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WAPSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS:

**ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY
Ceremony**

**TUESDAY
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12:30PM**

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**LADIES
night**

**Thursday, Nov. 13 at the
Fairbank American Legion**

See LADIES, A4

4th grade Wapsie Valley student Grace Begley starts toy drive for local kids hospitals



This holiday season, Grace wants to do something special. She's learning that the true magic of Christmas is GIVING, so she's hosting her very own Toy Drive for local kids hospitals.

"I hope to make the kids smile when they open a new toy, book, or puzzle that they can take home when they feel better," said Grace.

See TOY, A3

Congrats to all Wapsie Valley fall athletes on a great season

BY MIRA SCHMITT-CASH
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Congratulations to all Wapsie Valley fall athletes. At press time, the Warrior volleyball and girls cross country teams were headed to state, and the football team was playing in the round of 16 and remained undefeated. Final season results will be in the December edition.

VOLLEYBALL AT STATE: The Wapsie Valley volleyball team earned passage to state volleyball Wednesday, Oct. 29 when they swept the Union Knights 3-0 in the Class 2A Region 6 final match at Cedar Falls High School (25-20, 25-12, 25-21).

The Warriors, with a 24-17 record and seeded No. 8, head into the 2A state quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 4, where they will face their conference rival, the No. 1 seed and returning state champions, Denver (47-1) at 2 p.m. on Court One at Xstream Arena in Coralville.

In the regional final against Union on Oct. 29, Wapsie's Taylor Buhr led



COURTESY PHOTO

Wapsie Valley volleyball team punches ticket to state volleyball.

kills with 19 (6.3 per set) of the team's 45. Taylor Schneider led with three block assists of the team's eight, and Espyn Decker led aces with three of the team's five.

FOOTBALL: The Wapsie Valley football team (9-0) was playing in the round of 16 on Halloween after

See WAPSIE, A15

A collection for kids, crafted by mom

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
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Christian and Leah Woods stand in front of their specially curated mural by Colorful Creations by Alicia of Sumner as they are mere days from opening The Mini Collective, Saturday at 10 a.m. at 301 Main Street East, Fairbank. The pair are excited to provide children's clothing that meets comfort and quality standards for families.

Finding clothing that fit just right for Leah Woods' son was paramount — an outfit that both brought him comfort and style that he could both relax and play in. The same went for her daughter, the mini fashionista at heart.

That idea where children's fashion meets comfort is her inspiration behind Fairbank's newest business, The Mini Collective, a boutique specializing in children's clothing (newborn to 7/8), toys, books and more.

"It's always been a dream of mine to open up a boutique, and then we thought about interiors, but I said with us having kids — we have two, an almost 4-year-old and a two-and-a-half-year-old and them I'm due at the end of October with our third baby," she said. "I've known with us being so removed from a big city, everything's online and

See KIDS, A8

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

In November we will begin routine review of city policies, job descriptions, and other routine administrative tasks. We will also be studying goals and future projects which help with the budget process. While this all sounds boring and mundane, it is important to complete and fall is a good time to complete these tasks. I will also be meeting with school officials and discussing shared city-school concerns.



ELECTION 2025: Three run unopposed in WV school election

BY TAYLOR NOHREBERG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

Three candidates will be running unopposed in the Wapsie Valley School Board election this November.

Those open seats are for wards 2, 3 and 5, which are the northwestern part of the WV school area (ward 2), the northeast (ward 3) and the ward 5 area that contains a portion of the City of Fairbank and the outskirts. A full ward map can be found at https://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/367408_3 and clicking on the top link.

Candidates Scott Broten, Jr. and Amy Becker are new runners and, if elected, will replace Brent Sauerbrei and Jeannie Wolfe, respectively, who are not seeking reelection.

Listed are the candidates and their information.

Scott Broten, Jr. Ward 2

"I graduated from Dunkerton High School and then obtained my bachelor's degree from University of Northern Iowa in Management Information Systems (a business major). My wife (Hailey) and I have lived in the Wapsie Valley School District for over 11 years now. We live a few miles NE of Readlyn and are actively involved in the Readlyn community. We have 3 kids that attend Readlyn Elementary and then we're the guardians for Hailey's brother, Tanner Bergmann, who also attends Wapsie Valley and is a senior this year. I'm a volunteer firefighter and EMT here in Readlyn where I



SCOTT BROTEN, JR.
Ward 2

hold multiple leadership positions as 1st Lieutenant, Treasurer, and the chairperson for a massive capital project aimed at helping us build a new emergency services building. I'm also involved with the Readlyn Community Club and a couple Bremer County level emergency services functions. I am also a volunteer coach for many of the sports my children are involved in.

I work as an IT Director at TruStage (formerly CUNA Mutual of Waverly) where I lead a sizable department of IT professionals that support our companies Wealth products and services. This position requires me to think strategically while putting plans in place for others to execute, managing staff and vendors, handling a multi-million dollar annual budget, and manage diverse inputs from multiple stakeholders in a gentle yet productive manner.

I understand the importance of our school systems and have a tremendous amount of respect and appreciation for everyone



ANGELA AUDEL
Ward 3

that helps within the education system. If I secure a spot on the Wapsie Valley School Board, I aim to help ensure the district remains a strong resource for our current and future students academically and athletically as well as a desired employer for teachers and supporting roles within the education system. I would be new to the school board but have knowledgeable resources who are actively on or were previous on the board that I know set the district up in a good spot and are willing to help bring me up to speed."

Angela Auel, Ward 3

"I have been very involved with Wapsie Valley Community School District for the past 15 years living in the district. I am the head coach for Wapsie Valley Archery and have two daughters that attend school at WV. I am currently finishing my first term as a school board member and hold the vice president position. In the past four years, we have worked on updating our JH/HS with a new HVAC system in



AMY BECKER
Ward 5

multiple classrooms, including the gym and auditorium. We have worked together as a board to deal with difficult decisions, and I believe we have created a safe and secure environment for our staff. Our teachers and employees are the most important asset that we have as they have the biggest impact on the students' Wapsie Valley experiences; they are not commodities. I will continue to bring an open mind and passion for providing the students with the best possible experience. I am excited to stay on for another term and see our next project to come to life, as we begin to work on a track at our school."

Amy Becker, Ward 5

What related experience do you expect will help you to govern? "I am hoping my business background, work experience and time in other school districts, from when we lived out of state, will help bring new and creative ideas to help solve concerns that are brought to the board."

What do you hope to accomplish by running (goals)? "I have no goal in mind, just to help ensure the Wapsie employees and community are well served."

What ongoing projects or issues do you hope to see through (plans)? "I am not aware of all the current projects going on in the community, but would like to learn more about the special education program and help ensure students are getting the services they need."



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Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Hosts 23rd Annual Fall Feast & Fundraiser

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation invites community members to attend the 23rd Annual Fall Feast & Fundraiser on Friday, November 21st, at the Fairbank Legion. This beloved annual event brings together families, friends, and supporters to celebrate and strengthen the Wapsie Valley community.

For more than 22 years, local volunteers, business owners, and residents have joined forces to invest in the success of Wapsie Valley students. Proceeds from the event directly support programs, teacher grants, and scholarships—helping to build a proud tradition of excellence within the district.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a meal prepared by Costas, followed by live music from Airyn Duffy. The auction kicks off at 7:00 p.m., featuring both live and silent items, along with a general raffle. Auction and raffle details can be found on the Foundation's Facebook page.

Community members or local busi-

nesses interested in contributing an auction item are encouraged to reach out to any WVEF board member by November 19th to coordinate their donation.

Those unable to attend can still contribute by donating by mail or online:

- Mail donations to: WVEF, PO Box 203, Fairbank, IA 50629
- Online donations: wapsievalleyschools.com/198355_2

Suggested contributions range from \$5 to \$50, with every dollar making a difference for Wapsie Valley students. The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of funds raised go directly toward student programs and scholarships. All donations are tax-deductible.

Join in supporting local education and be part of what makes Wapsie Valley strong!

For questions, contact the WVEF Board at (319) 269-7143 or visit the Foundation on Facebook for event updates and auction previews.

4th grade Wapsie Valley student Grace Begley starts toy drive for local kids hospitals

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Every toy donated will be given to children in area hospitals over the holidays and handed out to those spending the holiday season in hospitals. Every toy counts and we are so appreciative of every donation we receive this year.

How to help:

- Donate NEW Toys, books, puzzles,

stuffed animals, legos, playdough, color books and crayons.

- Drop off at local businesses starting November 10th where you see the flyer attached above. We will be setting out boxes wrapped in area businesses so you can donate in that location.

- Grace will be taking donations until Sunday, December 7th



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Music, inspiration and a surprise guest at Fairbank Elementary

A huge thank you to our PTO for allowing the staff and students at Fairbank Elementary the opportunity to listen and learn from Cory Greenwood and his phenomenal band. Students at Fairbank Elementary enjoyed a powerful and uplifting visit this week from motivational youth speaker Cory Greenwood, who has spent the past decade sharing his love of music and his story with schools across the country. Cory performs an impressive 100–200 shows each year, bringing both energy and encouragement to young audiences.

Originally from Rochester, Minnesota, Cory was inspired to pursue motivational speaking as a career when he saw a musical group perform during his own 7th grade year. That experience left such an impression that he has dedicated his life to inspiring students in the same way.

Cory's message during his visit was deeply personal. He explained that, as a child, he was "that kid"—often getting into trouble and making poor choices. But he quickly realized that the path he was on wasn't leading anywhere positive. Choosing music gave him a new direction, one that

has now allowed him to reach students across the country.

When asked about some lighthearted details, Cory admitted, "I feel like everything I do is silly." His favorite music includes "anything by Garth Brooks," and his favorite song to perform is the timeless hymn "Amazing Grace." Beyond music, he enjoys a good steak and appreciates visiting smaller schools, where he can connect more closely with students. As for his favorite school visit memory? Cory didn't hesitate: "Every visit is a favorite."

Adding to the excitement of the day, students were surprised to learn that Hanna Nicolaisen, a Top 20 finalist from American Idol Season 21 (2023), was also part of the performance. Hanna brought her own warmth and talent to the stage as the lead singer, making the event even more memorable.

The visit left a lasting impression on students and staff alike. With music, humor, and heartfelt storytelling, Cory reminded everyone that making positive choices matters—and that every day offers a new chance to take a better path. Thank you again PTO for this awesome opportunity!



COURTESY PHOTO

Cory Greenwood and surprise guest Hanna Nicolaisen (a top 20 finalist from American Idol) performed at Fairbank Elementary school.

LADIES

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VENDOR SHOW



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Celebration of Life

Anna Mae H. Wolfgram

May 26, 1939 - October 14, 2025

Anna Mae Henrietta (Laue) Wolfgram 86 of Fairbank passed away Tuesday October 14, 2025 at Allen Memorial Hospital. She was born May 26, 1939 in Maple Leaf (Elma) IA, the daughter of Herman and Clara (Stevenson) Laue. She graduated from Elma High School in 1957. Anna Mae was united in marriage to Darol Wolfgram on December 14, 1957. Darol passed away August 18, 1997.



Anna Mae and Darol had five children Bill, Lynette, Lisa, Teresa, and Emily. In 1968 Darol and Anna Mae moved to a farm outside of Fairbank and built an 800 head finishing house. Anna Mae spent most of her days taking care of the home and family in addition to bookkeeping and managing AH Wolfgram Distributing. Anna Mae was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and Aunt and enjoyed attending various events with her family. She was a long-time member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and St. John's Lutheran Church Dorcas Circle. She was also a member of the Community Club and Red Hat Society. In her earlier days she enjoyed finding and refinishing antiques. Anna Mae was a woman of strong faith and was a kind and caring person who loved her family dearly and rarely forgot a birthday.

Anna Mae is survived by four siblings: Alice Schroeder, Dale Laue, Gary Laue, and Sharon (Gary) Zajic. four children: Lynette Fuller (Mike Cox), Lisa (Mike) Greco, Teresa Shepherd, Emily (Greg) Kleinheksel. Daugher-In-Law: Kathie Wolfgram (Dion Galleger) and Son-In-Law Billy Shepherd. nine grandchildren: Laura (Josh) Murphy, Jason (Brittany) Fuller, Tyson (Amber) Fuller, Lacey (Abby) Wilken, Abby (Michael) Fischels, Anne (Aaron) Jay, Austin Shepherd, Hayley Kleinheksel, and Chloe Kleinheksel. 11 great- grandchildren: Monroe Murphy, Willa Murphy, Hunter Fuller, Leena Fuller, Addilyn Fuller, Bentley Annis, Baylee Annis, Jaelyn Wilken, and Taydem Fischels.

Anna Mae was preceded in death by her parents Herman and Clara Laue, her husband Darol Wolfgram, her siblings Maxine Friedrich, Linda Fogarty, Donna Fredericksen and Bill Laue, her son Bill Wolfgram, and son-in-law Greg Fuller.

Visitation took place on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank, Iowa as well as 9:30-10:30 AM prior to Monday service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank, Iowa.

Funeral Service took place at 10:30 AM, Monday October 20, 2025 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fairbank, Iowa.

Interment: Fairbank Cemetery, Fairbank.

Lunch was served following the service at the Fairbank American Legion.

Memorials can be made to the family for later designation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



CHELSEY WEEPIE
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67%
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turkey on
Thanksgiving

What's on your Thanksgiving plate?

A 2024 Economist/YouGov poll found that turkey continues to reign supreme on the Thanksgiving dinner table. When asked what they'll be eating at Thanksgiving dinner, 67 percent of poll participants indicated they plan to eat turkey, making it the most popular food to find its way onto the dinner table for this popular holiday. Additional staples also remain wildly popular among Thanksgiving celebrants, suggesting that food is among the more sacred Turkey Day traditions.



When asked what they plan to eat at Thanksgiving dinner this year, participants noted some easily recognizable favorites:

- 56% Mashed potatoes
- 55% Bread or rolls
- 54% Pie
- 51% Stuffing
- 51% Gravy
- 40% Green beans
- 39% Sweet potatoes
- 38% Cranberry sauce
- 33% Corn

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Buchanan County EMS Association would like to address some concerns we have heard regarding the EMS levy. The concern we have heard the most in recent weeks is why the Buchanan County Health Center tax does not go toward EMS. The hospital tax is used to support the hospital, who has never owned an ambulance as long as it has been the Buchanan County Health Center. They have their reasons that they do not want to own/operate an ambulance service and the County cannot force them to own/operate an ambulance service. They are governed by their Administration and their Board of Trustees. We have also heard people say that the hospital tax is too high. Simply put: the hospital does not want to own/operate an ambulance, they cannot be forced to own/operate an ambulance, and lowering the hospital tax does not equate to funding for EMS.

Secondly, we have heard some residents in the outer parts of the County asking why they should support the EMS levy if they are not in the district for the new ambulance. The key concept to understand with this is that in those areas there are First Responder Services. They are typically the first ones on scene and begin providing care long before the ambulance arrives. They are the backbone of EMS in Buchanan County and they are struggling. This includes Hazleton, Aurora, Stanley, Lamont, Rowley, Quasky, Winthrop, and Brandon. Several of these services only have 1 or 2 EMS responders. It is not uncommon to have no First Responder personnel available when you remember they also have full time jobs and families. That means that you could be waiting 5, 10, 20, and even 30 minutes before any EMS personnel arrive. How long can you hold your breath? How long until you bleed out? How long can you watch your family member suffer from a stroke while you wait? The First Responder Services need better staffing, better equipment, and better training so that no matter where you are in Buchanan County you know you will have the best chances for the best outcome. The EMS levy provides a funding source to address those issues.

Lastly, Jesup and Fairbank are unique as they have their own ambulance services. We have heard concerns from these areas about making sure that the taxes paid by residents in those districts goes back to support their ambulance service. The EMS Advisory Council agreed and recommended a 28E agreement between the County, Jesup, and Fairbank to make sure those ambulance services get their share of the funding. The Board of Supervisors worked with the County Attorney, Jesup Mayor and Attorney, and the Fairbank Mayor and Attorney to ensure the agreement was satisfactory for all parties. The Board of Supervisors approved the 28E agreement at their meeting on October 13th. This solidifies the way the funding is disbursed to make sure that Jesup and Fairbank Ambulances are supported since they have the same staffing, equipment, and training struggles but to a much high extent due to the equipment carried and the call volume.

We hope the residents of Buchanan County see why this levy is important for them, their family, and their friends. We hope they see how it will address the current issues and help address future issues, such as the declining amount of volunteers across Iowa and the nation. We also encourage anyone with questions or concerns to look through the levy website or reach out to their local EMS agency, the EMS Association, the EMS Advisory Council or the Board of Supervisors.

*Thank you,
Kevin Bodensteiner
EMS Division Chief
Fairbank Fire Department*

4-H ATOM BOMBERS



FROM THE DESK OF
ALIVIA WEEPIE

The October meeting of the Atom Bombers 4-H club met on October 12th at the IC Hall in Fairbank with 18 members and one guest present. The meeting was called to order by CeCe Sweeney at 5 o'clock. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elsie Weepie, roll call question was "this or that". Treasure report G When you go back to the library given by Kennly Happel. The next meeting will be November 9th at 5:00 pm.



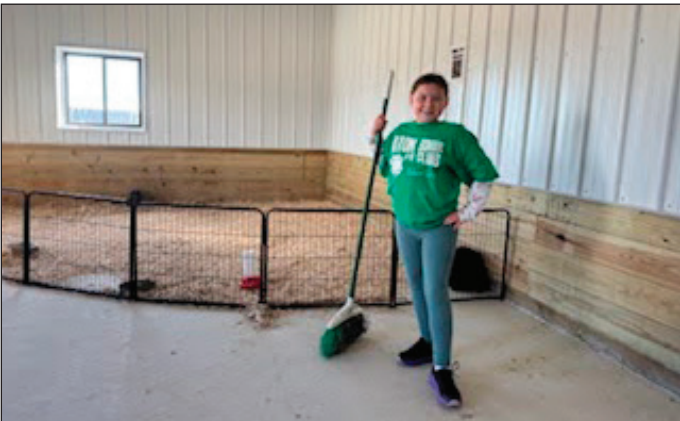
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New club officers for the 2025-2026 year. President, CeCe Sweeney, Vice President ,Morgan Jipson. Secretary, Charlie Sweeney, Treasurer, Kennly Happel, Reporter, Alivia Weepie, Photographer, Jensen Beck, and Flag person, Gavin Gross.



JENSEN BECK PHOTOS

Above left: Presentations given by JR and Jaimesyn Amling 'How to paint a fall sunset'. Above middle: Elsie Weepie, How to make Pineneedle soda pop. Above right: Elsie Weepie, Alivia Weepie, and Cambree Happel volunteer at Red Rock Farm.



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Above left: Finley Stammeyer volunteers at Red Rock Farm. Above right: Numerous club members donating, sorting, and hanging clothing donations to Helping Hands Clothing Closet, Kennly Happel, Jensen Beck, Alivia Weepie, Cambree Happel, Louis Beck, Elsie Weepie, Jayden Beck, and Gavin Gross.



JENSEN BECK PHOTOS

More Red Rock Farm photos, Above left: William and Leo Kempf. Above middle: Carson Sweeney and Charlie Sweeney. Above right: Kennly Happel, CeCe Sweeney, and Cora Wright.

Community Club planning Holiday Light Parade

The Fairbank Community Club is trying something new this year. The group plans on sponsoring a Holiday Lights Parade. The plans are in the beginning stage, but we wanted to get the word out so that you could plan to enter if you are interested.

The parade will take place on Wednesday evening, December 10th starting at 6:30 p.m. Those participating in the parade are asked to meet at the Catholic Church parking lot. The parade route is still in the planning, but it will probably depend on the weather. It will start out by going up Main Street, and hopefully we can go into some of the residential areas.

The parade is open to anyone with a vehicle that is decorated. We were planning on mostly golf carts, lawn tractors and side-by-sides, but we are also welcoming

cars & small trucks, or anything else you want to decorate. We would like to see lights on the entry, but it is not mandatory. Decorate however you like!

Santa has notified us that he will be coming to ride in the parade. The parade will end up at Parkview Assisted Living, so bring your kids down there to visit with Santa. The Wapsie Valley choir will be on hand singing carols and getting everyone in the holiday spirit.

We urge businesses, organizations, 4-H clubs, youth groups, families, etc. to all get involved. If it turns out well, it may become an annual event.

For more information, call: Jeanette Jones at 319-231-7771 or Kathy Risse (319) 635-2122.

Lydia Martins Elected to Membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Lydia Martins of Fairbank, Iowa, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Oklahoma State University.

Martins is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent

of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

Church + Services



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Worship Service: 9:15 AM



St. John Lutheran Church

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Pastor Grant Tapken
Worship Service: 10:00 AM



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Wednesday Mass: 8:30 AM
1st Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM



Lord of the Harvest

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Sunday Service: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 9:00 AM



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it's really hard for our 4-year-old boy. He's really texture sensitive and he's very particular about his clothes, so trying to find stuff that's stylish for a little boy that's comfortable that he can wear the entire season without having to buy multiples up on because of quality."

Saturday, Oct. 4, she welcomes the public for her grand opening at 10 a.m. at the shop at 301 Main Street East, Fairbank, to peruse her wares and visit the team at Mini Collective.

Leah is an asset manager working from home, but also an interior designer that assists families and businesses in decorating spaces or working with her husband, Christian, in build projects for that special design touch. Christian is part of the Woods Construction family business and has been instrumental in the design of the Mini Collective so that it's a place where families can enjoy shopping and the business feels like a shop from her native hometown of Des Moines.

"When he [Christian] said he was from a small town, I said oh, boy," she said, having been with her husband since 2017 after meeting at the University of Northern Iowa and has lived in Fairbank since that time.

Leah has worked in retail at a prom and bridal store in high school and college and said it's where she found her start in fashion. Becoming a parent has only emphasized that love as her children find their style and match mom's needs as well.

"I've always loved it, but then landed myself in the investment world, working from home, but always knew that this was a dream I wanted to do, and in the midst of all of our chaos, why not now?" she said.

A boutique nestled in Fairbank's downtown, customers walking into the business can see how it feels like a Des Moines shop: the industrial pipe clothing racks, various children's books and toys, a crafted mural by Colorful Creations by Alicia out of Sumner and a curated line of bath products good for children's skin.

The building The Mini Collective resides in once belonged to Woods' grandparents when they owned Fairbank's flooring store and then was purchased by Ron and Carol, Christian's parents, in 2024 in hope a retail business would set up shop. Thus, The Mini Collective was



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The Mini Collective offers various children's and baby goods right in Fairbank's downtown. From toys, clothes, and gifts, the Woods are excited to bring this opportunity to the many families in the area.

born.

Leah prides her business on the idea that touching and being able to interact with clothing, especially when it comes to children with sensitivities, is a major part of the buying process.

"If I'm struggling with it, I know other moms are, so that's how it started and now it's turned into a real like thing and we are so excited to share it with our community," she said.

The search for high quality, lasting clothing began the past six months with research, and while she admits there's been a learning curve into the wholesale world, she is excited to plan for next season's items and expand her selections while maintaining those unique selection options.

"The uniqueness in town — we live in such a small community that my sizing is limited, so it creates individuality for kids so each class doesn't show up wearing the same clothes," she added. "It's nice to create that individuality with the

kids so they have their own style too."

All items in The Mini Collective are intentional; items that Leah would see fit for her children are on the shelves because of the comfort, style and quality factors.

The business will have pop-up hours, to be found on their Facebook page at The Mini Collective, and hopes to host mommy and me events in the future.

"We have the space and it would be great that's something our community does not have right now," she added. "I was shocked when I moved to town how many young people stay here and then continues to have families, and it's great for the community.

This article ran in the Oelwein Daily Register on October 2, 2025.

THE MINI COLLECTIVE FACEBOOK PHOTO

Christian and Leah Woods children celebrate the official opening of The Mini Collective on Oct. 4.



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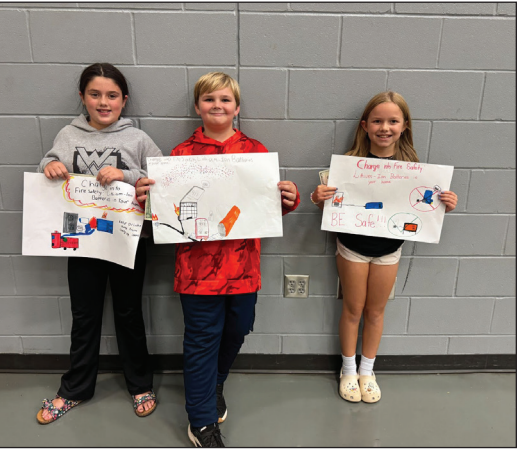
Fairbank Fire Department visits students for annual fire safety education

The Fairbank Fire Department once again visited our school to share valuable lessons on fire safety with our students. We truly treasure their time and dedication, knowing they are volunteers who give up their own precious hours to help educate our youth.

This year's theme was "Charge Into Fire Safety - Lithium Batteries in Your Home." Firefighters visited each classroom, teaching students about the importance of safely charging

electronic devices, creating safe escape routes, and having a family meeting place in the event of a fire. These lessons empower our students to make smart, safe decisions both at home and at school.

A highlight of the visit each year is the Fire Safety Poster Contest, where students use their creativity to spread awareness of the fire safety theme. Congratulations to this year's poster winners!



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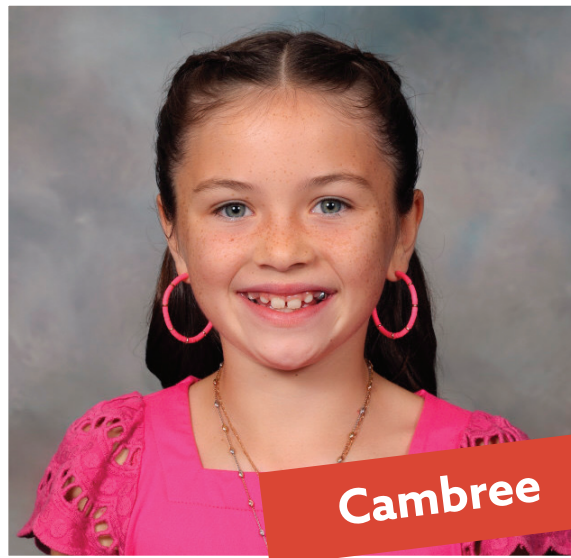
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Fairbank Elementary Student News



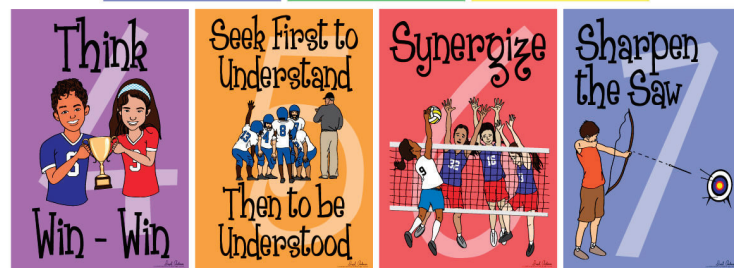
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Leader in Me

BY CAMBREE HAPPEL

Leader In Me is so fun! What is leader in me? You ask. "Leader in Me is a program that teaches students leadership and life skills, like being responsible, setting goals, and working with others, to help them succeed in school and in life." Leader In Me stands for everyone has a leader in themselves. Everyone has the ability to be a leader.

We have FF45 the first Friday of every month. During this time, fifth and sixth grade students facilitate three groups which consist of a leadership task that goes into their leadership binder, a fun activity, and a habit review. During this time, students are encouraged to engage in fun, learning opportunities that inspire leadership.



COURTESY PHOTO

Leader in Me program teaches students leadership and life skills.



Kasen

Meet Mrs. C.

BY KASEN MANGRICH

Meet Mrs. C.! Fairbank Elementary is lucky to have Mrs. C, also known as Mrs. Linda Cutsforth, as part of the team!

With 20 years of teaching experience, Mrs. C. continues to enjoy "interacting with kids and watching the light bulb click on." One important lesson she hopes students take away from her is that "it's okay to

make mistakes—just fix them and move on!"

Her favorite part about Fairbank Elementary? The people! She loves both her co-workers and the students.

Outside of school, Mrs. C stays busy with her family. She has three children—Ryan (40), Grace (23), and Emma (22)—and three grandchildren: Tate (4), Isla (2½), and Andi (6 months). Her household

also includes two pets: a dog named Mutt and a bearded dragon.

When she's not teaching, Mrs. C enjoys spending time outdoors, gardening, relaxing on her swing, sewing, and making memories with her grandkids. Her favorite snacks are chocolate and crackers. If she weren't an instructional associate, Mrs. C. says she'd be a stay at home grandma!



COURTESY PHOTO

Mrs. Linda Cutsforth



Jensen

Cub Scouts Pack 3039 Oct. report

BY JENSEN RECHKEMMER

A scout event has happened recently at Ingawanis. We started off the day by raising the American flag. We were each given a bag made of plastic bags and string. There were 6 stations and at each station we learned something and were given one of the six essentials. Snacks for when we are tired or hungry, sunscreen to protect us from the sun, whistles for when we get lost, flashlights for when it's dark, a water bottle for thirst and putting out a fire, and first aid kits

for when we have an injury.

Fairbank scouts headed to the 1st station of 6. We learned about packing food for possible scouting activities, such as lunch, camping, picnics, or hikes. We were each given a bag and had a choice of food to put in the bag as well as a choice of beef jerkey for our 1st of the six essentials. Next we headed to our 2nd station, where we learned about different trees, how to protect ourselves from the sun, and were given our 2nd of the six essentials: sunscreen. Afterwards, we headed to our 3rd

station where we got our 3rd essential, whistles. We also got to shoot BB guns and learn about S.A.W. which means Stop, answer, whistle. Then we went to our 4th station, where we got to use slingshots and received our 4th essential: flashlights. At our 5th station we learned how to start fires. Additionally, we learned fire safety and were given our 5th essential: water bottles. At our 6th and final station, we practiced medical situations and got our Last essential, a First Aid kit. Finally, we lowered the flag and went home.



Fairbank Elementary Student News

November happenings at the Fairbank Elementary

- 2nd grade is going to see a play called Stuntboy in the Meantime on Monday, November 10
- PTO items will be delivering items purchased on Tuesday, November 11
- On November 19 - NO SCHOOL for preschool
- On November 25, PK-3rd grade perform winter music concert at the WV High School
- On November 26, 27, 28 - NO SCHOOL



Cael

Pumpkin Torte

This delicious dessert takes time and patience to make, but is so worth the wait! Your family can enjoy a game of cards or putting a puzzle together to make the time go faster!

Step 1: Crust- mix and press in 9x13 oven-safe pan
24 graham crackers (crushed)
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter

Step 2: mix together the following and pour over crust- bake 20 min at 300 degrees (Cool this—we usually place in the refrigerator to cool down)
2 eggs-beaten
3/4 cup sugar
8 oz of softened cream cheese

Step 3: Place the following in-

gredients in a pan to cook over the stove-top (mix and cook until thickened—then remove from heat)

1 can of pumpkin (do NOT use fresh pumpkin- it will not set correctly)

3 egg Yolks (save the whites for the next step)
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp salt
1 TBSP cinnamon

Step 4: Dissolve, and mix together, add to the pumpkin mixture...cool

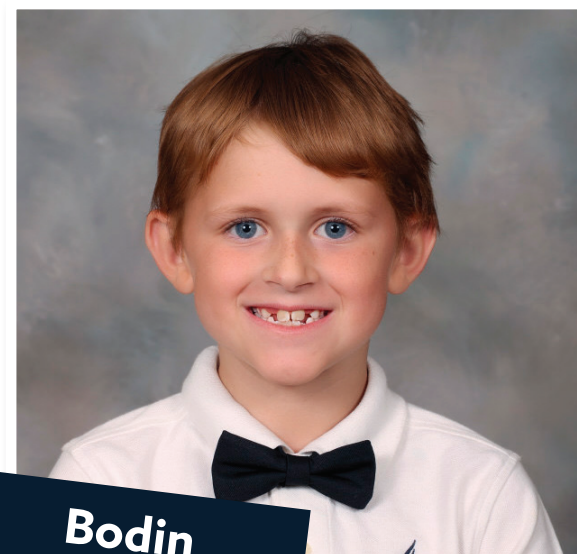
1 pkg plain knox gelatin
1/4 cup cold water

Step 5: Fold into the above mixture
3 egg whites
1/4 cup sugar

Step 6: Spread the pumpkin mixture over the cooled down crust, place in refrigerator to Cool

When cooled down, top with whipped cream or Cool Whip. Cut and enjoy! This is a very sweet treat, but SO delicious!

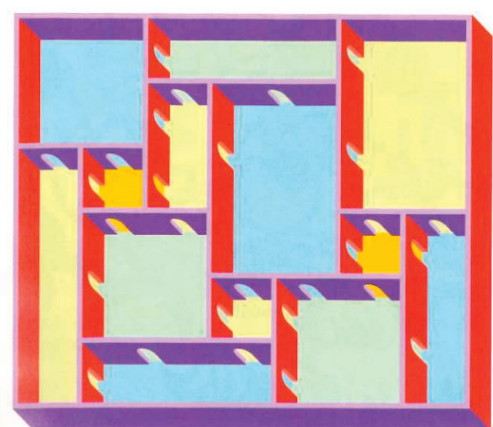
Submitted by Bodin Sander, he loves his mom's Pumpkin Torte.



Bodin

October jokes and puzzles

START at one of the orange rooms, go through doorways to visit every room just once, and end in the other orange room. You must alternate passing through red and purple walls. Start with either color.



HINT: Start in the orange room on the left and move right.

FILL EACH GRID so every row, column, and colored region contains one of each number 1 to 6. The marked diagonal must also contain one of each number 1 to 6.



HINT: In the top puzzle, the star must be a 5 because every other number appears in the same row, column, or region. In the bottom puzzle, the star must be a 2 because every other number appears in the same row, column, or region.

BY JACE WILLWERTH

Knock knock (who's there?) Zeke. (Zeke who?) Zeke and you will find out

Knock knock (who's there) needle (needle who?) I need little help getting this door open

Knock knock (who's there) launch. (launch who?) Can we stop for launch yet?

Knock knock (who's there?) Anita (Anita who?) Anita pull over and use the bathroom!

Knock knock (whos there? Tank. (tank who?) Your welcome!



Jace

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WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL CORNER



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SUPERINTENDENT

Wapsie Valley Celebrates Weeks of Athletic and Academic Excellence

state meet after a strong performance at regionals. The team's balance and consistency helped them secure their place among Iowa's elite. The state meet will cap off a season defined by teamwork, determination, and steady improvement throughout the fall.

Adding to the excitement, the Wapsie Valley volleyball team has also punched its ticket to the state tournament. The Warriors' thrilling postseason run has been marked by standout defense, powerful hitting, and a never-quit attitude that's carried them through tough matchups. Fans and families have turned out in full force,

filling gyms and showing pride in the team's accomplishments.

Meanwhile, the Wapsie Valley football team continues its strong playoff push. The Warriors have battled their way through a tough postseason bracket, showing grit on both sides of the ball. With each win, hopes remain high that this squad can make a deep run toward the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

It's not just athletics drawing applause. Readlyn Elementary has again received statewide recognition for educational excellence. For the second consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report ranked Readlyn



as the No. 3 Elementary School in Iowa. The award highlights the dedication of teachers, staff, students, and families who make academics a top priority in the district.

From classrooms to competition fields, Wapsie Valley con-

tinues to set the standard for excellence. Whether through athletic teamwork or academic achievement, the Warrior spirit is shining brighter than ever this fall.

*With Warrior Pride-
Superintendent Chris Hoover*

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Happy National Friends of the Library Week!

I'm super excited to announce that we have started up a Fairbank Friends of the Library Group!

I would also like to acknowledge Samantha McCombs, Christy Kayser, Megan Stammeyer and Kari Kamp for joining me on this journey.

The Fairbank Public Library is having a
Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser
again this year on November 12th.
The fundraiser will run through December 12th at 4pm.

Gift baskets, along with who donated the items, will be displayed throughout the Library and a Silent Auction will be held.

We will also have all the baskets on display on Thursday, November 13th at the Fairbank Legion for "Ladies Night Out!"



We will be raising money
for new materials and programming for the Library.

We are looking for local businesses to put together theme baskets or gift certificates/cards for the silent auction. We greatly appreciate the items you have donated in the past.

If you wish to donate again this year, please have the items dropped off at the Library by November 12th.

Thank you for your support of the Fairbank Public Library!

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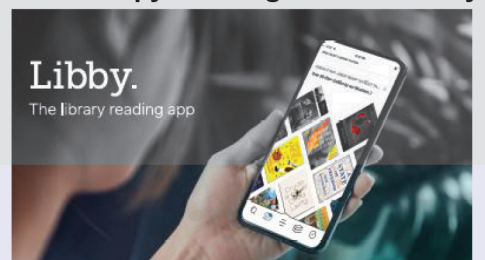
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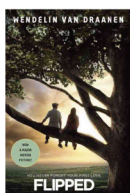
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Fairbank elementary students visit Red Rock Farms

A big thank you to our amazing PTO for providing Fairbank Elementary students, K-6, with a wonderful field trip to Red Rock Farms! Students had an unforgettable experience exploring all that Red Rock has to offer. They loved seeing the many animals and enjoying the fun fall activities throughout the farm.

We are so grateful for our PTO's continued support in giving our students memorable learning experiences outside the classroom. Thank you for making this fall adventure possible!



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday September 22, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Erickson/Gruetzmacher to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: September 8th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

There was no one present for the informal public comment section.

The house was removed at 506 Patterson Street during the past week. Everything went very well and there were just a few stumps left to clean up. The council all agreed that it would be best to sell the lot for future development. Catherine Street runs north and south on the east side of the property. It has never been a street, and it was discussed to possibly vacate the street and divide equally to the surrounding properties leaving an easement for a sewer main. The attorney said she would start gathering information for everyone about starting that process. More information will be discussed, set, and passed at future meetings.

Attorney Prendergast stated that the final draft of the proposed 28E agreement regarding the EMS Tax Levy was a good, finished product. One thing to note is that the agreement cannot bind any future council or supervisors. Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the proposed 28E agreement regarding the EMS Tax Levy and to approve execution by the mayor. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mayor Kayser wanted to discuss the yard waste area. He explained that the original use of the current location was acquired for a campground, and he was thinking the yard waste area needed to be moved. Since the yard waste area is finally running smoothly and the campground project is years away, it was thought for now to keep it where it is located currently.

Williams/Erickson to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Friday October 31st, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. If there are school events the evening of October 31st then the make-up day will be Saturday November 1st from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

During the council/mayor reports, Councilwoman Erickson stated that the inside portion of the fence located at the Fairbank Cemetery was in bad shape. Not sure if it was hit by the lawn mowing company. That will be investigated.

During the department reports, Nick discussed the power outage from Friday night with the council. A porcelain cutout broke, and a spark started the top of the pole on fire. The town was back up and running fast given the situation. He also stated that they would be finishing up Christian's Trail later in the week and that the IUC's Natural Gas inspection brought back zero violations. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that he was asked to ask the council why the council meetings weren't recorded because the individuals would like to watch them.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

Congrats to all Wapsie Valley fall athletes on a great season



Wapsie Valley girls qualified as a team for state cross country.



Wapsie Valley football team.

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cruising through the first round of the post season at home on Oct. 24 by beating the 3-6 Starmont Stars by 50-3.

The Warriors were hosting the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats Friday, Oct. 31, in the round of 16 as of press time. The Wildcats lost to the Warriors during the regular season 27-16 in September.

Wapsie Valley offensive stats

Passing: Caleb Hogan, 4/13 – 70 yards, 2 TDs.

Rushing: Hunter Curley, 19 – 240 yards, 3 TDs; Cadyn Dana, 8 – 75 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving: Carter Kaufman, 1 – 21 yards, 1 TD; Wally Kaufman 1 – 21 yards, 1 TD.

Defensive:

Tackling: Hayden Ryherd, 6.5, 4 solo, 1 TFL (leader)

CROSS COUNTRY: The Wapsie Valley girls qualified as a team for state cross country. With all five point-scoring runners finishing in the top 25, the Warrior girls finished with a total of 69 points, 31 behind the first-place Sumner-Fredericksburg, and 14 ahead of Maquoketa Valley.

Adalynn Kane finished sixth overall with a time of 20:34.29, which means she also qualified individually with a top-10 finish. Ava Meyer finished second on the team with a time of 21:22.49. To finish the team scoring, Brinley Boehme, Adelynn Wierck and Maya Barnes finished in 23rd, 24th, and 25th respectively and all clocked in the low 22-minute range.

The class 1A girls state meet was set to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday October 13, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: September 22nd Regular City Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report for September 2025, Approval of City Clerk and Deputy Clerk's Attendance at IMFOA Fall Conference October 15th – 17th, and the payment of bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Treasurers Report for the Month of September 2025: Revenues - General, \$36,397.33; Special Revenue, \$36,835.72; TIF, \$5,722.87; Capital Projects, \$984,993.67; Permanent Funds, \$18.70; Proprietary, \$194,881.81; and Transfers In, \$4,573,473.34. Disbursements - General, \$37,307.13; Special Revenue, \$153,479.72; Proprietary, \$176,061.63; Capital Projects, \$2,264,687.65; and Transfers Out, \$4,573,473.34. Balance on hand at close of business on September 30, 2025 was \$4,375,585.62.

During the informal public comment section, Jeannette Jones and Kathy Risse were present on behalf of the Fairbank Community Club. They are wanting to start a new event of a Holiday Lighted Parade on December 10th with Santa at the end and the parade would stop at the Fairbank Assisted Living for them to enjoy as well. The council liked the idea and if needed will discuss and approve it at a future meeting. Mike Pint was also present to discuss a concern/complaint that he had regarding a tree that is located across from his property that is a big walnut tree and is very messy. Mayor Kayser said that he would look at it along with Nick Kuker. No one was present at that moment, regarding the city project picked by the Jesup Caps Program.

Mayor Kayser felt that it was important to get everyone's job descriptions updated and approved by the council. The first drafts for all full-time positions and the police department were reviewed. Williams/T. Woods to table until more information can be reviewed. Motion carried.

The DNR visited with Nick regarding the yard waste area that past week. So far, she liked what she seen but the city will have to figure out what to do with the pile of tree limbs and tree debris that is there right now. Williams/T. Woods to table and in the meantime review options like hauling away or wood chipping. Motion carried.

Plans for the sidewalk area in front of the 1897 Café building were discussed. The city engineer, Jon Beiederman with Fehr Graham, told Mayor Kayser that the sidewalk today is fully compliant with all sidewalk requirements and regulations. The council felt that even though that was stated, they needed to do something about the area. Williams/T. Woods to remove a portion of the sidewalk and repair it by adding a slope down to the road with railings. The railing could be removable for snow removal etc. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the sidewalk removal application submitted by Nick on behalf of the city for a portion of city owned sidewalk along the East side of South Second Street that is in an alley and currently has no other sidewalk connecting around it. Motion carried.

Maggie Burger with Speer Financial, Inc. submitted the 2025 TIF report and city debt reports to the council. She could not attend in person. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to accept the report. Motion carried.

During the department reports, Nick stated that six of the new units in Oelwein were using gas so the painters could work meaning they are fully up and running and buying gas from the city. The Public Works employees were able to install at Riverside Park the new bench donation from the family of Jeanne Hermesen. Also, Hayden Hilsenbeck completed his eagle scouts project and installed the bench along Main Street East by the Fairbank Post Office. The Christian's Trail project is almost done, and they pulled the well at the ball diamond that day and that project would be finished up the next day. Nick also explained to the council that the monthly water test for the month of August did not get taken in and due to that letters will need to be sent to everyone in town. The letters will explain that during those days of the missed tests, the water quality cannot be tracked

but he did inform the council that all tests before and after were consistent with all other tests that pass requirements. After the power outage that past week, he had thought of some ways to get a portion of the town up and running faster than he was able to. He said he would try and get some quotes for the council to review at the next meeting. Allison Brown from the Jesup Caps Program arrived at 6:57 pm. She explained to the council that she is interested in pursuing data science/engineering after graduation and that she was interested in creating a digital record keeping system for the city cemetery. She stated that she would be using the same GIS system that the city currently uses and she had been set up with a login and password with only cemetery map access to make updates and changes. She also stated that she could make a map layer that would be for veterans so that they could easily be pointed out. The council thought it was a great idea and thanked her for coming.

During the council/mayor comments, Mayor Kayser informed the council that the city was chosen for a right-of-way audit regarding the sidewalk project along Fourth Street North. There were a few suggestions for this project and some to take away for any future projects. Attorney Prendergast stated that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors approved the 28E agreement regarding the EMS Tax Levy that will be on the ballot for Buchanan County residents in November. There were some updates to the previous 28E agreement the council approved so there will be a resolution at the next meeting to revoke that one and then approve the final copy. She also stated that there should be information ready at the next meeting to set the public hearings needed regarding vacating a portion of Catherine Street and the sale of the lot on Patterson Street.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of October 2025	
Access Systems, Copier/Printer Maintenance	\$174.36
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$75.02
APGA, Annual Dues	\$445.00
Olivia Becker, Services	\$60.00
Benton's Ready Mixed Concrete	\$976.50
BMC Aggregates L.C., Supplies	\$39.90
Bodensteiner Implement Co., Services	\$41.99
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Ambulance Supplies	\$131.99
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Butler County REC, Electric	\$61,977.45
Butler County REC, Services	\$2,281.38
Casey's General Store, Gas	\$746.69
Cit Sewer Solutions, Services	\$3,133.35
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$2,175.35
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$6,443.62
Danko Emergency Equipment, Equipment	\$1,357.89
Davis Lawn Service, Services	\$1,063.00
Delta Dental of Iowa, October Premium	\$21.96
Dorsey & Whitney LLP, UR Amendment	\$5,218.50
Earthworx Civil Solutions, LLC, Street Project Services	\$19,650.00
Echo Group, Inc., Supplies	\$81.74
Edmunds Govtech, Inc., Subscription	\$4,750.00
Electrical Engineering & Equip, Supplies	\$150.07
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bill Postage	\$213.50
City of Fairbank, Utility Deposits Applied	\$600.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$5,787.76
City of Fairbank, Replenish Postage Fund	\$23.65
Farm Win Co-Op, Gas	\$339.90
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement/Mileage	\$291.23
Gordon Fleisch Company Inc, Copier/Printer Maintenance	\$114.14
Tyce Hagenow, Utility Deposit Refund	\$68.92
Nancy & Jim Holley, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Ashlyn Hyde, Lifeguard Reimbursement	\$90.00
IAMU, Services	\$2,269.90
IMFOA, Certification	\$150.00
Iowa One Call, Locates	\$108.30
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Rural Water	\$8,634.87
Iowa Treasurer of State, IA Treasure Hunt 2025	\$440.90
Iowa Water Environment Assoc., Annual Conference	\$120.00
Ipers, Benefits	\$5,546.08
Itron, Inc, Maintenance	\$283.15

John Deere Financial, Supplies	\$48.23
Kiesler's Police Supply, Ammo	\$420.42
Kluesner Construction, Inc., Street Project Services	\$33,670.00
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., October Pick-Up Fees	\$8,627.00
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Kwik Trip Inc., Gas	\$17.45
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses/SW Phone	\$64.06
Macqueen Equipment LLC, Subscription	\$1,900.80
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$904.00
Miller Hardware, Services	\$550.00
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$324.60
Mutual Wheel Co., Supplies	\$11.40
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 9/2/25	\$10.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 9/15/25	\$9.26
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NE Security Bank, Void Check Charges/Treasure Hunt	\$50.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$520.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$200.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$355.79
Outer Road Development, LLC, Reimbursement	\$1,837.50
Treasurer-State of Iowa, State Withholding Tax	\$2,527.37
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Control	\$190.00
Premier Technology, Clientcare Managed Services	\$187.90
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$137.52
Randy's Lawn Care & Snow, Services	\$2,500.00
River City Paving, Street Project Services	\$96,105.87
Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$600.00
Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, Services	\$2,090.00
Rydell of Independence, Services/Repairs	\$1,304.54
Ken Schnor, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Scott Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	\$2.50
Section 6 Inc., 657A Property Removal Services	\$5,828.25
Speer Financial, Inc., Bond Issuance Services	\$7,465.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Supplies	\$73.36
Stuart. C. Irby Co., Testing/Supplies	\$255.53
Subsurface Solutions, Subscription	\$492.00
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$88.05
Treasurer-State of Iowa, September 2025 Sales Tax	\$2,151.36
Treasurer State of Iowa, September 2025 Water Excise Tax	\$1,341.62
Turf & Landscape, Inc., Services	\$1,365.00
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$7,842.93
U.S. Bank, August 2025 PEFA Commodity	\$2,643.06
USA Bluebook, Supplies	\$666.87
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	\$170.22
Visa, Supplies/Training/AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Emails/Postage	\$1,919.71
Websites To Impress, Inc., Hosting/Back-up	\$400.00
Wellmark, October Premium	\$3,025.28
Wesco Receivables Corp., Equipment	\$1,706.70
Wilnat, Inc., Equipment	\$3,328.76
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$68.38
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on October 1, 2025:	
Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies	\$166.96
Baker & Taylor Inc., Books	\$147.73
Brock Berg, Services	\$160.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$159.73
Eric Gapsture, Presentation	\$100.00
IAMU, Safety Training	\$102.50
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 9/15/25	\$ 0.74
Overdrive, Inc., EBooks	\$500.00
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Control	\$ 45.00
Sam's Club Mc/Synbc, Supplies	\$ 10.78
US Cellular, Hotspots	\$ 44.67
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts/Guest Speaker	\$102.71
Jason Kayser, Mayor	
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk	

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Mtg Minutes

October 20, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30PM.

A. Directors: Aiello, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum. Auel, Kaufman (excused)

B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Myers, & Murphy

C. Others Present: Virtual Participants

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0

3. Public Comment-None

4. Consent Items-Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Aiello and open enrollments: William & Trisha Kress requests to open enroll their daughter to WV

from East Buchanan with the Superintendents agreeing on approval due to filing after the deadline. 90 day

ineligibility period is not waived. Brianna Freitag request to open enroll her TK son to Denver from WV, &

Jade Gienau request to open enroll her Kindergarten daughter to Denver from WV effective the 25-26 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Board-None

Superintendent-Report included Board Policies, & ISL information.

District/Principals-Report included Parent/Teacher Conferences, Homecoming Activities, Professional Development, Fire prevention, Parent Teacher Organization, District Career Academic Planning,

Service Learning Day, Center for Advanced Professional Studies, & Activity Updates.

6. Resignations-Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerberi to approve the resignations of Wyatt Forsyth-JH

Wrestling Coach, Casey O'Donnell-JH Boy's Basketball, & Valerie Westphal-Temporary Lead Cook

as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Contracts-Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the following contracts, & Volunteer: Valerie

Westphal-\$14.43 Lead Cook-Caitlin McElhose, \$1,640.00-Wrestling Cheerleading Coach-Base 1/Year 2, McKowen,

Marty, \$5,172.00-Head Boy's Basketball-Base 5/Year 42, Schutte, John, \$3,387.00-Asst Boys Basketball-Base

4/Year 15, Casey O'Donnell, \$2,952.00-JV Boys Basketball-Base 1/Year 1, Blayde Bellis, \$2,952.00-JV Boys

Basketball-Base 1/Year 1, Tim Kelly, \$4,592.00-Head Girls Basketball-Base 1/Year 1, Michael Gruetzmacher,

\$2,952.00-JV/Asst. Girls Basketball-Base 1/Year 0, Nicole Barnes,

\$2,952.00, Assistant Girls Basketball-Base 1/Year

1, Logan Flack, \$2,132.00-JH Boys Basketball-Base 1/Year 1, Reegan Barnes-\$2,132.00-JH Girls Basketball-Base

1/Year 0, Steph Davie, \$2,132.00-JH Girls Basketball-Base 1/Year 2, Brian Krall, \$4,592.00-Head Wrestling Base

1/Year 3, Easton Krall, \$2,952.00-Asst Wrestling-Base 1/Year 0, Beau Sorenson, \$3,097.00-Asst Wrestling-Base

2/Year 5, John Kleistch, \$2,132.00, JH Boys Wrestling-Base 1/Year 0, Gunner Rodgers, \$2,132.00-JH Girls

Wrestling-Base 1/Year 1 & Sara Strottmann-FFA Volunteer as presented.

Motion carried 3-0

7. New Business-Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the following board policies- 103, 103R1, 505.08, 505.08R1, 506.01, 506.01E1, 506.01E2, 506.01E3, 506.01E4, 506.01E5, 506.01E6, 506.01E7, 506.01E8, 506.01R1, 506.02, 506.02E1, 506.02R1,506.04 and the entire 400 series as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbre to approve FY 25-Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement, & Transportation Report presented by Arndt. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Limited English Proficient allowable growth cost of \$17,265.49 as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the 25-26 early retirement packages for Certified and Classified staff accepting up to 5 applicants from each group as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the sharing of HS Girls Wrestling with Sumner

Fredericksburg (\$500) for the 25-26 season as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the sharing of Boys Swimming with Waterloo West CSD for the 25-26 season as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the increase wage of \$8.50 per hour to \$9.00 per hour for Rural German instructors as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to set two public hearing dates, the first date of November 19, 2025 to consider the resolution for the Instructional Support Levy, and the second date of December 15, 2025 to adopt

The resolution to participate in the Instructional Support Levy Resolutions as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve sharing Dance with Oelwein CSD for the 25-26 school year as presented. Motion carried 3-0

8. Board Talking Points-Things are going well at both Fairbank & Readlyn elementaries. Conducting an interview for the before and after school program

9. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn at 6:52PM. Motion carried 3-0

AGVANTAGE FS \$4,967.51 AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. \$110.00 ALLIANT ENERGY \$195.84 Amazon \$3,141.15 APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG \$800.00 Apple Inc \$299.99 ARNOLD MOTOR \$315.88 AUDIBLE \$16.00 BEACHY, RACHEL \$96.01 BISHOP, TIMOTHY \$1,300.00 BLACK HAWK SPRINKLERS \$375.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$89.46 BUTLER COUNTY REC \$5,084.30 CB INNOVATIONS \$2,131.12 CENTRAL IA DIST. \$545.00 Central Rivers AEA \$253.29 CHEMSEARCH \$235.36 CITY LAUNDRY \$1,782.67 CITY OF FAIRBANK \$7,036.52 CITY OF READLYN \$2,564.32 COLUMN SOFTWARE \$188.37 COMMUNITY PLAYTHINGS \$210.00 CY & CHARLEY'S \$385.70 DELTAMATH SOLUTIONS \$350.00 DPT OF INSPCTS, APLS & LCNSNG \$80.00 DON'S TRUCK \$155.00 EAST-CENTRAL IA REC \$791.67 Employee Benefit Systems \$77,622.51 FCCLA \$45.00 Farmers Cooperative Company \$66.95 Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Company \$142.50 HELPING HANDS RPR \$187.88 HERSHBERGER, MARY BETH \$65.88 HILLYARD/DES MOINES \$1,948.06 INDEED \$929.97 IA Council for Teachers of Mathematics \$480.00 IA Dept of Natural Resources \$115.00 IA REGIONAL UTILITIES \$375.69 JOHNSTONE SUPPLY \$642.76 KAY L.

CHAPMAN, CPA PC \$5,333.37 Keystone AEA 1 \$6,821.53 KLUESNER SANITATION \$640.00 LAKESHORE \$73.95 LARRY'S SRVC & RPR \$160.00 LIBRARY STORE, THE \$98.25 LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS \$175.08 Loves \$835.55 MCGRAW-HILL \$2,141.76 Menards \$408.20 MERCYONE \$220.00 MILLER, CATHERINE \$21.25 MODERN BUILDING \$404.90 NASCO \$105.72 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE \$161.00 ORKIN PEST CONTROL \$178.76 PRIMARY SYSTEMS \$571.06 RABER, EDNA \$65.88 RAINBOW RESOURCE \$12.45 RAISA A HALLELUJAH, LLC \$1,400.00 READLYN TELEPHONE \$225.69 SAI \$225.00 SAM'S CLUB \$245.46 SCHOOL BUS SALES \$921.32 SCHOOL DATE BOOKS \$804.95 SCHOOL SPECIALTY \$2,517.61 SHERATON \$452.48 SULLIVAN, HEATHER \$78.40 SUPERIOR WELDING \$488.12 TAG \$1,200.00 TAYLOR PHYSICAL THERAPY \$5,180.00 Thrift Books \$1.49 TIMBERLINE \$475.00 UBIQUITI STORE \$6.00 Walmart \$515.19 WEBSTAIRANT STORE \$385.87 WEEDS ON FIRE \$12,577.50 YOUNG PLUMBING & HEATING \$6,175.00 General Total \$168,962.15 Employee Benefit Systems \$7,021.24 Management Total \$7,021.24 Hawkeye Alarm \$45,252.00 MARTIN GARDNER \$3,363.70 PRIMARY SYSTEMS \$52,045.00 STEEGE CONSTRUCTION \$27,265.30 SAVE Total \$127,926.00 ACCESS SYSTEMS \$1,569.00 Amazon \$616.16 Central Rivers AEA \$7,650.19 EPIC FURNITURE & INSTALL \$4,559.84 GIGFIRE \$70.00 KENWORTHY, STOREY \$471.85 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE \$100.00 STICKFORTH ELECTRIC \$1,785.00 WILSON RESTAURANT \$3,237.93 YOUNG PLUMBING & HEATING \$952.33 PPEL Total \$21,012.30 Walmart \$37.70 Coffee Cart Total \$37.70 Amazon \$1,171.58 DEMCO \$1,555.21 WVEF Total \$2,726.79 Amazon \$88.32 J.W. PEPPER \$288.59 Gallup Trust Total \$376.91 Amazon \$580.90 ATLANTIC COCA-COLA \$221.58 BERGMANN, KELBY \$95.00 BISHOP, TIMOTHY \$1,300.00 BRADY, BO \$150.00 BRODBECK, DENNIS \$150.00 CASEY'S \$75.06 CENTRAL CSD \$75.00 Central Rivers AEA \$243.00 CHIDESTER, STEVE \$185.00 College of Engineering, U of I \$275.00 COLO-NESCO CSD \$70.00 CONCORD THEATRICALS \$2,969.77 DENVER CSD \$180.00 DERLEIN SCALE \$285.00 DEUTMEYER, DEAN \$95.00 DIKE-NEW HARTFORD CSD \$130.00 ELITE SPORTS \$140.00 FCCLA \$151.00 FONTENOT, JOE \$150.00 Frake, Tim \$150.00 FRANZEN, TONI \$165.00 GLEN SNYDER \$275.00 GRUNDY CENTER CSD \$120.00 HALVERSON, JASON \$150.00 HESSE, KENNETT \$70.00 HI-POD STORE \$525.73 HOWIES ATHLETIC TAPE \$960.48 Hutschenreuter, Hunter \$60.00 IHSMTA \$105.00 INDEPENDENCE CSD \$60.00 IA BASKETBALL COACHES ASSN. \$146.90 IA FCCLA \$375.00 IA FFA ASSOCIATION \$1,343.00 IGHSAU \$185.00 IA SPORTS SUPPLY \$804.00 ISU \$100.00 Jacobs, Justin \$90.00 JACOBSON, MIKE \$150.00 JESUP CSD \$116.00 JOHNSON, DOUG \$165.00 KUKER, BRENT \$165.00 KURTZ, CHRISTA \$135.00 LAKE, BRAD \$150.00 LECHTENBERG, DAN \$150.00 Marion, Austin \$165.00 Menards \$162.64 MICHAEL, DESTINY \$35.00 MILLER, TIM \$240.00 NATIONAL FFA ORG \$1,691.00 Olson, Frank \$165.00 Pitsco Education \$800.30 PRIES PROMO \$650.00 PRO ATHLETE ADVNTG \$497.00 PROUTY, JIM \$90.00 Ratchford, Rob \$95.00 RIXSTINE \$42.45 ROBERTS, JAMES \$90.00 SAM'S CLUB \$179.10 SCHMIDT, MICHAEL \$95.00 Schofield, Dan \$95.00 SCHOOL SPECIALTY \$277.28 SICKLES, DAN \$185.00 Signs and More \$150.00 STARMONT HS \$110.00 STONE, SAMANTHA \$135.00 THOMAS, DANIEL \$150.00 USA WRESTLING \$125.00 VAGTS, MATT \$300.00 VENENGA, LOGAN \$150.00 VOLKER, KURT \$270.00 Walmart \$221.74 Waskow, Dave \$180.00 WEDEMEIER, WILL \$80.00 WESTERN DUBUQUE CSD \$125.00 Activity Total \$21,788.93 ATLANTIC COCA-COLA \$760.39 EMS DETERGENT \$377.90 KWIK TRIP \$14.16 MARTIN BROS. \$24,632.93 MYERS, HOLLY \$34.16 PRAIRIE FARMS \$3,403.27 Lunch Total \$29,222.81

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One of my guilty pleasures lately is a British Baking Series on Netflix. I usually have it on as background noise if I am cleaning up the house or working from home. I love to see the artsy creativity contestants use to interpret the challenges and the risks they take to stand out and avoid elimination.

Even though I am lost in their baking processes, I do notice that if the bakers miss one tiny detail like a minute too long in the oven or an icing that is just a little too heavy, things get messy and fall apart quickly.

It is interesting to compare that concept to any process in life.

In investing, there are a million “recipes” to draw inspiration from and it can often feel overwhelming when trying to balance risk and reward.

When starting out, earning income and getting money saved is a beautiful, simple habit to adhere to. We see so many “accidental millionaires” who were simply offered a 401k + match and just stayed on that long “boring” path all through their working years. They never got too cute about what they were invested in. They just plowed money away and took advantage of company matches, profit sharing benefits, and **time in the market** above all else.

When monies begin to accumulate, you might want to get a little more tactical about what investment vehicles you participate in. Just like any recipe, this is a good time to fine tune risk and time management pursuant to your goals. After being through a market correction or two, you might better understand how you digest risk. You will better identify how conservative or aggressive you really are when it comes to the emotions of long-term investing. Many people hire an advisor at this juncture. Whether for financial advice or emotional support, they enjoy the idea that there is a second set of eyes on the process to avoid a potential disaster.

Finally, when approaching and entering retirement, it is a great time to balance out growth and preservation to ensure you’ve got enough money to last through retirement, and perhaps, even leave a legacy. A time to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

In contrast to the time and elimination constraints of a baking competition, investing over a long period of time leaves plenty of room for mistakes to be made and recovery plans to be implemented. Your advisor should feel more like a teammate than a judge and help offer solutions rather than restrictions.

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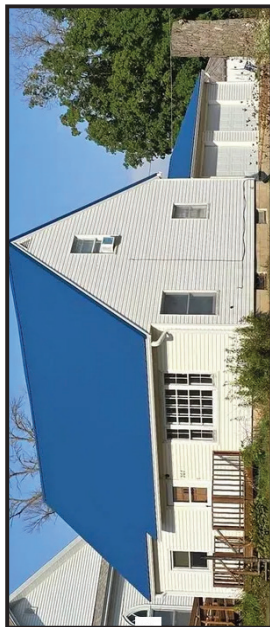
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While supplies last!
Retractable Straight
Utility Knife



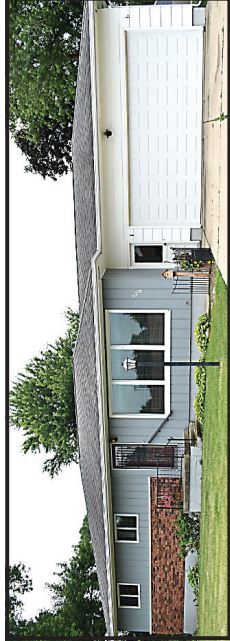
203 & 205 GROVE ST, FAIRBANK
HUGE FAMILY SPACE - 4 Bedrms, 1.5 Baths
+ LL 1/2 bath, main flr Laundry, Huge Kitchen,
Living Room, Large Yard!

\$200,000



207 - 1ST ST N, HAZLETON
3-4 Bedrms, 2 baths, Full Basement, 2 car garage, Nice Yard.

\$100,000



306 WISCONSIN ST, FAIRBANK
4-5 Bedrm Ranch (1,288 Sq Ft Main) 1 & 3/4 Baths, Large Lot, 2 Car Gar, Updated Oak Kitchen, Main flr Laundry, Sunroom

\$225,000



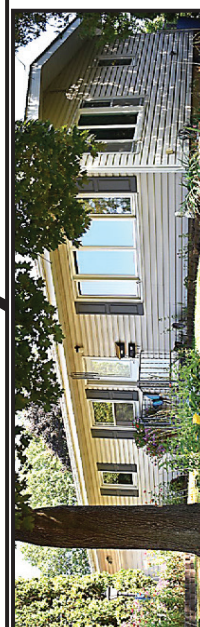
715 MAIN ST., JESUP
3 lg bedrooms, corner lot

\$159,900



973 S. FREDERICK AVE, OELWEIN
Zoned Residential -- Shouse Potential, Storage, Hobby Bldg, Lots of Potential.

\$50,000



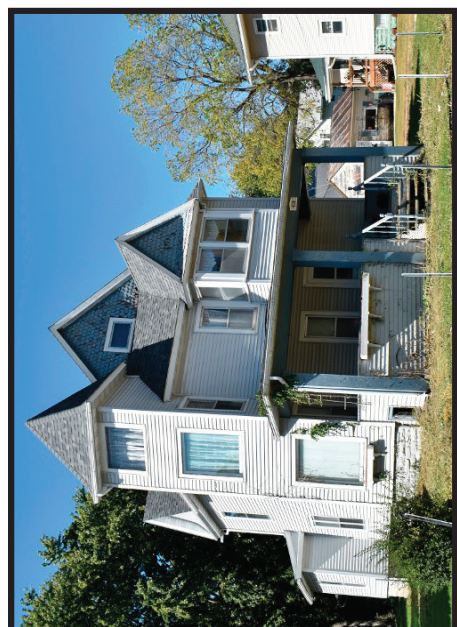
919 - 1ST AVE SE, OELWEIN
2 Bedrms, 1 3/4 baths, Main flr Laundry, 1 car gar, Fenced Yard, Lots of Newer Amenities, Move-In Ready!

\$150,000



125 EASTLINE ST N, WESTGATE

\$130,000



410 N FREDERICK AVE, OELWEIN
3-4 Bedrms, 2 baths, upper level laundry, handicap accessible, 2 car att gar, appliances, lots of character wood, trim, pocket doors, etc. Needs some TLC

\$125,000



717 - 3RD AVE NE, OELWEIN
3 Bedrms, 1.5 baths, 1,320 sq ft, Huge Yard - All Lots Included (250' X 125')

\$189,900



33 5TH AVE SE, OELWEIN
2 STORY, 3 Bedrms, 1.5 baths,
2 Lots **PRICED TO SELL!**



246 S WATER AVE, NEW HAMPTON

\$180,000



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