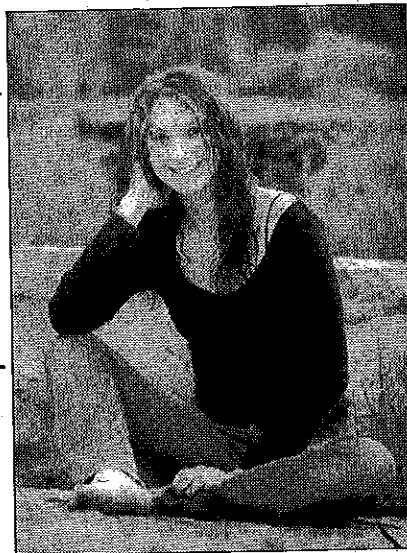


Collette Beach-Fiser



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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Collette Beach-Fiser Memorial Fund.

Collette was born April 21, 1992, in Iowa City, the daughter of Merle and Shannon Beach Fiser. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 2010 graduate of Grinnell High School. She later attended Iowa Valley Community College in Grinnell. She was employed as a foreman with Fiser Painting and as a manager at Dairy Queen in Grinnell.

Family, friends and faith were very important to Collette. She loved animals — particularly her three dogs, Daisy, Jack and Smokey, and her cat, Lucy — and volunteering at PALS. She enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, photography, riding on motorcycles, and traveling.

Among her most memorable road trips were traveling through the state of Florida with her dad, riding together on his bike, in the spring of 2010; driving to Tennessee with her mom and her siblings to visit her grandparents when she was only 16; and a trip to Ohio with friends for the purpose of riding the world's largest roller coaster. Collette will be remembered for her loyalty and honesty, and for her trusting of others.

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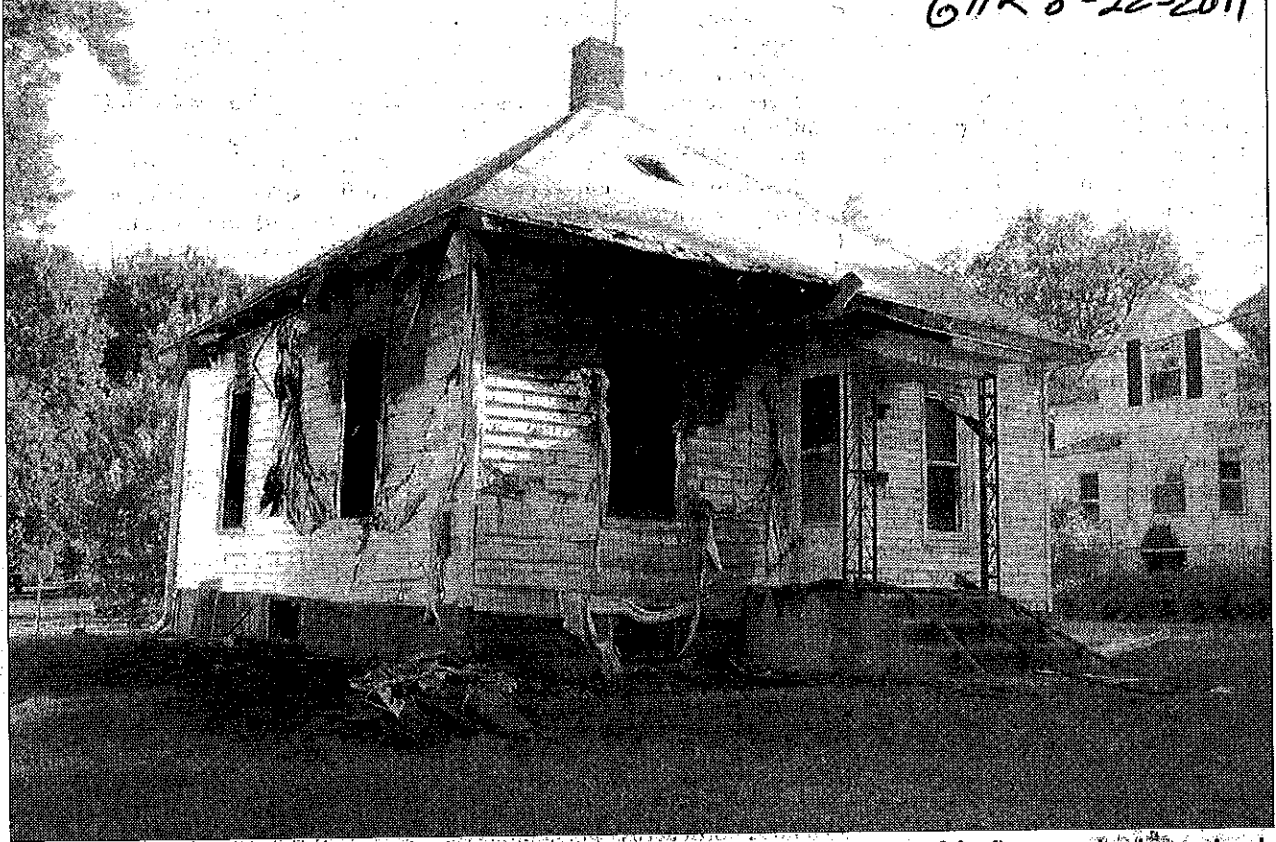
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CHR 8-22-2011



This small home at 1629 Third Ave. was savaged by fire shortly after 6 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19. Once firefighters had tamed the flames they discovered a body in the rubble. The cause of the fire yet to be determined, though officials indicated it did not appear to be suspicious in nature. The investigation continues.

Tragic early morning fire claims life here Friday

A catastrophic fire claimed the life of a Grinnell resident early Friday morning, Aug. 19. Grinnell police have identified the sole occupant of the residence as Collette Dianne Beach. Law enforcement and state medical examiner officials have declined to provide an identification of the fire victim until additional tests are completed. The Grinnell Police Department, the Grinnell Fire Department and the Iowa State Fire Marshall's Division are all investigating the fire whose cause has not been determined.

The Grinnell Fire Department received a call at 6:19 a.m. from a caller



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reporting a house fire at the single-family residence at 1629 Third Ave. in eastern Grinnell. The caller described seeing flames engulfing the structure.

"When firefighters arrived, they found the house fully engulfed in flames which took approximately an hour to extinguish. When firefighters entered the home, they found what Grinnell police describe as a "badly burned body."

An autopsy was performed Saturday, Aug. 20, by the State Medical Examiner's Office which has thus far not identified the victim. Grinnell Police are awaiting the results of additional tests that were performed on the body including toxicology results according to Grinnell Police Sgt. Chris Wray who is handling the investiga-

tion. The results from the additional tests could take up to several weeks or months to get back from the State Medical Examiners Office, according to Wray.

The preliminary results of the autopsy do not suggest any signs of foul play pertaining to the cause and manner of the victim's death, Wray adds. The cause of this fire is still undetermined according to Wray who notes that the investigation completed at the scene of the fire indicates that this fire was not suspicious in nature.

Grinnell Police continue to work closely with the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Grinnell Fire Department and the State Medical Examiners Office on this investigation.

16 Grinnell firefighters battled the early morning blaze, joined a little after 7 a.m. by the Gilman Fire Department which stands by at Grinnell fire scenes in case a rescue of firefighters is

necessary. The Gilman firefighters were released at about 7:45 when the blaze itself was out, and several Grinnell fire trucks returned to the Grinnell fire station around 8:30 a.m. Another truck was released from the scene at around 10:40, and the final truck left the scene at 1:30 p.m.