding to ensure our seniors receive the assistance they deserve.

I encourage you to recognize SHIP's vital role in our community, reach out to our local legislators and advocate for maintaining its funding. Your voice matters! To learn more about SHIP and its services, please visit [shiphelp.org](http://shiphelp.org). Together, we can help our older adults lead healthier, empowered lives.

Sincerely,  
Angela Bell  
Grundy Center

## Student Letters to the Editor

### Grundy Center needs an arcade

Dear Editor,

My name is Aadyn Barkley, and I think that Grundy Center should have a retro or normal arcade.

I think that the kids in this town do not have enough to do for non school activities. That is why I think that us kids (Middle school & High school) should have some sort of arcade. It could be a retro or modern day arcade. That is because I have been to an arcade with my siblings and we all have so

much fun. I also see other kids having fun. This also means that tourists coming through town could have their kids rest and have some fun.

So all I am asking is that the community of Grundy Center just think about including an arcade in the future of the town.

Thank you for reading about what I think could be fixed in this nice little town.

Sincerely,  
Aadyn Barkley  
Grundy Center Middle School

### Animal shelter needs to come to Grundy Center

Dear Editor,

Hi, my name is Analise Lopez. I think not having an animal shelter in Grundy Center is a problem.

I think having an animal shelter is better because, in Grundy Center there are a lot of animals that are stray and have nowhere to go during storms or even need to be saved, and plus they need to be checked if they are harmed, hurt or have bugs and if they do they need to help the animals and take care of them.

What I am asking you is

that if you made an animal shelter for the community that would be amazing so that all stray animals can be safe and cured if needed. So can you please build an animal shelter or something to help and save stray animals from abuse or even harm from other animals or storm accidents.

Thank you for letting me use your time wisely and tell you what is the problem in Grundy that I think needs to be changed.

Analise Lopez  
Grundy Center Middle School

### Grundy Center should have an arcade

Dear Editor,

I am Isaac Lang, and I think that Grundy Center should have an arcade because it currently does not have one.

I think we need to have an arcade because other than the movie theater, there is not really much to do around town. It should also have an arcade because it could attract more people to

the town and families would go with their children

All I ask is for the community to support adding an arcade to the town because it would make things a lot more fun around here.

Thanks for listening to me talk about reasons why Grundy Center should have an arcade.

Isaac Lang  
Grundy Center Middle School

### Grundy Center needs more walking paths

Dear Editor,

I am Caleb Wolfe, and I think that there should be more walking paths for the community of Grundy Center.

I believe that we should have and need more walking paths because sometimes you need to get out to exercise, move your body, or just to think and this would be the perfect way to do that. It would let people of all ages

to have the ability and space to walk, bike, roller blade, etc. I think the community of Grundy Center would really benefit from this.

All the community would have to do is to pave a walking path and then everyone could enjoy it.

To wrap it up, I think a walking path could be really beneficial. Thank you for your time.

Caleb Wolfe  
Grundy Center Middle School

thing. It would be nice to see the handicapped able to do things like play at the park, drink out of water fountains and be happy.

I want our community to respect everyone.

I hope that we can make our community a safer and more respected place.

Thank you for your time.

Lilly Despard  
Grundy Center Middle School

thing different, just something that all people can do like kids.

We need this change in Grundy Center because it's a better way to use downtown space.

I think it's just a better way to use up space. Instead of having a vape shop and 2 bars it is not sanitary.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope to hear from you soon.

Lexi Bender  
Grundy Center Middle School

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