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pulled out one run in the seventh as well, tying the game at 7-7 and sending them into overtime. One final run for the Chargers came in the eighth

inning, allowing them a narrow 7-6 win over Van Meter.

The Bulldogs end their season with a 15-3 conference record and a 12-3 record in their class, having lost only nine games this season. This loss snapped a six-game winning streak that began last week with the Bulldogs' win over ACGC.



Photos by Shannon Payne

Although the Bulldogs did not win at state this year, this was still an exciting year for the program as this marked their first trip to state since 2022, which was the final year of their run of four consecutive state championships. Van Meter's path to state included wins over Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (15-0), Roland-Story (6-5) and West Marshall (3-0).

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Fay Bond, 101, oldest athlete in The Games will compete on August 2 (Discus and Long Jump) and August 3 (Shot Put)

Iowa-connected stories

Don Phillips, 95, Super Senior Athlete: Went to veterinary school at Iowa State University and is excited to return to compete. He has been in the Top 10 in the world for his age group in multiple Track & Field events.

Kay Glynn, 72, World Record-Setting Pole Vaulter: Was an Iowa high school superstar and lived in Iowa for decades before moving to Missouri. She has overcome numerous health challenges and

keeps competing at the highest level.

Kristy Matthews, 52: Iowa native who burst onto the masters Track & Field scene a few years ago and has set multiple age group world records. She's excited to compete in her first National Senior Games in her home state.

Powerlifting | August 2 and 3, MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex

This is a new sport for the National Senior Games this year. The men compete on August 2 and the women compete on August 3.

Don Phillips, mentioned above, is also registered to compete in Powerlifting.

Faith O'Reilly, 82, Oldest Female Registered to Compete: Grew up in Des Moines and is a University of Iowa graduate.

Hunter Education program opens registration for fall

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers more than 200 hunter education courses each year, and now is the time to enroll before hunting seasons arrive.

Hunter education is a mandatory program designed to introduce students to firearms safety and several other life-long skills that are important to the many different types of outdoor recreational activities.


A person who is 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course will be issued a certificate which becomes valid on their 12th birthday.

Students may certify in several ways, such as the traditional classroom course or a hybrid on-line/field day course. Students 18 years of age and older may certify completely online with no field day requirement. For more information on course options, visit the Iowa DNR's Hunter Education & Safety page.


"Our courses are taught by volunteer instructors who are also hunters, so very few classes take place after mid-November," said Jamie Cook, program coordinator with the Iowa DNR. "Many new hunters, and parents of new hunters, tend to delay in finding a hunter education course until classes become unavailable. My advice is to check the website weekly."

To find a course and begin the registration process visit <https://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/EventsHome.aspx>

Hunter education is required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1972, in order to purchase a hunting license. Iowa recognizes hunter education certificates issued by another state and some foreign nations.



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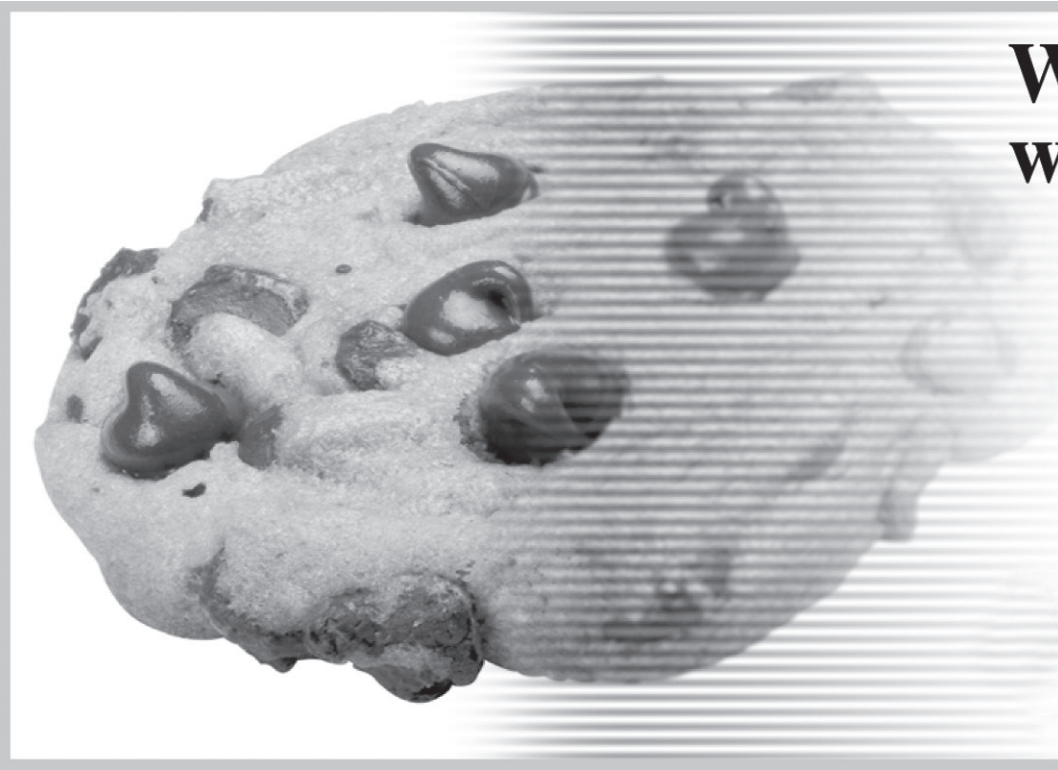
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