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Introducing the SHOT CLOCK

By Jenna Comes

For the 2022-2023 high school basketball season, the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and the Iowa High School Athletic Association introduced the 35 second shot clock to the game.

"I was very happy they added the shot clock to the game," said MVAOCOU girls head coach, Corey Dose. "It does change the end of games and prevents a team from stalling."

Sophomore Harry Spicer said the shot clock was something new to get use too. He added at the beginning of the season, the boys did some shot clock drill but not as much as the season has gone on.

For the girls, when sophomore Reagan Seuntjens found out about the shot clock she didn't think it would really affect them as they already play a fast tempo.

Coach Dose said, "We want to push the ball and get up more shots than the other team. We rarely notice it in a game until the fourth quarter."

The boys only notice the shot clock in "crunch time" when it is running down noted Harry.

Reagan said the girls have been using the shot clock more as the season as gone on to help with end of the game situations and how to use it to their advantage.

Coach Dose explained, "During practice we use the clock for many drills. We occasionally use the 35 second shot clock for end of game situations. If

we have the lead, we want to use that shot clock and get a solid look at the basket before shooting or getting to the free throw line."

He added all the schools seem to be transitioning well to using the shot clock and he thinks it's good for the game of basketball.

Dose said Iowa is only one of 10 states using the shot clock in the high school game including: California, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Washington. He could see that number increasing drastically over the next couple years.

Along with the addition of the shot clock is the addition of a volunteer to operate it during the game.

The shot clock is not required for the junior varsity games but MVAOCOU activities director Jordan Scholl said they like to run it for those games for the players to get used to.

"The shot clock isn't difficult to run but you have to have a knowledge of basketball," Scholl said.

The state provides a cheat sheet that Scholl has placed on the scores table and there is also educational videos through NFHS. Right now, David Kovarna and Amos Parr have been running the shot clock. They use the junior varsity games as a practice for the varsity games.

"There is a learning curve for everyone including the officials," Scholl said. "But overall I think the implementation of the shot clock have been good."

Schumann family received mail from 41 states

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there's kindness everywhere. There are very generous people who don't even know them."

Nearly a month and a half after they initially started receiving mail from all around the country, the Schumann family has had the opportunity to count them up and open them.

"We ended up receiving 167 cards," Crissa Schumann said. "Not to mention handmade gifts, gift cards, packages, coloring books. It was amazing."

Still receiving a couple of cards as recently as last week, mail ended up coming from 41 different states. Every time a card was opened, Schumann and her sons would find where it was on the map and place a dot to help keep track.

"It's been absolutely incredible," Schumann said. "The boys (Graysen, Hudson, and Samsen) have learned a lot of geography, they've learned a lot about the postal system, and they've learned that

One gentleman sent each of the boys a \$15 gift card to McDonald's, so the family celebrated by going to eat there and thanking the man as they enjoyed their meal.

A retired postal worker from Arizona made each of the boys a drawstring bag with their names on them. Each one had a different design that was specific to each child, and inside of each bag was a full-sized chocolate bar.

In the same package there was a card that said "For Momma," and there was an ornate wooden cross that the lady from Arizona had carved herself.

"She did it out of the kindness of her heart," Schumann said. "She didn't have to. No one had to do any of this... We're so grateful. It was such a neat experience. It's something we'll never ever forget."



Ricketts Community Club Leadership Award

The recipients of the 2022 Ricketts Community Club Leadership Award were Bruce and Carol Meyer.

Over the years of being residents of the Ricketts area, Bruce and Carol raised their children, both have volunteered on the Ricketts Fire Department, with Bruce currently serving as Fire Chief, and both are members of the Ricketts Community Club.

Bruce is also involved with the local American Legion, and Carol with the Legion Auxiliary.

They have and currently still serve a variety of positions at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Charter Oak.

The Ricketts Community Club would like to thank both for all that they have done and continue to do so for Ricketts' community



Bruce and Carol Meyer were recipients of the 2022 Ricketts Community Club Leadership Award. Also pictured, is the Ricketts Community Club Vice President, Jerry Jors.

Schleswig Basic Fund distributes funds



Schleswig Basic Fund met January 10 at the Schleswig Library and grant money totaling \$12,925.07 was distributed. Organizations that received funds were - Front Row: VFW Auxiliary #3930 Pam Gronau \$702.48; Schleswig Youth Rec Angie Wiebers \$743.81; Schleswig Pool Sarah Fineran \$867.45; Schleswig Community Building Tim Bubke \$859.32; and Schleswig Golf Course Jeff Thompson \$659.45. Back Row: Schleswig All School Alumni Kelli Rupert \$672.48; Under the Son Childcare Stacy Jepsen \$701.79; Trinity Lutheran Grant Cemetery Board Anne Abbe \$707.81; VFW Post 3930 Brandon Wigg \$873.28; Town Beautify Committee Danae Petersen \$641.49; Schleswig Library Trustees Richard Frederick \$722.12; Crossroads of Crawford County- Janette Clausen \$716.61; Schleswig School Foundation Wade Gurney \$744.88; Schleswig Business Club-Julie Teut \$880.23; Christmas Cheer Committee Sue Boland \$812.61; and Morgan Cemetery-Glenn Wigg \$874.21. Missing was Immanuel Lutheran Preschool Jessica Ogren \$745.05. The Basic Fund wants to thank everyone that supports this Community Organization. This organization helps the town grow with funding projects.