



LEFT: Teammates hoist Cassius Burnside (8) into the air after a big play Friday night.

ABOVE: Senior Keyin Steeve (4) goes airborne to make a play against Central Decatur. He made four catches on offense and two interceptions on defense in the game.

The weight is over: Wolverines snap 26-game skid with 33-18 win over CD

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Just more than three years of Friday nights without a victory came to an end for the Nodaway Valley/OM football program last Friday.

The Wolverines snapped a 26-game losing streak that began with the last game of the 2022 season with a big 33-18 victory at home over Central Decatur.

The Wolverines' defense came up big, coming up with eight takeaways in the game, while the offense was equally as impressive, posting nearly 400 yards of total offense.

Two of the turnovers directly resulted in points. The win set off a big celebration with the student section flooding the field. No one wanted to go home after this one.

"It was a clean game and we were proud of how we played," Nodaway Valley/OM head coach Jack West said. "We didn't let anything that didn't matter affect us. We did in Week 1 and we got penalized and lost the game. We talked and worked on that at practice this week and they did a million times better this week. That was what we were most proud of with the Week 1 to Week 2 jump."

West said that getting the victory was a great step for the program.

"It's been a while," he said. West said that he didn't get the feeling that the team as a whole was carrying a weight of the streak, but that consistent hard work helped stop it.

"Maybe some of the kids felt that way, but it was more happiness and joy. It was more of their work and commitment to do it the right way. Their work on the fundamentals and commitment to running what we are doing and the execution of the team was good. We stayed within ourselves and they bought into what we are selling," West said.

Despite numerous challenges during the losing streak, the Wolverines showed progress in West's first season last year, where they were only shut out once and had three contests where they scored 10 or more.

The 33 points in this game was the second most a Wolverine team has scored in the past 26 games. Nodaway Valley lost 36-34

at home to Panorama in the last game of the 2022 season.

Several players shared comments with Adair County Free Press photographer Dan Dickinson following the game.

Senior Keyin Steeve said the team has been working hard throughout the summer, so to break through with a win felt really good.

"We're really progressing as a team," Steeve said. "I really feel like we've come a long way."

After tearing his meniscus, senior Ashton Honnold didn't know if he'd be able to play his final prep football season.

"I'm so grateful to even be out on this field. It's an unreal feeling being able to go out there and finally win a game," Honnold said. "I'm so happy for all our team, our hard work and everything that has gone into this. I'm so proud of every single one of them."

Junior Caleb Christensen said he felt the team played as an entire unit and followed a good game plan, which paid off toward the win. He also credited an enthusiastic student section and fan base for sticking with the team and cheering them to the win.

"That's the first time I've heard [the stadium] like that," Christensen said. "It was awesome and really got us all pumped and brought us all together."

The Wolverines were impressive defensively with seven interceptions, which is believed to be a school record. Sophomore Titan Foster had three of them for 87 yards and Steeve made two for 54 yards. Junior Mason Payne returned an interception 70 yards to the house and senior Remington Woosley had an interception for three yards. Also, Honnold recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

Senior Titus Hamer was tackles leader with eight, while Christensen finished with 7.5 and Honnold with 6.5. The Wolverines made three sacks on the night, led by Christensen, Honnold and Lawson Jackson, and the team had eight tackles for loss, led by Hamer, Jackson, Woosley and senior Parker Schneider.

Offensively, NV/OM was fairly balanced, passing for 143 yards and rushing for 218. Foster passed for 143 yards on 11 completions with a touchdown, caught by Christensen,



Senior Titus Hamer eyes green grass in front of him on a run play in last Friday night's game against Central Decatur. Hamer ran the ball 29 times for 153 yards and a touchdown. He was also tackle leader for the team with eight stops.



Cheerleaders Haisley Zoubek and Edan Shilling cheer during Friday night's game against Central Decatur.

while rushing for 25 yards. Three receivers had at least three catches. Steeve and Woosley had four each and Christensen three.

In the run game, Hamer rushed 29 times for 153 yards. Sophomore Cassius Burnside ran nine times for 48 yards. Each ran for touchdowns.

NV/OM was the only team to score in the first quarter, leading 7-0 after the first quarter on a two-yard run from Hamer less than three minutes into the contest. The Cardinals scored early in the second

quarter on a 97-yard catch by Brody Hamilton from quarterback Asher Norman. The Wolverines led 13-6 at the half after Burnside made a 35-yard haul to the end zone.

Central Decatur scored twice in the third quarter — both on passing connections from Norman to Hamilton — which cut their deficit to 20-18 just before the start of the final quarter.

Payne's third-quarter Pick-6 paved the way for the Wolverines to be able to outscore Central Decatur

13-0 in the fourth quarter to secure the win. Honnold recovered a fumble in the end zone, brought about by a Foster interception on defense, and Foster connected with Christensen for an 8-yard score to finish the scoring.

The Wolverines turn their attention to fifth-ranked Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center (Radio Iowa) for a game this Friday in Guthrie Center. The Chargers are 2-0 with wins over Panorama and Southwest Valley.

The Chargers bring their run-heavy approach into the game. They've only passed once in their first two games. They have rushed for 724 yards and averaged 9.9 yards per carry. Senior trio Joe Crawford, Angel Martinez and Brexton Schneider lead the team offensively but six players have scored touchdowns.

Since 2018, these two teams have played four times with AC/GC winning all four. The last time the teams played was in the 2022 season. In three of the four games, AC/GC has scored 50 or more points. The Wolverines will return home the next week to host AHSTW for homecoming.

Dan Dickinson and Caleb Nelson contributed to this report.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORIENT-MACKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2025
The Orient-Macksburg School Board met in a special session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025 in a classroom by the office. Board President Jana Scott called the meeting to order. Board members present were Alex Maeder, Casey Osborne, Jana Scott, and Andrew Zellweger. Bo Geidel was absent. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Kruse by phone, and 0 visitors. Andrew Zellweger moved the board to approve the agenda. Alex Maeder seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 4-0.

Action Items:
Andrew Zellweger moved to Approve a Resolution Setting Date for September 8, 2025 as a Public Hearing for the Disposal of Vehicles and Equipment to Nodaway Valley at 5:30 p.m. Casey Osborne seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 4-0.

Andrew Zellweger moved to Approve a Resolution Setting Date for September 8, 2025 as a Public Hearing for the Disposal of Vehicles and Equipment to Winterset at 5:30 p.m. Casey Osborne seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 4-0.

The next regular board meeting and hearings is Monday, September 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Alex Maeder moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Andrew Zellweger. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR ADAIR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
TERESA K. MARCKMANN,
Deceased.

PROBATE NO. ESPR009846
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: All persons interested in the ESTATE OF TERESA K. MARCKMANN, Deceased, who died on or about August 31, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of September, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of TERESA K. MARCKMANN, deceased, bearing the date of the 13th day of May, 2025, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that TERRI SIMMONS was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING

John Boeck has applied for a building permit to build a permanent carport at 414 SE 4th St., Greenfield, Iowa St.

The Zoning Administrator is unable to approve the building permit because the rear setback would not be met by 20ft.

The Board of Adjustment has authority to grant this variance, and a public hearing has been set for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

All Property Owners with property within 200' of this property will be sent a letter advising them of their right to object. You may send a letter with objections to City Hall, 202 S 1st St. or email a letter of objection to cityhall@gmu-ia.com.

PUBLIC HEARING

Stephen Ehm has applied for a building permit to build a garage at 307 NE 3rd St., Greenfield Iowa St.

The Zoning Administrator is unable to approve the building permit because the east (rear) and north setbacks would not be within zoning regulations, requiring a variance of 123" on the north side, and a 16' variance on the east side.

The Board of Adjustment has authority to grant this variance, and a public hearing has been set for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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