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In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorials be designated to the Kalleen A. Buchmeier Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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Kali dearly loved her family and friends and was a stranger to no one. She held a special love for her horses and she was active in the Poweshiek County and Marion County Fairs. She represented the GHS Class of 2011 as the president of the student body and recently spoke at the graduation commencement. Kali was actively involved in many activities and organizations including National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, All State Speech, Thespians, Michelle's Dance Academy, Off Broadway Dance, Tiger Paws, PALS, band, choir, debate team, Color Guard, Curtain Club, track, basketball, volleyball, and golf. She was a dedicated manager of the Grinnell High School football team and she recently worked at Gosselink's Gifts in Grinnell. Her other enjoyments were bow fishing, listening to music, hanging out with her friends, and smiling.

Kali is survived by her father, Steven Buchmeier of Kellogg; her mother, Sherry Buchmeier of Oakland Acres; her siblings, Heidi Noah of Woodward, Michael Philben of Grimes, and Jared Buchmeier of Oakland Acres; her paternal grandmother, Ann Buchmeier of Grinnell; her maternal grandparents, Marvin and Vivian Hiemstra of Knoxville; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Carl Buchmeier.

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Collision claims life on Hwy. 6 Tuesday

A tragic accident claimed the life of an 18-year-old Grinnell woman, Kalleen Ann Buchmeier, Tuesday evening, June 21, west of Grinnell.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Buchmeier was driving her 1997 Chevy Lumina south on East 125th St. North at a little before 6:30 p.m. on June 21 when she approached the intersection with Hwy. 6. East 125th St. North is a paved road four miles west of the Poweshiek-Jasper County line which connects Rock Creek Lake with Hwy. 6.

According to the patrol, Buchmeier did not yield at the stop sign for East 125th St. North and pulled onto Hwy. 6 in front of a 2002 Chevy Blazer being

driven west on the highway by Stan Ray Hopwood, 44, of Newton. Hopwood's Blazer struck Buchmeier's car on the driver's door. Both cars remained on the highway after the collision.

Hopwood was injured in the accident, according to the State Patrol report, which notes that Hopwood's family transported him for medical attention so the nature of his injuries was not assessed at the scene of the accident.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. The State Patrol credits seat belt use with saving Hopwood's life. No other occupants were reported in either car.



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The Herald-Register joins with fellow Grinnellians in mourning the loss of the vibrant spirit Kalleen Buchmeier brought to all she did. Kalleen was elected by the Class of 2011 to serve as its class president, and she also served as a manager of the varsity football team and danced with the Tiger Paws among the many activities in which she whole-heartedly participated.

GHS students have arranged a candlelight vigil and memorial on Thursday evening at 9 p.m. on the GHS Football Field at T.T. Cranny Field. Everyone is welcome to participate.

A funeral service for Kalleen will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 27, in the GHS gymnasium. Burial in Hazelwood Cemetery will follow the service.

A reception will be held after the committal at 3 p.m. Monday, June 27, in the GHS cafeteria. Volunteers who knew Kalleen have stepped forward to partner with the high school to host a reception with light refreshments at which all are welcome.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at the Smith Funeral Home. Kalleen's family will be present from 4 to 8 p.m. to greet friends.

GHS Principal Kevin Seney assures GHS students that counselors Jill Allen and Dan Keller are available to any students who would like to talk with them. The counselors can be contacted by calling the high school at 236-2720.

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