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BLUE DEVILS' BRAYDON DOWLER (33) faces his Cerro Gordo/Bement opponent in the Feb. 16 Senior Night game. Villa Grove lost 61-47. *Photo by Go Time Sports Productions.* 



VILLA GROVE'S TEAGHAN HENDERSON (8) bumps the ball up in the semifinal game of the JHOC tourney. Areigha Hauversburk (11) and Aaliyah Williams (12) are ready for action. The Villa Grove seventh grade team would play Tuscola for the conference championship on Thursday, Feb. 16. *Photo by Sally McCarthy.* 



VILLA GROVE'S BAND performs during the Feb. 16 Senior Night. Photo by Go Time Sports Produc-



THE VILLA GROVE JR. HIGH volleyball seventh grade team played in the semifinals of the Jr. High Okaw Conference in Bement on Tuesday, February 14. Lily Wyant (29) bumps the ball up from the back row in the match against ALAH. Kenna Koeberlein (31) and Aaliyah Williams (29) watch Lily's hit. The seventh grade defeated the Knights in two very close, well played games, 25-20 and 26-24. *Photo by Sally McCarthy.* 



VILLA GROVE SEVENTH GRADER Kenna Koeberlein (31) sets the ball up from the back row. Teammates Maggi Clodfelder (15) and Lily Wyant (29) watch the hit. The girls were playing ALAH in the semifinals of the annual JHOC tourney which was held in Bement on February 14. Photo by Sally McCarthy.

## HOW THEY'RE DOING

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#### Villa Grove sports wrapup

By Tony Hooker

### Boy's Basketball

FDIC LENDER

Packed by Timberwolves
23 points off of 19 Villa
Grove turnovers spelled the
difference in Villa Grove's 5845 senior night loss to Okaw
Valley on February 14. Lukas
Shadwick hit 5 of 9 shots from
deep to finish with 17 points
for the Blue Devils. Peyton
Smith added 11 points and
Robert Fancher chipped in 11
points and 5 assists. Parker
Stevens dished out 7 dimes of



his own and Smith pilfered 2 steals for VGHS.

Bucked by Broncos

Peyton Smith had 14 points and 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Villa Grove fell to Cerro Gordo Bement 61-47. Turnovers were again the Blue Devils' bugaboo, as 24 VG miscues led to 28 CGB points. Kyler Williams chipped in 12 points and snared 6 rebounds, Lukas Shadwick reached double figures with 10, and Parker Stevens handed out 4 assists for VGHS.

#### Junior High Girls Volleyball

7th graders sweep their way to conference crown

VGJH 7th grade volleyball team swept through Cerro Gordo Bement and Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond by 2-0 scores before defeating Tuscola 25-17, 25-14 to claim the Junior High Okaw Conference title.

8th graders fall to CGB in

tourney opener
The Blue Devi

The Blue Devils battled, but fell in straight sets to host Cerro Gordo Bement JH in JHOC action.

VG Track and Field 3/3 Fri. 4 p.m. @ Charlesto 3/8 Wed. Uni High Armory Indoor TBA 3/11 Sat. @ Rantoul-Armory TBA 3/21 Tue. 4 p.m. @ Sullivan 3/24 Fri. @ Wesleyan 3/28 Tue. 4 p.m. @ Arcola 3/30 Thur. 4:30 @ Tuscola 4/7 Fri. 4 p.m. @ Arthur 4/13 Thur. HS BOYS @ Monticello 4/13 Thur. HS Girls @ Unity 4/21 Fri. 4 p.m. @ Tuscola 4/25 Tue. 4 p.m. @ Arthur 4/28 Fri. 4:30 p.m. Boys @ St. Joe; Girls @ Monticello 5/5 Fri. 2 p.m. @ Arcola 5/10-13 Girls IHSA Section TBA 5/17-20 Boys IHSA Sectional TBA 5/20-20 Girls IHSA State TBA 5/25-28 Boys IHSA State TBA



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