WBM opens Regional play with win, falls in Regional Quarterfinal

By Doug Dornath

West Bend-Mallard opened the 2026 Class 1A Regional Volleyball Tournament Oct. 19 with a 3-1 win at Bishop Garrigan in the first round then would lose in the Regional Quarterfinal round at Saint Ansgar 3-1 Oct. 21to end the 2026 at 14-13 overall.

Against the Golden Bears at Algona Oct. 19, WBM won the match by the scores of 25-19, 25-20, 15-25 and 25-10.

The Wolverines were 72-for-84 serving with nine aces in the win, led by Avery Weydert with her seven ace serves on a 22-for-26 effort. Scarlett Olson was 14-for-16 with an ace and Olivia Dickey was 7-for-9 with an ace. Julia Olson was 10-for-10 for wBM while Ellie Gerber was 8-for-10 and Rylee Jergens was 11-for-14 serving.

Gaia Ciardo led WBM in kills with 12 at Algona and Dickey was second on the team with 11. Gerber added eight kills, Scarlett Olson had seven and Lillian Hoover had three. Avery weydert led in assists with 34 and she had two kills.

Defensively, Scarlett Olson led in digs with 27 followed by Jergens with 17, Gerber with 15 and Weydert with nine. Dickey, Hoover and Gerber had two blocks each.

In the Regional Quarterfinals at Saint Ansgar Oct. 21, the Saints won the match 25-18, 21-25, 25-17 and 25-19.

West Bend-Mallard was 66-for-75 serving with four aces led by Weydert with two aces on her 10-for-13 effort. Dickey was 13-for-14 with an ace and Scarlett Olson was 11-for-12 with an ace. Julia Olson was 11-for-11, Gerber was 10-for-11 and Jergens was 11-for-14 serving.

Dickey led in kills with eight followed by Hoover and Julia Olson with seven each, Scarlett Olson had six kills and both Gerber and Weydert had three kills apiece. Weydert led in assists with 32.

Weydert led in digs with 18, Gerber added 15, Julia Olson had 13, Scarlett Olson had 10, Jergens had nine and Dickey added five.

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Palo Alto County Supervisors

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Aletha King, Zoning; Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Mike Wirtz, Julie Goebel.

Present on conference call: Dean Gunderson.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Linus Solberg, Chair, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for October 20, 2026, with addition of septic grants. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for October 13, 2026. Motion Carried.

Chad Quick, City of Altoona Economic Development Director, met with the Board by conference call.

The Board had questions regarding planning & zoning of data centers. Chad explained the data centers located in the City of Altoona. All companies build data centers differently and can be cooled by water or electricity.

Chad recommended reading University of Iowa data centers informational tools and to include definitions in an ordinance.

No committee Reports.

Sharon Neighbors was present for public comment and stated she was contacted by a reporter from the New York Times regarding the cancer rates in Iowa.

Julie Goebel was present for public comment and requested that the Board of Supervisors intervene in Phase 2 of the docket with the IUC regarding Summit Carbon pipeline. Julie presented a map of the Exhibit H parcels that are on Phase 2. Anne Quail, County Attorney, will gather information to intervene for next week's meeting.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve pay estimate no. 3 to B&B Farm Drainage for $120,933.90 for Drainage District 69 improvement project. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to appoint Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, and Bill Brown and Allen Stangl as reclassification commissioners for Drainage District No. 69. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to appoint Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, and Bill Brown and Nick Leuer as reclassification commissioners for Drainage District No. 62. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve $4,403.25 for completion of septic grant to Gerald Myers. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a septic grant application for Thad & Billie Jo Louwagie. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Linus Solberg, Chairman
Carmen Moser, Auditor 43.1

Upcoming Events
Emmetsburg Community Schools

Thursday, October 29, 2026
1 Hr. Early Dismissal
3:30 PM - P/T Conferences
4 PM - Marvel Rivals - Esports - Emmetsburg vs Boyer Valley @ Emmetsburg High School - ESports Arena

Friday, October 30, 2026
Teacher Comp Day (No School)
2:45 PM - V Boys XC - State Cross Country @ Lakeside Municipal Golf Course

Monday, November 2, 2026
Girls Wrestling (HS) Practice Starts
Girls Bowling (PAC) Practice Starts

Thursday, November 5, 2026
4 PM - Marvel Rivals - Esports vs Shenandoah @ Emmetsburg High School - ESports Arena
5 PM - Varsity - Girls Swimming & Diving - Waukee State Qualifying Diving Meet @ Waukee CSD Natatorium

Zinnel qualifies for 1A State XC Meet

By Doug Dornath

Freshman Easton Zinnel of West Bend-Mallard had qualified for the 2026 Class 1A Boys State Cross Country Meet and will compete in it Friday, Oct. 30 at 11:15 a.m. at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course at Fort Dodge. He qualified for State at the 2026 Class 1A State Qualfying Meet in Jewell Thursday, Oct. 22 as he was 11th overall in a time of 18 minutes, 18.14 seconds.

"I knew Easton had a chance at running well enough to qualify for the state cross country meet, but I knew it would not be easy," said WBM head coach Ben Hellman.. "Although it was not his best race, he still ran with guts near the end to put him in the spot needed to qualify. For a freshman, that is incredibly difficult to do which makes it all the more exciting. We will look to close out with one final race next Friday!"

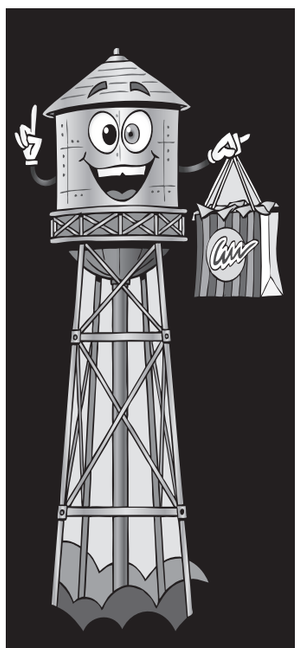
Teammate Bryson Kampen was 50th at Jewell with a time of 20:51.02 to end the season.

"I am incredibly proud of Bryson Kampen for how he ran today and the entire 2026 cross country season," said Hellman.. "He is an incredibly hard worker, and his ability to drop his time throughout the season is proof of that. He finished today with another career best time of 20:51 which is almost 3 minutes faster than where he was last year at the state qualifying meet. I have no doubt he will look to do something similar again next year for his senior year, and I look forward to it."

Ethan Benton of Ankeny Christian won the race at Jewell with a time of 16:45.31 as he led his team to a first place finish as they scored 35 team points. Ogden was second as a team in the boys division at Jewell with 75 points and host South Hamilton was third with 87.



EZXC 3032 ID = Easton Zinnel of the West Bend-Mallard varsity boys cross country team qualified for the 2026 Class 1A State Cross Country Meet as he earned his berth at the State Qualifying Meet in Jewell Oct. 22. (photo by Doug Dornath)



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Emmetsburg Catholic School

Lunch Menu

Menu may change due to shortages or delays in shipments.
Milk choices: 8 oz. 1% Skim and Chocolate Skim served daily.
Fresh or canned fruit and vegetables served with each meal.
Please call ahead by 9 a.m. if eating with your child.
Lunch prices: Adults $4.97 and Child $4.97 for visitors.

Thursday, October 29
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Bread Stick
Green Beans
Peaches

Friday, October 30
NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 2
Hamburger/Bun
Tater Wedges
Peaches
Rice Krispy Bar

Tuesday, November 3
Beef & Noodles
Peas/Carrots
Bread Slice
Apple Salad

Wednesday, November 4
Pork Chop Patty
Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Roll
Green Beans

Thursday, November 5
Chicken A-La King
BP Biscuit
Candied Carrots
Mixed Fruit

Breakfast MENU

Breakfast each day includes 8 oz. milk, 4 oz. orange or apple juice and fruit

Extra Cereal - $0.75 Yougurt - $0.75 Hard Boiled Eggs (2 pack) - $1.00
Extra Juice Cup - $0.40 Cereal/Nutri Grain Bar -

Thursday, October 29
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick
Syrup

Friday, October 30
NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 2
Donuts

Tuesday, November 3
Cheese Omelet/Toast
Sausage Link

Wednesday, November 4
French Toast/Syrup

Thursday, November 5
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Lunch MENU

Free & reduced meals are available to all students in the District.
Contact Diana Ayers for more information at 712-852-2966, ext. 206.
Due to shipping errors, we reserve the right to change the MENU WITHOUT NOTICE. Choice of white or chocolate milk offered each day.
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Extra Entree - $1.00 Extra Side - $0.75 Left Over Entree - $0.75
Extra milk - $0.45 Ranch Cup - $0.50

Thursday, October 29
Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun
Potato Wedges
Carrots
Applesauce

Friday, October 30
NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 2
Cheeseburger/Bun
Potato Wedges
Baked Beans
Warm Cinnamon Apples

Tuesday, November 3
Crispitos
Cheese Sauce
Tater Oles'
Peaches

Wednesday, November 4
Middle Choice (6 & 7)
French Toast
Sausage Links
Hashbrown
Pineapple/Orange Mix

Thursday, November 5
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Applesauce

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- Defended our constitutionally protected private property rights against the use of eminent domain
- Pro-Life & Pro-Family
- Defender of our 2nd Amendment Rights

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- Recognized 2024 Iowa Senate Republican Platform Champion with the highest number of votes aligned with the Iowa Republican Platform.
- Recognized 2026 Herbert Hoover Foundation for demonstrating uncommon service to Iowans beyond their legislative duties.
- Dave believes in Conservative Principle supporting Common Sense Policy
- 2026 committees served: Ways & Means (Vice Ch), Ethics (Ch), Commerce, Judiciary, HHS, Appropriations Admin & Regs Subcommittee (Vice Ch), Administrative Rules & Review (V Ch)
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